



This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses. Acts 10:40

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, March 26

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 (O) Frank P. "Mickey" Mello

11:00am (O) George and Helen Leeber

Baptism

No Evening Mass

Monday, March 28

9:00am Frances O'Donnell

Tuesday, March 29

9:00am Lisa Silvia

Wednesday, March 30

9:00am Joyce M. Smith (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, March 31

9:00am Communion Service

Friday, April 1

9:00am Arthur Lauzon

Fr. Bob Dunphy (living)

Roselind Ferris (1st Anniversary)

Saturday, April 2

5:00pm (O) Julia Jordan Finn

Sunday, April 3

8:00am (O'N) Adeline Keefe

10:30am (O) William M. Silvia

3:00pm **Divine Mercy Celebration**

5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O'Brien

O'N = Rev. Tom O'Neill



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

At the lunch table the other day, we were sharing some Holy Week experiences, and the following were a few of mine – those shared were planned, but outcomes and experiences from **my plans** just “happened.” As varied as these experiences were, every single Holy Week enabled me to journey with Jesus bringing me to that ultimate loving response to our Savior’s show of extreme love: *Alleluia, Jesus is risen!* One of my Palm/Passion Sundays was spent in Vatican City at the very first World Youth Day (in the Dark Ages when I was a youth). What a magnificent and overwhelming feeling of joy when Pope John Paul II led the thousands of pilgrims in our waving of palms during the proclamation of the Scripture when Jesus entered into their midst as King! Another year I was able to experience Holy Week in Belize, Central America – wow! I have never “felt” the pain of walking the Stations of the Cross as poignantly as I did traveling/walking the dirt roads with the people of this third world country. Their brokenness and complete surrender to the Suffering Jesus led me to more fully know the excruciating pain that Jesus lived and died for on that Good Friday. I’ve had various Triduum retreat experiences both at retreat centers and at parish-family Triduum “retreat” experiences that came from the prayer, song, and community of believers gathering together to worship during these most profound days of our Catholic Church year. This year again, “my” plan is to actively participate in the celebrations of our Triduum; I wonder what God has in store for me and what “His” plan is? While reading the reflection for Easter in the Living Faith Book, my thoughts are stuck in “neutral” with an idea that Sr. Melanie Svoboda, SND offered (and keeps buzzing in my thoughts). I feel that I must share it with you, here goes: *The teacher showed her first graders a picture of the empty tomb with the stone rolled back. “What does Jesus’ resurrection mean?” she asked. One little boy was quick to answer: “It means Jesus is on the loose!” Yes, Easter does mean Jesus is on the loose. He is unbound, released, set free. This means he can show up anywhere and anytime in our lives as he did to those early disciples. He can come into our lives looking like a gardener or as a stranger who joins us as we walk along the road. Jesus can show up as a cashier in the grocery store, the young man who changes the oil in our car, a coworker at the office, our doctor, a good friend or even our spouse, child or grandchild. Jesus is on the loose. Be on the lookout for him today. You may even find him looking back at you in your bathroom mirror.*

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.

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 \$37,655.00. Thank you for your generosity!!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
Jn 20:19-31

CHURCH SUPPORT – March 19/20, 2016

Weekly Collection \$6047.00

Rice Bowl/ Catholic Relief Services \$2387.00

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join us in the Church next Sunday, April 3 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

During this holy hour we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as Benediction. In the 1930’s Jesus appeared to a young Polish nun, Sr. Faustina, and told her, “*Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy.*” Jesus requested that she paint an image according to what she saw and asked that the image be venerated throughout the world with the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina and decreed the Second Sunday of Easter be called Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join with us as we pray to direct the hearts of humanity to God’s boundless mercy and love manifested in all its richness by Christ, our risen Lord.

During this Jubilee of Mercy all are invited to make a pilgrimage to **The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul** in Providence and pass through the Holy Door for **Divine Mercy Sunday**. This event includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2pm, Confessions from 2:15-5:45pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet and Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer (written by Bishop Tobin) at 3pm, Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 4pm, Vespers at 5:00pm, Benediction at 5:45pm, Solemn Mass (with Gregorian Concert Choir) at 6pm. Handicap accessible and parking is supervised by security.

Parish Mission Thank You! Compassion, Mercy, and Mission! We send our gratitude to you all for the faith-filled experience of the Parish Mission. We were very blessed by your presence. Your generosity and hospitality were wonderful. Thanks again to all of the Parish staff and to all of those who helped in so many ways to prepare for and to assist us during the mission. You are God’s ‘Missionaries of Mercy’ and through you, St. Lucy’s Parish progresses the Kingdom of God in our midst. How blessed you all are, too, to have Fr. John as your Pastor! Thank you for your continued prayers and we shall keep you all very much in our prayers.

Peace and Joy,

Ginny Blass and Fr. Harry Cain, S.J.

A Healing Mass by Candlelight with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Benediction will be held at Our Lady of LaSalette, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA on Thursday, March 31 at 6:30pm. The Celebrant will be Rev. Andre Patenaude (Father Pat). Everyone is welcome. Come and pray for yourself and others. Call 508-455-2656 for further information.

Healing Retreat for Women who have experienced campus assault: The Offices of Catholic Social Services of RI and Providence College Campus Ministry are offering a one day retreat for women who are survivors of campus sexual assault. The retreat will be held at St. Patrick’s Academy on Smith St. from 9am to 4pm on April 2. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch. Participants need not be a current/former PC student. All religious denominations are welcome. For more information and/or to register for this program contact Kathy McKeon at 421-7833 x 206 or kmckeon@dioceseofprovidence.org

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.

The Providence College Lecture and Colloquium Series will feature “Theological Reflections on Catholic-Jewish Relations Fifty Years after Nostra Aetate” on Monday, April 4 at 7pm and Tuesday, April 5 at 11am. Dr. Cunningham, a professor at St. Joseph’s University, and Rabbi Lehmann, president of Hebrew College, will be the presenters. All are welcome to attend. For more information and/or to RSVP, please call 865-2274 or go to www.alumni.providence.edu/JCTE.

Diocesan Post-Confirmation Summit: The Diocese of Providence will hold a summit with young people, parents, clergy and religious on Wednesday, April 13. The Summit will look at the current practice of the faith among young people and discuss ways to engage young people in practicing their faith and developing their relationship with Jesus Christ. The Summit will be held at Cathedral Hall from 6:15-8:45pm. Please pray for the success of the Summit.