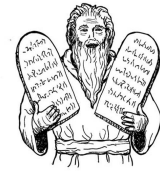


THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. MT 5:19



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

The Saint of the Day for February 7th is St. Colette (her actual feast day is March 6th, so I get two days of celebrating!). Each year I look forward with anticipation to these days using them as guides or measuring sticks (not that I ever compare myself to anyone...) of where I am in my spiritual life and lived faith. Get a load of this: “Colette did not seek the limelight, but in doing God’s will she certainly attracted a lot of attention.” Makes me laugh, and wonder... Look up to see when your namesake’s feast day is celebrated and “enjoy” spending time with him/her comparing and contrasting – or even just using as a role model to better live your life every day. On Tuesday we celebrate Valentine’s Day, yes there is a St. Valentine! Valentine lived in Rome during the 3rd century and was Bishop of Terni, Italy during a time when Christians were not allowed to practice their faith. The Emperor wanted the people to believe in his gods and outlawed marriage. But couples still wanted to practice their faith, marry, and have children. Bishop Valentine had the courage to continue practicing his Christian faith. He secretly presided at Mass, married couples, and performed many Christian traditions. Valentine was captured by the Roman guards and imprisoned for breaking the laws. The Emperor saw Valentine as a threat and ordered his death. Valentine spent his last moments writing a love letter to the people of his village, and the letter was signed, “*Your Valentine*.” Valentine died for his faith on February 14, 269. How will you be celebrating and sharing your LOVE with your LOVED ONES on St. Valentine’s Day? The media fills our minds with thoughts of having to buy Valentine decorations and gifts of hearts, flowers, candies, candles, clothes for the “one” you love. Even Tiffany’s joined in with a pre-Valentine’s Day Super Bowl Ad suggesting the “perfect” expression of love ever! *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.* (Eph. 4:2) Don’t let yourself get caught up in these waves of consumerism in order to express your love! Be original: live your love in the way that ONLY YOU CAN. By being “connected to love” (connected to God) each day will be a celebration of love. You get the idea, right?

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

February LIFE celebrations are upon us, Sunday, February 12 (11:30am-2pm) and Monday, February 13 (5:30-8pm) as we continue our year-long theme: “*Sacraments...transforming everyday life*.” This month’s topic is the “*Sacrament of Matrimony*.” We welcome some couples who will be joining with us as part of a Marriage Panel working with our older youth: (Sunday: Marissa and Tim Reynolds, Zach Corbeil and Dawn Lachapelle; and Monday: Norma and Hector Lopez, Angela and Peter Barek). LIFE’ers who are unable to participate in your regular session are expected to attend the opposite day, please take note of the time frame (and contact Colette if you’re aware of the need to make a day-change). If you’ve never participated in a LIFE celebration before today; why not come now (in the Parish Center) and see what it’s all about? There’s food!

First Eucharist Classes continue on Thursday, February 16 from 3:30-4:45pm. There will not be class on 2/23 due to School Vacation.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, February 11
 - 5:00pm (O) Rev. Lucien Lussier
- Sunday, February 12
 - 8:00am (O’N) Evan Michael Nesby (5th Anniversary)
 - 10:30am (O) Larry Settle
 - 12:00pm Baptisms
 - 5:00pm (O) John R. Mello (1st Anniversary)
- Monday, February 13
 - 9:00am Daisy Rosella Croy
- Tuesday, February 14
 - 9:00am St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Wednesday February 15
 - 9:00am Michael Sheeley
- Thursday, February 16
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, February 17
 - 9:00am (S) Dorothy Ryan
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Devotions
 - 8:00pm Benediction
- Saturday, February 18
 - 2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown
 - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Sunday, February 19
 - 8:00am (S) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 - 10:30am (O) Louise F. Alves (1st Anniversary)
 - 5:00pm (O) Bennie Youngblood, Jr.
Bennie Youngblood, Sr.
Jose Pangilinan

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 19, and 26.

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

**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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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. For more information, contact the School at 374-3761.

CHURCH SUPPORT – February 4/5, 2017
Weekly Collection \$5592.00
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

The Rosary Sodality of Jesus Saviour Church will host the **Marian Theatre Project** on Sunday, March 5 after the 10:00 Mass. Elizabeth Montigny will present “Walking With Our Mother” which is a scripture based presentation of the Passion of Jesus through the eyes of the Blessed Mother. The performance is about 20 minutes long and appropriate for ages 13 and older. Refreshments will follow. All are invited!

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION: For individuals and families making \$55,000 or less, Project Hope is sponsoring free income tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers at St. Patrick Academy, 244 Smith St., Providence on Mondays 4:30-8:00pm from Feb. 6th through April 17th **by appointment only.** For more information, please call Loraine at 401-421-7070.

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.

Rhode Island Catholic’s annual February Subscription Campaign is underway. 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.thercatholic.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. Rhode Island Catholic depends on its faithful readers to continue its more than 140 year mission of bringing the good news of the Church to your home each week.

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 for any additional information or to register.

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.

Ash Wednesday Retreat: “Here for a Purpose,” led by Peggy Patenaude at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA will take place Wednesday, March 1 from 9am to 3:30pm. Mass, distribution of ashes, and lunch are included. Fee: \$55. Pre-registration is required by Monday, Feb. 27. Visit www.timeoutretreats.com for more information and for a registration form. For questions, contact Peggy at timeoutrereats@comcast.net or 508-548-9149.