



He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

At once they left their nets and followed him. MT 4:19-20

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, January 21
 - 5:00pm (O) Teresa Warburg (Living)
- Sunday, January 22
 - 8:00am (O) Adoracion Villaluz
 - 10:30am (O) Aline Latham (5th Anniversary)
 - 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Monday, January 23
 - 9:00am William Spencer Bell
- Tuesday, January 24
 - 9:00am John Finerty (Anniversary Remembrance)
 - 6:30pm First Reconciliation and Reception
- Wednesday January 25
 - 9:00am Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
- Thursday, January 26
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, January 27
 - 9:00am (S) Anthony Johnson (3rd Anniversary)
 - Mary Wicks
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Devotions
 - 8:00pm Benediction
- Saturday, January 28
 - 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton and Eva B. Mello (Birthday Remembrances)
 - Frank Botelho (10th Anniversary)
 - Laura Medeiros (6th Anniversary)
- Sunday, January 29
 - 8:00am (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 - 10:30am (O) George Dion
 - 5:00pm (O) Annie E. Casey (Anniversary)

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O'Brien
- O'N = Rev. Tom O'Neill
- S = Rev. Joseph Saji

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

Reminder: There will be a Property and Finance meeting Monday, Jan. 23 at 4pm at the Rectory. Financial packets are available for pick-up in the Sacristy.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

In today's Gospel reading Jesus begins his ministry as he calls some fishermen to share in his own mission. Jesus invited these men to leave everything - their nets and families - to "Come after me," and they immediately did, leaving their jobs and relations to follow him. Honestly, the call of the first followers of Jesus is not really very far removed than our own calls and invitations from God to us! In our most recent LIFE celebrations, we (re)learned about the Sacrament of Holy Orders and vocations: saying "yes" to God. Here's some of what was shared on a Busted Halo video on Holy Orders, presented by Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP. "All Catholics are priests. By our own baptism we are called to share in Jesus' mission as priest, prophet and king. Kings have authority, but it's their duty to care for all those in need. Prophets are messengers sent by God to speak out even when it's uncomfortable. Priests offer sacrifice and make ordinary things sacred. Every time you make even a small sacrifice for someone else, or say grace before a meal, bring your faith into the workplace or competitive event - you are participating in the priestly mission of Christ; you are participating in the *priesthood of all believers.*" In 1 Peter 2:5, 9 we read *Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.* As we've learned or remembered what we'd previously known, the priesthood of all believers is not the same type of service as those men ordained to the sacramental priesthood through the grace of holy orders. However, **each one of us is called by God to serve** within our family of the Church. Whether called by God as an ordained priest or deacon, by joining a religious order as nuns, sisters or brothers who may serve in health care, religious education, spiritual direction, counseling, social work, etc., or as lay people (married or single) to share our gifts working along with those who are ordained - we must respond to Jesus' invitation to "*Come, follow me.*" Having just concluded National Catholic Vocations Week (1/13-19), let's continue to pray for men to be called (as well as to listen for and accept God's call) to Holy Orders and remember also that we are -each one of us - called to be faithful followers of Jesus. We can't just bottle up our faith, but are called to go out and USE our faith.

Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

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.

**If any parishioner would like to bake or bring some nut-free goodies for our child-friendly reception in the PC, baked goods and other snack foods will be greatly appreciated. Please let Colette know if you can help by emailing her at stlucycolette@gmail.com or call 847-6153 ext. 201, and drop off "goodies" in PC by 4pm.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24, -28/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



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 14/15, 2017

Weekly Collection \$6468.00
Catholic University Collection \$1414.00

Our Parish will be taking a second collection this weekend January 22 to support Youth Ministry in our Diocese. The young people of today need us to share our faith and our support. Next week's second collection will be for the Church in Latin America.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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. For more information/reservations contact: Danette at 864-1596 (djwrph125@aol.com) or Suzanne at 639-3252 (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 44th 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 RI 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.

The Community Action Committee will again be collecting **UNUSED Christmas cards and all occasion cards** for distribution to the ACI inmates as well as juvenile offenders at the RI Training School for their personal use. The collection will be through the middle of February. There is a need for Spanish-language cards due to the large percentage of inmates who speak only Spanish. Cards may be deposited in the appropriate bin at the entrance of the Church. Thank you!

Sing of Mary, a concert to honor Our Lady, in celebration of "A Year With Mary" in the Diocese of Providence will be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday March 18 at 7pm. The concert will feature the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra. A St. Patrick/St. Joseph Day Reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. Ticket donation is \$10. Tickets are available at the Cathedral Office (331-2434) or at the door on the evening of the concert.

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

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held on March 17-19 in South Kingstown, RI and June 10-11 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or go to www.WWMEMA.org.

Cluny School to Commemorate 2017 National Catholic Schools Week with an Open House on Sunday January 29 from 11am to 1pm and on Wednesday February 1 from 10am to 12 Noon. All are welcome.