



It is written: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." MT 4:10

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 4
 5:00pm (O) Rev. Lucien Lussier
 Sunday, March 5, **First Sunday of Lent**
 8:00am (O) Betty and Spooner Families
 Marge Skahill
 10:30am (O) Joe Kivlehan and Jim Betty
 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 Monday, March 6
 9:00am Marge Heller
 Tuesday, March 7
 9:00am Rosemarie Jodoin
 Wednesday March 8
 9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners
 Thursday, March 9
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, March 10
 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Devotions
 8:00pm Benediction
 Saturday, March 11
 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander
 5:00pm (O) Joseph and Josephine Santo
 (Anniversary Remembrance)
 Sunday, March 12, **Second Sunday of Lent**
Daylight Savings Time Begins
 8:00am (O) Alice Greer
 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 5:00pm (O'N) Fay Allen (8th Anniversary)

In the above celebrations:

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 10:30am Mass this Sunday, March 5.

Bible Study will be held this Tuesday morning beginning at 9:45am in the Family Room led by Jane Parrillo, and will take a hiatus as the Parish begins our "Lenten Journey With Mary" during this time frame.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Here we are, the first Sunday of Lent, the liturgical season that's a time for renewal – for the whole Church, for each community, and each individual. Lent is a *time of grace* in that we've been given the gift of time: time to enter more deeply into the presence of God, of God's immense love. We have an option of how we approach and look at our experience of what Lent can be: the first option is as a *drudgery* because Lent invites us to *fast, pray, and give alms*. **What?** I have to *give up* my favorite foods or snacks? Not eat meat on Fridays? Attend Mass? Make time each day to pray *AND* give to the poor? Or, the other way of entering into Lent is with the belief that with God's grace, our hearts will be changed as we *fast, pray and give alms*. Hopefully your attitude in entering into Lent this year was and remains more like the second option. Yes, this Lenten-attitude requires discipline; a re-training of our hearts, bodies and desires to become more like Jesus. This Lenten-attitude allows us to spend more time contemplating our relationship with God (*prayer*). This Lenten-attitude allows us to recognize our dependence upon God as we limit what we eat (*fasting*); and in charitable works (*almsgiving*) we see our oneness and inter-connectedness with others and God. Let's gratefully accept this opportunity of not wasting this precious season of Lent, or procrastinating any longer. Now is the time to let ourselves be touched by God's grace, to be changed and become more like Jesus.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

First Eucharist Classes continue on Thursday, March 9 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center. Students are reminded to bring their text books to class.

Sigma Phi Sigma of Salve Regina Univ. will hold a Bake Sale after the Sat., March 4 Mass at 5pm and after the Sun., March 5 Mass at 8am to raise funds for the Mustard Seed Community in Nicaragua, an organization that provides a stable and loving home to abandoned and disabled children. Thank you for your support to the Mustard Seed Community and to Sigma Phi Sigma as it fulfills its mission to serve others.

Visiting the Sick: Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) when a family member is in the hospital.

Thank You, Thank you for collecting Box Tops for Education. We have sent in 600 of them (\$60 donation to All Saints STEAM Academy). We will continue to collect the box tops until the end of the school year.

Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick will host an Open House on Sunday, March 12 from Noon to 3pm. For more information or to pre-register, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.



Lent has begun! "Give alms, Pray to your Father, Fast without a gloomy face." (Mat 6:1-18). Please try to make time for prayer, fasting, almsgiving. To assist you, Lenten prayer books and Operation Rice Bowl containers are available at the doors of the Church.

Guidelines for Lent 2017: Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Good Friday is also a day of fasting. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less (only one full meal that day and no solid food between meals). Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

- 4 bags oranges
- 4 bottles Parmesan Cheese
- Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies)
- 4 large loaves of bread
- 2 bottles liquid dish soap

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, March 21. We served 78 meals in February. We were also able to provide additional meals to the McKinney Shelter. **Thank you!**

St. Lucy's "Lenten Journey With Mary" begins next Tuesday, March 14th and for the next three consecutive Tuesdays with a morning session (after 9am mass) and an evening program that starts at 7:00pm. Both sessions are held in the Parish Center and are approximately one hour in length. During this "Diocesan Year of Mary," especially in this liturgical season of Lent, St. Lucy's Parish offers you the "Great Adventure of taking a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother." This prayerful study reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. You will experience the Gospel through the eyes of Mary and get a vivid glimpse into her daily life. Seeing her in this way will lead you to a deeper relationship with the Blessed Mother and her son, Jesus. This "**Lenten Journey With Mary**" consists of a DVD presentation, sharing of Scripture, and quiet reflection and prayer. All are welcome!

CHURCH SUPPORT – February 25/26, 2017
Weekly Collection \$5785.00
The second Collection Next Weekend will be for the Reduction of the Parish Debt.
FYI: As of 2/22/17 the Parish Debt balance is \$91,975.70.
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C 12,14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10 /Mt 17:1-9

40 Days for Life: The Office of Life and Family Ministry and RI Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign which began on Wednesday, March 1 and continues through Palm Sunday, April 9. They are requesting parishes to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for prayer at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Av., Providence or the Women's Medical Clinic, 1725 Broad St., Cranston during this 40 day period. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign, contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

Newport Council for International Visitors invites you to its **Great Decisions & Education Series 2017** (key world events and issues) 6:30 to 8:00pm at Portofino/Ramada Conference Center, 425 East Main Rd., Middletown. Come at 6pm to mingle with others and stay afterwards and swap ideas with guests and speaker. **Upcoming Events:** March 9, Russian Security Policy, Prof. Thomas Fedyszyn, PhD. For more information, call Doy Heredia at 848-0622 or Peter Tarpgaard at 848-5142 or go to www.newportciv.org.

The 8th Annual Middletown Family Day will be held on Sunday, March 5 from 11am to 4pm at the Newport County YMCA in Middletown. This event includes a Bouncy house, Zumba, face painting, touch a truck, food, gaga pit, trail mix bar, massage, yoga, family swim, martial arts, healthy cooking demos, health & wellness tips. Building healthy families! It Starts With You. Talk Early. Talk Often. And Listen For more information visit www.mpc.middletownri.com or facebook.com/middletownpreventioncoalition.

The Newport Navy Choristers Present "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" on Sunday, March 12 at 4pm at St. Barnabas Church, Portsmouth. Proceeds will benefit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and Newport Navy Choristers. Donation: Adults \$8; Children and Seniors \$5; Families \$20. Tickets are available from chorus members and at the door. For more information, please call 849-1135.