



"You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." MT 5:14

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 4  
 5:00pm (O) Sheila Ann Dennis  
 Sunday, February 5  
 8:00am (O) Afife and Joseph Menassa  
 10:30am (O) Marie Hines (Birthday Remembrance)  
 5:00pm (O'N) Anthony Johnson (Birthday Remembrance)  
 Monday, February 6  
 9:00am Funeral: James E. O'Connell  
 Tuesday, February 7  
 9:00am Kevin Medeiros  
 Wednesday February 8  
 9:00am Gustav W. Freese  
 Thursday, February 9  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 Friday, February 10  
 9:00am (S) Theresa McHugh (Birthday Remembrance)  
 Carl Cleaver  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Devotions  
 8:00pm Benediction  
 Saturday, February 11  
 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander  
 5:00pm (O) Rev. Lucien Lussier  
 Sunday, February 12  
 8:00am (O'N) Evan Michael Nesby (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 12:00pm Baptisms  
 5:00pm (O) John R. Mello (1<sup>st</sup> 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 February 5, 19, and 26.

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

**In observance of Catholic Schools week, All Saints STEAM Academy open house** will be held on Sunday, February 5 from 9am to Noon. Coffee an' will be available.



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus using metaphors of salt and light describing the life of discipleship, following up the teaching of the Beatitudes from last week. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in Jesus' day and age. Salt "in the olden days" was used as a commodity for trading, like we trade gold and stock today. Salt was also used for flavoring, and very importantly - as a preservative, keeping food from going bad. Just like today still, salt enhanced and gave a rich flavor to food, and it also served as a healing agent. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that WE are salt for the earth. What does that mean? We as people of faith are to be that special flavor, that unique ingredient that makes a dish/meal pop. I don't know about you, but sometimes I get a craving for something salty. Which, of course, leads me to wonder if/when people get "cravings" or urges for something salty - of the spiritual kind - how effective are we at being the salt for the earth ingredient to others? Do we "share bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and homeless, clothe the naked, not turn our backs" (from our Old Testament reading of Isaiah) and try to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy? Jesus also talks today about how we are the light of the world. The widespread use of electricity in our society today makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives, so sometimes we just let Jesus' message about light go in one ear and out the other thinking, "not so important in this day and age." Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, similarly to today. They enable us to see and work in the day and to avoid stumbling. My garage has a floodlight on it, but lately the sensor hasn't been reliable so I never really know when the light will turn on. When the light does its job I can move around easily and without fear of falling, crashing into things, etc. When the light fails, I find myself jittery, fumbling around in the dark with arms extended, and worried that I'll trip, fall, or injure myself somehow - the darkness in those moments is VERY DARK. We, Jesus' disciples, are called to be light: light-bearers of the light who is Jesus, each and every moment of every day! At the very last reconciliation class, the children were practicing a song called "This Little Light of Mine." While practicing, of course, the singing was kind of quiet and subdued. The catechists and I asked the children to think about WHY we'd be singing that song and if they thought their lights inside them - after having been forgiven by God - would be weak or strong; they all yelled s-t-r-o-n-g lights! Well, we continued to challenge the children saying, if our lights are s-t-r-o-n-g, how should our singing about our lights being bright be? L-O-U-D was what they yelled!!! Their parents gathered in the PC all got to enjoy their spiritual enthusiasm while listening to their singing. As we all joined our voices in celebration at the conclusion of the First Reconciliation Service, I'll bet some nearby neighbors could hear the joy at letting our lights shine! Would you be able to sing this song (and live it) with spiritual enthusiasm in your life? "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!"

Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

Our **LIFE** celebrations with the theme of "Sacraments...transforming everyday life" continue on Sunday, February 12 (11:30-2pm) or Monday, February 13 (5:30-8pm) in the Parish Center as we focus on the topic of the *Sacrament of Matrimony*. Participants are reminded to attend the opposite session if unable to attend your regular one. **LIFE** celebrations are open to all Parishioners! If you've never joined with your fellow-Parishioners in seeing what this on-going Faith Formation program is all about, why not come to one of these celebrations - you're most welcome to!

**First Communion classes** continue on Thursday, February 9 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

**Soup Kitchen Needs  
 Tuesday, February 21**

4 bags oranges 6 shaker bottles of Parmesan Cheese  
 4 large loaves bread 100 paper plates (6")  
 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 Tuesday, February 21. We served 67 meals in January. We were also able to provide additional meals to the McKinney Shelter. Thank you.

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: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10  
 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37



**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 Community Action Committee** is asking for your help in providing support for a family that was displaced from their home on Smythe Street due to a fire recently. Donations of gift cards (food, clothing) may be brought to the East Bay Met School, 115 Girard Ave., Newport. Donations can also be made through [gofundme.com/family-misplaced-by-house-fire](http://gofundme.com/family-misplaced-by-house-fire). For more information, contact the School at 374-3761.

**CHURCH SUPPORT – January 28/29, 2017**  
**Weekly Collection \$4960.00**  
**The Church in Latin America. \$1683.00**  
*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**END OF YEAR STATEMENTS**  
**EFT Users** will not receive a 2016 Year End Contribution Statement (for tax purposes), but you can generate a contribution history report at [www.parish-giving.org](http://www.parish-giving.org).  
**Waltz Envelope Users** should have received their 2016 contribution report in the mail.

**The Community Action Committee** is again 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 continue 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. Tickets (\$10) are available at the Cathedral Office (331-2434) or at the door on the evening of the concert.

**Complimentary copies of Rhode Island Catholic**, the diocese's national award-winning newspaper, are still available near the entrance of the church as the paper launches its annual February Subscription Drive. To subscribe for a year of weekly in-home delivery for \$30, place the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly parish budget envelope into the collection basket; visit [www.thericatholic.com/subscribe.html](http://www.thericatholic.com/subscribe.html) to purchase or renew a subscription with a credit or debit card; or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone.

**The Rejoice In Hope Youth Center** in Cranston is sponsoring a **Search Retreat weekend** on Feb. 17-19. Any high school youth (grade 9+) is welcome to attend. Please contact the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center at 942-6571 or go to [www.CatholicYouthRI.org](http://www.CatholicYouthRI.org) for any additional information or to register.

**Bishop Connolly High School** in Fall River will hold a Placement Test on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8am. Please call 676-1071 (x333) for more information.