



# THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF Mary

MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



## #GIVINGTUESDAY

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, 'Giving Tuesday' kicks off the charitable season of year end giving.

We ask that you combine your love of Mary with the commitment to the Shrine in her honor.

The strong relationship with the Mothers' Shrine and its mission of honoring ALL mothers and family life will continue to inspire others who come to our Shrine.

We appreciate your donations and this year we have earmarked donations to go towards:

- Repairing and painting our hand railings*
- Painting of the fountain pools*
- Rewiring 4 lighted poles that are 30 years old*



### HOPE

Week 1  
Candle Name: Prophet's Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Hope  
Reminds Us: Jesus is coming

Verse: Romans 15:12-13

Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

### FAITH

Week 2  
Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Faith  
Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Verse: Luke 3:4-6

Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

## Festival of Lights

Thanksgiving night ~ Jan 9th!

5pm to 10pm Daily at

*The National Shrine of Mary!*

**JOIN US for a SPECIAL NIGHT**

**December 17th 5:30 to 8:00 pm**

*Christmas Caroling & Music, Hot Chocolate, S'mores, Warming Fire, Gift Shop and more!*

**~EVERYONE WELCOME~**

*If you are interested in volunteering  
Please contact: ShrineMothers@gmail.com*

Week 4  
Candle Name: Angel's Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Peace  
Reminds us: The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Verse: John 3:16-17

Prayer: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

### PEACE

Christ Candle  
Light on Christmas Eve



Verse: John 1:29

Week 3  
Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Joy  
Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus

Verse: Luke 2:7-15

Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

### JOY