



“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” JN 1:29

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 14  
 5:00pm (O) Domingos Rodrigues (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, January 15  
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 10:30am (O) Christopher Harding  
 5:00pm (O’N) Patricia McGowan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Monday, January 16  
 9:00am Arthur Medeiros

Tuesday, January 17  
 9:00am The Warburg Family (Living and Deceased)

Wednesday January 18  
 9:00am Janine Roberts

Thursday, January 19  
 9:00am Communion Service

Friday, January 20  
 9:00am (S) Mary Mello Silvia (Birthday Remembrance)  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Devotions  
 8:00pm Benediction

Saturday, January 21  
 2:00pm Mass at Forest Farm  
 5:00pm (O) Teresa Warburg (Living)

Sunday, January 22  
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 10:30am (O) Aline Latham (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

In the above celebrations:  
 O = Rev. John O’Brien  
 O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill  
 S = Rev. Joseph Saji

**Bible Study** is held every Tuesday morning beginning at 9:45am in the Family Room led by Jane Parrillo.

**The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** continues at the 10:30am Masses on January 15, 22, and 29 and February 5.



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

I find that these past weeks of Christmas are a whirlwind in our Church and faith lives, especially this year because of the way the holidays fell in the calendar. We began by having prepared for and celebrated Jesus our Savior and King being born to us in that lowly stable. Five days later we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family, then we celebrated Mary, Mother of God, and last Sunday we, along with the Magi, sought the King to bring our gifts and pay homage and we find a King-child. This brings us to our readings today celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. Many Parishes schedule baptisms either on or around the Baptism of the Lord showing and living out that we, as baptized and newly baptized, share in the same mission of Jesus. Jesus received the baptism of repentance even though he was without sin. Through his life (ministry), death and Resurrection, Jesus brings to us the baptism that we share in today: a baptism through which we become beloved sons and daughters of God and sisters and brothers to Jesus and all others in God’s family, the Church. Through baptism we share in the everlasting life of God. This weekend at my home Parish we celebrate the baptism of 5 children at one of the Sunday masses. As per the norm, the grumblings were the same as usual about how much “*l-o-n-g-e-r* Mass will be because of 5 baptisms!”. (I honestly can’t imagine those “grumblers” attending that mass anyway.) I, on the other hand, was absolutely thrilled with the thought that five children are being welcomed into our faith! Five families are inviting us to share in their joy and their children’s lives! I am so proud to be a member of our Catholic Faith Community that celebrates and welcomes people into our Church and shared faith by living out Jesus’ mission! On this day, let us remember (and celebrate) the gift of our own baptism, a baptism through which each one of us has been called by God to serve: God and all of God’s people.

Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

The last **REVIEW CLASS for Reconciliation students** is on Thursday, January 19 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center. Please pray for our young Parishioners who will experience God’s unconditional love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during a special Service on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30pm in the Church, followed by a light reception. These Parishioners include: Lauren Batzle, Lily Briere, Destyni Butler, Kaylee Butler, Jameson Gauch, Gabriel Gomes, Bella Guertin, Max Harvey, Maddie Jones, Katie Martin, Joaquin Pacheco, Liam Sequira, Richard Vira, Moses Weiss, and Jacob Wilson.

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** for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes). **Pray** for the unborn, the premature, and the fragile among us so that we may deepen our respect for life at all stages.

**Soup Kitchen Needs**  
**Tuesday, January 17**  
 4 bags oranges 4 large loaves bread  
 4 bottles salad dressing (Ranch or Italian)  
 Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies)  
 If you would like to help with any of the above items please call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0320. You may drop off your donations at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tues., Jan. 17. We served 98 meals in December. Thank you all for your generosity.

**An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life:** The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring the “Annual Respect Life Mass on Saturday, January 21 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Kenney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, will be the homilist at the 9am Mass. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information and to RSVP contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

**A Community Blood Drive will be held by the Knights of Columbus (Council #256)** at 7 Valley Rd., Middletown, on Thursday, January 19 from 3 to 8pm. Free steak Dinner/\$5 Dunkin Donuts coupon for all donors.

 **St. Lucy’s\*\* Snowball\*\* Pasta Dinner Dance 2017 benefiting St. Lucy’s Church**, will be held on Sat. February 18, from 6-11pm in the Parish Center. Dance to the music of DJ Fogg Sound. Enjoy Pasta, Meatballs, Scrumptious Desserts (just to name a few menu items!), raffles, and so much more! Tickets are going fast so purchase them today by calling Fely Budziszek (849-1692) or the Rectory (847-6153 ext. 206). Prices: \$15.00 Adults/\$7 Children (ages 6-12)/ ages 5 and under free. Drinks, desserts, and Raffle donations are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped at the Rectory, (please label Snowball Dinner Dance) Thank you!!

**The Church of The Holy Ghost**, 316 Judson St., Tiverton is hosting a new short film, **STAND and Light Up the Night**, featuring five young advocates for the unborn. A brief discussion will follow the film which will be shown on Monday, January 30 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Free parking and admission. Any questions, call Terry at 624-2253.

**YEAR OF MARY**  
 As we begin this Year of Mary, you will notice that we have moved the icon of Jesus and Mary from the Parish Center to the sanctuary. Religious icons are a form of prayer in the Eastern tradition and have been called “windows to heaven.” More than a pretty picture, an icon is meant to draw us into the mystery of Christ, Mary, and the saints by the use of symbols. From the type of paint and the colors used, to each object and person in the picture, to the way it is actually painted (or more precisely “written”), an icon represents a visual prayer that communicates sacred truths that are meant to help us open ourselves to God’s love. A brochure is forthcoming that will explain all the particular symbolism in this icon and religious icons in general to enable you to better pray with Jesus and Mary during this special year.

**CHURCH SUPPORT –January 7/8, 2017**  
**Weekly Collection \$3165.00**  
**Debt Collection \$1465.00**  
 The Second Collection this weekend will be the annual collection for The Catholic University. Our Parish will be taking a collection on January 22 to support Youth Ministry in our Diocese. Through the work of the Youth Centers, Mother of Hope Camp, Catholic Scouting, and Catholic Athletics, activities and opportunities are provided for the youth of this area which includes our parish. Spiritual formation, leadership training, athletic and social events are provided for all. Please be generous. The young people of today need us to share our faith and our support.  
**Thank you for your continuing generosity.**

**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will be in our community on Thursday, January 19 right here at St. Lucy’s Parish Center. Ultrasound screenings can identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease.. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Go to [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantage.members](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantage.members) to register and receive your “Advantage” member discount and your Preferred Appointment.

**Drink and Dabble’s Charlie Hall** will host a **Paint Night Party** at St. Joseph’s Church in Newport for ages 21 years or older on Thursday, Feb. 2 in the Parish Hall from 6pm to 9pm. Come and enjoy a fun night out with friends and family and paint a beautiful winter scene to take home. For more information/reservations contact: Danette at 864-1596 ([djwrph125@aol.com](mailto:djwrph125@aol.com)) or Suzanne at 639-3252 ([Suzanne.moniz@cox.net](mailto:Suzanne.moniz@cox.net)).

**“2017 March for Life”:** The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life – a peaceful and prayerful march to the U.S. Supreme Court. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80 per person and will be leaving R.I. on Thursday, January 26 from various locations beginning at 7:30pm. This year’s trip will take us to the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass of Life. For more information and register, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.