

The Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, January 1, 2017



So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2 : 16-21

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1849.00
 'Host a Family..' \$ 205.00
 Building fund - \$ 57.00
 Christmas Offering - \$ 2751.40

Bless you for your continued generous support.

Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when you think about memorial donations!
 Thank you.

JESUS LOVES* YOU
 *Conditions do not apply

Upcoming Events

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity - Jan.18-25

Mass with Anointing of the sick - Feb.11&12

Honouring Married Couples - Feb.18&19

Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

Family Mass & Luncheon - January

Trivia Night - February

Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.

Mass Schedule & Intentions from December 31, 2016 to January 8, 2017

New Year's Eve Saturday	5:00PM Mass of Thanksgiving for 2016
New Year's Sunday	9:00AM Mass for World Peace
	11:00AM Praying for All Blessings for 2017
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM + Iolanda Tancredi by Franco & Franca Sdao
Wednesday	9:00AM + Agatha Presti by Mrs. Shirley Veltri
Thursday	9:00AM + Giacoma Mancuso by Pasquale Giovinazzo
Friday	9:00AM + Salvatore Giovinazzo by Giovanna Mete
Saturday	5:00PM + Giuseppina Nero by Amore & family Gilda & Filodoro Guglielmi by children and grandchildren Antonio Gallo by family Mike Fazari by Wife Nancy & Son Angelo
Sunday	9:00AM + Trokas Rosie by Ruggieri family Domenico Locco by Maria & Frank Fazzalari Giorgia Giovinazzo by Patricia Presti Terzo Pace by the Pala Family
The Epiphany of the Lord	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

A big thank you to all who donated their time, money and skills to decorate our church for Christmas Celebrations. We appreciate it very much, dear friends. May the baby Jesus bless you and your dear ones.

New Years Prayer

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this last year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
 POPE FRANCIS
 FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
 FIFTIETH WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 2017

Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20161208_messaggio-1-giornata-mondiale-pace-2017.html



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1. At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", [1] and make active nonviolence our way of life.

This is the fiftieth Message for the World Day of Peace. In the first, Blessed Pope Paul VI addressed all peoples, not simply Catholics, with utter clarity. "Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalisms, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order". He warned of "the danger of believing that international controversies cannot be resolved by the ways of reason, that is, by negotiations founded on law, justice, and equity, but only by means of deterrent and murderous forces." Instead, citing the encyclical Pacem in Terris of his predecessor Saint John XXIII, he extolled "the sense and love of peace founded upon truth, justice, freedom and love". [2] In the intervening fifty years, these words have lost none of their significance or urgency.

On this occasion, I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.

A Blessed & Happy New Year

My dear friends, I wish you and all and your dear ones a grace-filled New Year 2017!

In this Christmas season we thank the heavenly Father for the greatest gift He gave to us in Christ Jesus. Let us fill our hearts with much gratitude for this great gift. May our hearts overflow with generosity and love especially to the marginalized and vulnerable in our society.

I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and staff of our parish for their zeal and dedication: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Catholic Women's League, Ushers, Children's Liturgy team, Sacristan, Choir and Organists, money Counting team, Youth & family Ministry teams, Host a Family Program, Decoration team, Maintenance team, Pasta- Dinner team, Golf Fundraiser team and the Secretary and Accountant. Special thanks to each and every volunteer for doing different ministries in our parish.

Special thanks to your support to the 'Host a Family Program'. I wish all the best for the Almakhoul family who are with us now, while we await the next 3 member family from Syria.

I also thank all the parishioners, well-wishers and CWL for their Christmas offerings to the church; and for the greetings and gifts you gave to me personally.

Again thank you, one and all for all your prayers and support to our parish. [I will be away for 11 days, from the 18th, visiting the Holy Land]. Please keep me in your prayers and I assure you of my prayers.

Let us continue to pray and work together in the new year.

God bless you.

Fr. Paul Vellakunnath, Pastor

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