



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 19
 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 (16th Anniversary)
 Fr. Bob Dunphy (living)
 Monday, March 21
 9:00am Julia Jordan Finn
 Tuesday, March 22
 9:00am Paula Sheahan Karlson
 Wednesday, March 23
 9:00am Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
Holy Thursday, March 24
 7:00pm St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Good Friday, March 25
 3:00pm **Stations of the Cross**
 7:00pm **The Passion of the Lord - Service**
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, March 26
 4pm-5pm Confessions
 7:30pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Easter Sunday, March 27
 8:00am (O’N) Eileen McCarthy
 Robert Mello
 Rupy Dela Cruz (Birthday-living)
 Fr. Bob Dunphy (living)
 9:30am Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
 11:00am George and Helen Leeber
 Baptism
No Evening Mass

In the above celebrations:
 O = Rev. John O’Brien
 O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill

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.

A Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today as we begin Holy Week we celebrate Jesus’ passion: we remember His life, suffering, death, and resurrection. What better word is there than PASSION that could best describe how Jesus felt (and still feels) toward us? He lived out his passionate love by his life, his suffering, his dying, and rising for each and every one of us so that we may ultimately share in His glory. Scripture tells us that *there is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friend, and Jesus called us His friends.* How do we remember and celebrate Jesus’ impassioned love for us during these days which we call holy? We know that, on the night he was betrayed, while praying at the Mount of Olives he asked his friends to stay awake and pray with him. Jesus left them to go off alone, where he knelt and prayed so fervently to His Father that he sweat drops of blood. Jesus returned to his friends who had fallen asleep and asked them, “*Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray.*” Perhaps we, Jesus’ friends, can (literally and figuratively) also make every effort during this week called holy, to stay awake - to watch and pray with Jesus. Understandably we all still have work and family commitments in addition to the multitude of commitments that are already on our plates, but perhaps all of these things that we are committed to can be done with a special focus on Jesus, and on the other person. I’m suggesting that we all try to make the extra effort to pull back from the regular, routine actions of everyday living to come up with a different plan or schedule for living Holy Week – and make it a retreat time. “Retreat” from your day-to-day ways and be more mindful of how the Spirit works in and through you. Perhaps you could consider spending time “retreating” from the noise and hectic goings-on as best you can to spend time in reflection, quiet, and prayer with Jesus. I know that there are some things that you just can’t change, like perhaps grocery shopping – but while you’re standing in line you could read your reflection in the “Little Black Book.” While waiting for your child at a sporting event, you could google “The Seven Last Words of Christ” or “The Stations of the Cross” and pray with them. You might play some instrumental music while taking a walk outdoors and reflect on how Jesus felt while walking through the streets carrying his cross to Golgotha. Whatever you find yourself doing this week, make deliberate choices in how you (and your household) choose to live during this week called Holy by trying to walk with Jesus. If possible, re-arrange your schedule to fully participate in the Triduum celebrations. What will your week with Jesus look like?

Written by Colette Savaria (LIFE Coordinator)

First Eucharist Classes continue next Thursday, March 31 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

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.

A **Statewide Utility Clinic** will be held at the George Wiley Center, 32 East Ave., Pawtucket, on **Thursday, March 24** from **10am to 2pm**. National Grid Consumer advocates will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding your electric or natural gas bill and services. Please RSVP, call the Center at 728-555 to schedule an appointment or Email georgewileycenterri@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome. Are you behind on your utilities or facing shut off or having difficulty with a payment plan that you can’t afford? Do you know if you’re eligible for the **Henry Shelton Forgiveness Plan?** If you are eligible you could be forgiven 60% of what you owe! Even if you are currently protected by the moratorium, now is a great time to sign up for a repayment plan that you can afford. Learn how to avoid gas or electric termination. Learn what options are available to become energy efficient and lower your electric and gas usage.

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 \$29,435.00. Thank you for your generosity!!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/
 Jn 18:1-19:42
 Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18:28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

CHURCH SUPPORT – March 12/13, 2016
Weekly Collection \$5836.00
Parish Debt Reduction Collection \$3189.00
The Second Collection this weekend is for Operation Rice Bowl/ Catholic Relief Services.
The Pontifical Good Friday Collection sustains Christianity in the Holy Land. Your donations help provide information and education, homes, and food for the hungry as well as maintaining the sacred shines.
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.

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. **Decorating the Church will take place on Saturday, March 26 at 10am. Volunteers to help will be greatly appreciated.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
 As we pass the light of the new fire from candle to candle at the Great Easter Vigil, we can’t help but be reminded that we are also passing the flame of faith. At this liturgy, we welcome Charles Jackson as he completes his Christian initiation with the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. All of St. Lucy’s Parishioners have participated in his journey of faith through prayer, support, and example. Accordingly, you can all rejoice with him at the Holy Saturday Liturgy as you witness his reception of the sacraments of initiation, renew your own Baptismal promises, and rejoice as he joins us for the first time as a fully initiated member of the Catholic faith. Knowing that the flame of faith burns brightly, each of us can celebrate that **Christ is risen...Alleluia!**

After the Easter Vigil there will be a **reception** in the Parish Center for our newest member of St. Lucy’s family, Charles Jackson. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to contribute a food item such as an appetizer, cheese platter, finger sandwiches, chip and dip, etc. please drop it off at the Parish Center between 10 and 12 on Saturday or bring it Saturday evening. **Thank you for your help!**

The 4th Annual Aquidneck Island Good Friday Walk to End Hunger & Homelessness will be held on Friday, March 25 to raise awareness and support to defeat hunger and homelessness and to help alleviate the suffering of the poor. Walkers/Teams should register and collect pledge donations ahead of time to turn in the day of the Walk. Donations also can be made via the website www.goodfridaywalkforhungerrri.org. The 3 mile walk will begin and end at St. Joseph’s Church, 5 Mann Ave. We will travel through Newport’s neighborhoods recognizing organizations that serve Newport’s neediest residents. Courtesy vehicles and rest stops are planned. Walk registration/check-in will be in the St. Joseph Church hall basement starting at 8am on Friday, March 25 and the walk will commence after a short invocation at 9am. Pledge sheets will be available at the doors of St. Joseph’s Church or the website above. To volunteer contact Sheila Finnegan 619-0966 or safinnegan@aol.com.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016



Holy Thursday, March 24
 Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7pm

Good Friday, March 25
 Stations of the Cross, 3pm
 Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, 7pm

Holy Saturday, March 26
 Confessions, 4 to 5pm (No 5pm Mass)
 Celebration of the Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, March 27
 Masses at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am
 (No evening Mass)