



“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today’s Gospel story of the *woman caught in adultery* is one that we are quite familiar with, so we might gloss over it and not pay any attention to the correlation of it in our own lives as we should or could. In the many commentary readings perused, there was one writer who told about her 3 year old child who is in the tattletale stage. She goes on to share how the child will report every misstep that her siblings make, goes running to Mom, and then waits to see what the punishment will be. The writer goes on to compare this situation to the Gospel when Jesus is confronted by the unruly mob of “3 year old children” who have gathered to tattle on one of their own. In this situation though, the crowd doesn’t want a gentle punishment, but one of vengeance. What does Jesus do? The unexpected – Jesus offers mercy instead! Sometimes because we may say or do something about another, we feel as if we are “tattling” when we are really exhibiting a form of tough love. Other times, even though we are older than a 30 year old tattler, we do more than tattle and play the role of JUDGE, and sometimes even – jury. I know that I find myself meting out judgments on people before I even have full knowledge. (Is full knowledge of another really mine to have?) Here is a childhood saying (at least from mine) that I’d like to share: “Who died and left you boss?” Have you ever heard that? Do you think that saying fits into your life? Here’s a challenge: When any judgmental thoughts pop into your head, go take a look in the mirror and reflect on your own life rather than imposing a judgment on another person. Better yet, if you do not find that you judge others, take a look in the mirror anyway and check to see what and who you “see” in your reflection. In the Gospel, Jesus pours out his love on the adulterous woman telling her to “go and sin no more.” No matter what we bring to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – from looking at our reflection – mercy and forgiveness is ours! I encourage, invite, welcome and ask you (did I cover all of the bases?) to make the time this week to participate in our Parish Mission, which includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The title of our Parish Mission is based upon words spoken by Pope Francis, “**Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father’s Mercy.**” If you can’t participate in all three sessions, please help yourself to one of them!

Written by Colette Savaria (LIFE Coordinator)

First Eucharist Classes continue next Thursday, March 17 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

March LIFE celebrations, please note: Adults and High School/Confirmation Students must participate in at least one session of our Parish Mission (in place of March LIFE). Children in grades K-8 have had a take-home lesson emailed to parents to complete at home before the April 3 and April 4 LIFE celebrations. Parents who need a lesson mailed to you, please contact Colette at stlucyyouth@juno.com. Parents of children in Grades K through 3 are encouraged to participate in the Mission.

March 14, 15, 16 is our Parish Mission with the theme: “**Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father’s Mercy**” (Pope Francis). On these three days of prayer and reflection we will ask God for the grace of deepening in Jesus’ compassion and mercy. Rev. Harry Cain, S.J. will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend as part of our Mission which will continue on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (3/14-16) at the 9am Mass and at 7pm. The Mission presenters will be Rev. Cain and Virginia Blass. There will be a Penance Service at 7pm on Tuesday, March 15. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available after morning Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.



During this Lenten season we are reminded to “Give alms...Pray to your Father...Fast without a gloomy face.” (Matt 6:1-18). If you haven’t been intentional in your spiritual life, it’s not too late to start now.

Lenten prayer books and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls are still available in the entrance to the Church.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be available on Sundays, March 13th and 20th at the 10:30am Mass.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for retired clergy Rev. George Behan and Rev. Robert Dunphy who have been assisting in celebrating many Liturgies with us at St. Lucy’s. Recently both men have experienced health issues and are home-bound. We kindly ask you to keep them in your daily prayers and thoughts.

The 2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL is progressing! Many of you have already responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin and our in-pew solicitation. **To date St. Lucy’s has raised \$27,755.00. Thank you for your generosity!!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30 33-62
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14-23:56

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT – March 5/6, 2016
Weekly Collection \$7162.00
The Second Collection this weekend is for the reduction of the Parish Debt and next weekend is Operation Rice Bowl/ Catholic Relief Services.
Friendly Reminder: For your convenience donations can now be made electronically. It is simple, secure, and convenient! Detailed instructions are on our web site (www.stlucy.org).
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS
Tuesday, March 15
 4 bags oranges 100 small paper plates (6 inch)
 1 box salt 1 can black pepper
 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, March 15. We served 73 meals in February. **Thank you!**

Easter Flowers will be accepted in the Parish Connector on Friday, March 25. Special envelopes for flower donations are located in the pews. If you would like a loved one remembered during the Easter season through your donation, please be sure to include those names(s) on your envelope or plant.

Palm Sunday Concert: In celebration of the Year of Mercy Jesus Saviour Church presents **Ryan Tremblay**, a Christian Recording Artist, on Sunday, March 20th at 3pm. A Free Will Offering will be taken. When Ryan Tremblay starts singing, or picks up a guitar or gets anywhere near a set of drums, people stop and listen. It’s been that way since he was a little boy, and now the 27 year old musician has tied his gifts to a Powerful purpose: to share his love for Jesus Christ, for the Church, and for the beauty of creation. “Our music is one part witness and one part invitation to anyone who wants to listen. We laugh often, we take great joy in what we do, and we strive to create an atmosphere where everyone in the room, including us, can remember to leave a little space in our lives for God’s grace to once again flood over us. That’s the goal for every performance.”

A Day of Prayer and Reflection for men will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 7:45am to 3:30pm at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. This event is co-sponsored by the Men of St. Joseph International and the Diocese of Providence Office of Faith Formation. The main speakers on “**A Man’s Role in the Year of Mercy**” will be Bishop Thomas J. Tobin and Rev. John Codega, Pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Riverside. For more information and/or car-pooling, please contact Luke Harding at 862-4407 or luke@ugnasons.com.

All Saints STEAM Academy is holding its annual **Spring Tea** to benefit the school’s Scholarship fund. Many beautiful items from local vendors will be raffled. The Tea will be held at St. Lucy’s Parish Center on Sunday, April 10 at 1pm. Please call All Saints STEAM Academy at 848-4300 for tickets and information.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, March 12
- 5:00pm (O) Mary Lou Rogers and John E. Rogers
- Sunday, March 13 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- 8:00am (O) Alice Greer
- 10:30am (O) Marjorie Skahill (Birthday Remembrance)
Fr. Bob Dunphy (living),
Fr. George Behan (living)
- 5:00pm (O) Kathleen Sekunda (30th Anniversary)
- Monday, March 14
- 9:00am Julia Jordan Finn
- 7:00pm **Mission: “Deepening in Compassion”**
- Tuesday, March 15
- 9:00am Frances O’Donnell
- 7:00pm **Mission: “Deepening in Mercy”**
Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Wednesday, March 16
- 9:00am William C. Cella
- 7:00pm **Mission: “Deepening in Mission”**
- Thursday, March 17
- 9:00am (S) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Friday, March 18
- 9:00am (O’N) Manual Alves
John “Bob” Mello
Fr. Bob Dunphy (living)
Catherine E. Shoppell (1st Anniversary)
William Francis and James Patrick Murphy
- 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, March 19
- 1:30pm (O) Mass at Forest Farm
- 5:00pm (O) Joseph and Josephine Santos
- Sunday, March 20 **Palm Sunday**
- 8:00am (O’N) The Departed Souls of St. Columba Cemetery
- 10:30am (O) Robert Mello
- 5:00pm (O) Julia and Angelo DiMattia (16 Yr. Memorial)
Fr. Bob Dunphy (living)

In the above celebrations:

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