



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
 With today's reading of the story of the Annunciation we hear of Angel Gabriel visiting Mary with news of her carrying God's own Son in her womb. When I hear this reading, my mind starts to create various "pictures" of this event. We have the scene taken from the movie *The Nativity* where Mary is sitting alone, quietly in a field, under a tree when the wind picks up and Gabriel appears to her. Some additional pictures are of two different modern-day scenes that Prof. Jaime Hennesey of Salve presented to us at a **LIFE** celebration (and an SCC Advent Prayer Evening) a few years back. The first image showed a young girl wearing a dress and saddle shoes (from the 60's) standing in an entryway of a school. In her face was confusion and shyness, and she appeared (to me) slightly withdrawn and taken aback by her angelic visit and sudden news. A second picture was of a young woman connected to a headset in her very lived-in bedroom: the bed was mussed, clothes and belongings strewn about the dimly lit room, cell phone on the floor with the face of it lit and the door closed - a washing of light fell across one corner of the room. How, do you think, would Gabriel come to Mary in our world today? Would it be through a text, Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram - or in the quiet hush amid the throbbing music ringing in a young person's ears, or in the middle of a night filled with cramming for exams? Regardless of the circumstances of how we imagine Gabriel coming to Mary with the announcement of her carrying and being mother to God's own Son, Gabriel came to a heart brimming over with faith and love for God. Gabriel came to a heart filled with purity and hope in the promise of the coming of a Savior. What fills our hearts in these final days of Advent that can be emptied in order to make room to welcome the birth of our Savior again in us, within our world, and the Savior who will come again in glory? In this last week before Christmas may we, like Mary say "yes" to live in complete faith and obedience so that Jesus may live in each one of us. **Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas!**
 Written by Colette Savaria (LIFE Coordinator)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held at the 10:30am Mass this Sunday, Dec. 20. All children are invited to participate in the **Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve** at 6pm as a shepherd, traveler, angel, or a reader. The only rehearsal (with snacks and crafts) is after the 10:30am Mass Sunday, Dec. 20. Costumes will be provided. For more information contact Marge at 683-3231 or levgoty@cox.net.

CHURCH SUPPORT – Dec. 12/13, 2015
Weekly Collection \$6944.00
Immaculate Conception \$1701.00
Share in the Care \$2973.00
Friendly Reminder: For your convenience donations can now be made electronically. It is simple, secure, and convenient! Detailed instructions are on our web site (www.stlucy.org).
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Please pray for all the men and women who have served and who currently serve in the armed forces, and the military commanders who lead them. Pray also for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Friday: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 /Col 3:12-21 /Lk 2:41-52

Christmas Flowers: Christmas plants will be accepted in the Parish Connector until **Monday, Dec. 21**. Special envelopes for flower donations are located in the pews. If you would like to have a loved one remembered during the Christmas season through your donation, please be sure to include those name(s) on your envelope or plant. **Decorating** will take place after the 9am Mass on **Wednesday, Dec. 23**. **All are invited and welcome to help out. Thank you.**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a full-time career opportunity (with complete benefits package) representing their insurance program. Candidates must be eligible for membership in the K of C. For more information, please contact Michael Lehman at 921-4834.

We are looking for your help to bring Communion to two nursing homes in our Parish once a month. You would visit residents with another member of the team. If you can help with this important ministry, please call Sister Sheila at 847-6153 x205.

A Priesthood Retreat will be offered January 8-9 by the Office of Vocations at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. The retreat is open to men in college or in their senior year of high school. This is an opportunity to pray and ponder a priestly vocation. The retreat will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and conferences on the priesthood. Any man interested in attending this Retreat should contact the Assistant Vocation Director, Fr. Christopher Murphy by emailing FatherCJM@gmail.com or by calling (401) 331-1316.

Thank you from the Shoppell Family in loving memory of Cass: During this Advent Season (our Mother's favorite time of the year) we would like to convey our huge appreciation to St. Lucy's family for all their love and friendship to Mom during her thirty plus years of membership as well to our entire family during the final days of her life and her journey to Heaven. Our family is very thankful for all your prayers and support and hope that you all enjoy this Holiday Season as much as our Mom did.

... Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Mk.1:41-43

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 19
 5:00pm (O) Lawrence Gilleran (Birthday Remembrance)
 Sunday, December 20, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am (ON) Amelia Edward-Corbett
 10:30am (O) Bernadette Moniz
 Adolfo Pedro Ganzon
 James Patrick Murphy
 5:00pm (O) Mary Nunes
 Monday, December 21
 9:00am Julia Jordan Finn
 Tuesday, December 22
 9:00am Charles T. Croy
 Wednesday, December 23
 9:00am (D) Marge Heller
 (Decorating after Mass)
 Thursday, December 24, **Christmas Vigil**
 4:00pm (O) Federico Gatón Veneranda Gatón
 Angelina Garcia
 Ernio and Amelita Gatón
 6:00pm (ON) Children's Christmas Pageant
 John and Susan Shelton
 10:00pm (O) Margaret McGeown
 Daphne Connell
 Friday, December 25, **Christmas Day**
 9:00am (O) James Urban
 10:30am (O) Mr. and Mrs. Jaime DeFreitas
 No evening Mass
 Saturday, December 26
 5:00pm (O) Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
 Sunday, December 27, **The Holy Family**
 8:00am (O) Fred Gauch
 10:30am (O) Sr. Mary Randall, SSJ
 1:00pm Baptisms
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O'Brien
 ON = Rev. Tom O'Neill
 D = Rev. Robert Dunphy

New schedules for Lectors, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers are available in the Sacristy.

Community Action Committee (CAC) Thank You!
 The CAC wishes to thank you for your donations to the "Pennies for Prescriptions" for residents of Lucy's Hearth. Every penny certainly counted as the total collected was \$237.33!
Thanksgiving Collection: A total of 15 turkeys and several bags of non-perishable food were delivered to the Salvation Army for their Thanksgiving Dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Also we thank those who made monetary donations that were used to help provide families from the local and parish community with a Thanksgiving meal. Your generosity certainly brightened the holiday of those less fortunate.

New CD's from Lighthouse Catholic Media available in the Church Entrance include **Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows**. Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for Kimberly to initially understand, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation she reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on Earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

St. Lucy's welcomes our newly baptized Parishioner:
Talia Austria Westrich
 Daughter of Anthony and Rhoda Westrich

Christmas Schedule 2015
 Thursday, December 24, **Christmas Eve**
 Carols will be sung 20 minutes before Masses at:
4pm, 6pm and 10pm
 Friday, December 25, **Christmas Day**
9am and 10:30am
No evening Mass on Christmas Day
Solemnity of Mary
 5pm Thursday, December 31
 9am and 7pm, Friday, January 1