



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, April 8
 5:00pm Mary K. Connerton
 Sunday, April 9, **Palm Sunday**
 8:00am (O) Faithful Departed at St. Columba's Cemetery
 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 Monday, April 10
 9:00am Afife and Joseph Menassa
 Tuesday, April 11
 9:00am Deacon Bob and Michael Sheeley Tremblay family (living)
 Wednesday April 12
 9:00am Earle O'Neil
Holy Thursday, April 13
 7:00pm St. Lucy's Parishioners
Good Friday, April 14
 3:00pm **Stations of the Cross**
 7:00pm **Good Friday Service**
Holy Saturday, April 15 **Easter Vigil**
 7:30pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 Sunday, April 16, **Easter Sunday**
 8:00am (O) Clara Bartlett (101st Birthday Remembrance)
 9:30am (S) St. Lucy Parishioners
 11:00am (O) Fred Romanus (31st Anniversary)
No 5:00pm Mass

In the above celebrations:

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

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

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.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today, we enter into the most holy of weeks in our Church year. On this day, Palm (Passion) Sunday, palm fronds are waved in procession as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palms, in Jesus' day, were a symbol of victory and glory. Today, we wave our palm fronds (don't be embarrassed by doing something out-of-the-ordinary, wave those palms high) as your own declaration of Jesus being King; Jesus who turns death into life everlasting. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. They will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgy of the Triduum – Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of Our Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. Today, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from John's Gospel.) A main focus in Matthew's gospel is Jesus' obedience to his Father's will. I find that in this passage of Matthew's gospel we're invited to enter into and *experience* the reading from a variety of vantage points: we may find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we respond to Jesus. Sometimes we may be like Judas, who betrays Jesus and, in the end, comes to regret it. Perhaps sometimes we are like Peter, who denies Jesus, going back on his word; or perhaps we might relate more to the disciples who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour and then act out defensively and impulsively at Jesus' arrest. We may find that we better relate to Simon, who lacked faith and as a bystander, was forced by the soldiers into helping Jesus carry his cross. Are we like a leader who fears Jesus, or perhaps like Pontius Pilate who washed his hands of the whole matter? Please make and take the time to enter more fully into this week we call holy by allowing the Scriptures to speak to your heart, so that this journey of Holy Week may be one that leaves a lasting impression. As you journey with Jesus this week, may you truly come to know in your heart his awesome and unconditional love for you as exemplified in his passion and resurrection.

Written by: Colette, LIFE Coordinator

Please pray for your young Parishioners who have been preparing to receive Jesus in their hearts for the first time on Sunday, April 30th. These young people are: Lauren Batzle, Lily Brier, Destyni Butler, Kaylee Butler, Jameson Gauch, Gabriel Gomes, Bellarae Guertin, Max Harvey, Maddy Jones, Katie Martin, Joaquin Pacheco, Liam Sequira, Richard Vira, Jacob Wilson, and Moses Weiss.

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 10:30am Mass **this Sunday**, April 9.

Stations of the Cross
St. Lucy Confirmation Candidates will lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14 at 3pm.
The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the youth of Jesus Saviour Church on Palm Sunday, April 9, at 7pm. All are welcome.

Easter Flowers will be accepted in the Parish Connector on Friday, April 14. 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, April 15 at 10am. Volunteers to help will be greatly appreciated.

St. Lucy's "Lenten Journey With Mary" concludes on Tuesday, April 11 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 a little over one hour in length.

CHURCH SUPPORT – April 1/2, 2017
Weekly Collection \$6602.00
March Total for Electronic Giving \$3531.49
Thank you for your continuing generosity.
The second collection this Sunday will be for the Catholic Relief Services Appeal/Operation Rice Bowl.

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal
 Thank you for pitching in as one Parish family to help the thousands of needy Rhode Islanders whose lives are touched by the ministries and services provided by our diocese. We are half way to reaching our Parish goal of \$63,000. Catholic Charity envelopes are still available in the pews for your donations.

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
 4 bags oranges 2 rolls paper towels
 100 regular sugar packets 2 loaves bread
 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, April 18. We served 78 meals in March. We were also able to provide additional meals to the McKinney Shelter. Thank you.

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/Hb 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 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Divine Mercy pamphlets will be available Holy Thursday and later for anyone wishing to make a Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23. Many graces are received by those praying the Divine Mercy devotion.

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, a moving live production, will be presented at St. Theresa Church in Tiverton on Sunday, April 9 at 7pm. Admission is \$10. For more information call St. Theresa rectory at 624-8746.

All Saints STEAM Academy Spring Tea is sold out! Thank you to all who have purchased tickets!!

As we pass the light of the new fire from candle to candle at the great Easter Vigil next Saturday, we can't help but be reminded that we are also passing the flame of faith. At this liturgy we welcome Michael Nesby and Kimberly Jones as they complete their Christian initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation. All of St. Lucy's Parish family have participated in their journey of faith through prayer, support, and example. Accordingly, you can all rejoice with them at the Easter Vigil as you witness their reception of this sacrament, renew your own Baptismal promises, and rejoice as they join with us for the first time as fully initiated members of the Catholic faith. Knowing that the flame of faith burns brightly, each of us can soon celebrate that great Easter proclamation: **Christ is risen...Alleluia!**

After the Easter Vigil next Saturday, there will be a reception for the newest members of St. Lucy's family. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to contribute a food item such as an appetizer, cheese and crackers, finger sandwiches, chip and dip, etc. please drop it off at the Parish Center between 10 and 11am on Saturday or before the Vigil in the evening. **Thanks for your help and support!**

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Holy Thursday, April 13
 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Good Friday, April 14
 Stations of the Cross, 3pm
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 15
 Confessions, 4 to 5pm (no 5pm Mass)
 Celebration of the Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16
 Masses at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am
 (No evening Mass)