



...And a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased."  
Luke 3:22



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

Today our Christmas season comes to a close as we celebrate another epiphany, that of Jesus' relation to God revealed in this scripture which tells us the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. Jesus' baptism is the beginning of His ministry – His service – His purpose, which cost Him His life. Baptism was the first step in Jesus' joy-filled yet difficult journey. So too, our baptism was just the first step in our lifelong process of becoming like Jesus, of becoming Christ-like. In all of our efforts at trying to become more like Jesus, we are not alone. Fortunately, our Lord and Savior knows us and helps us on our journey through the power of grace; through His Spirit given to us at baptism. As we start our new year, some people have chosen to make resolutions, while others...haven't decided on any "improvements" yet. I'd like to share with you from one of my favorite columnists/writers, Fr. James Martin, SJ who shared *New Year's Resolutions for Absolutely Everybody*. (He made a list of 10, but today you'll only get the first five, you'll need to stay-tuned for the last ones!) 1.) *Be Kind. That means..2.) Always give everyone the benefit of the doubt. After all, why not? Everyone is carrying around some sort of burden. Usually one that you don't even know about. So give them a break. Even if they're being unreasonable.... 3.) Especially when you're talking about them with someone else. Honor the absent, as the saying goes. Spiritually speaking, it's essential. It's part of charity. Practically speaking, it makes sense too. Why? First, because you'll feel crummy about yourself afterwards. Second, because the person you're complaining to will probably see you as negative. Finally, it will inevitably get back to them. More to the point, it's mean. 4.) Don't be a jerk. There is simply no need to be. At all. Zero. Just because you're having a rotten day doesn't mean you have to pass along your misery to someone else. It's important to share your struggles with friends. Essential. But being in a bad mood is no excuse to be a jerk. If you feel you're moving into that territory, ask yourself a simple question, "Am I being a jerk?" If you're somehow unable to discern that, the look on other people's faces will tell you. 5.) Give a call, pay a visit, or send a note to someone who is sick, lonely, struggling. It will cost you nothing, but will mean everything to them. Think of how you feel when someone reaches out.* Perhaps these few resolutions will move us further in the direction of becoming more Christ-like. Written by Colette Savaria (LIFE Coordinator)

**First Reconciliation:** Please pray for our young Parishioners who will experience God's unconditional love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during a special Service on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30pm in the Church. These Parishioners are: Luke Al-Hajj, Ava Assang, Gianna Barek, Samantha Bechtel, Michael Byrd, Kaylin Couto, Drew Dischert, Olivia Ernest, Gillian Gagante, Neala Ganser, Delaney King, Mateo Pinzas, Aiden Quinn, Maria Silva, Jackson Ventura. \*If any Parishioner would like to bake or provide a "treat" for our celebration afterward in the Parish Center, please drop off your nut-free treat in the PC after 6pm (or during the day in the Rectory). Thank you!

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, January 9
  - 5:00pm (O) Domingos Rodrigues
- Sunday, January 10
  - 8:00am (O) Lucy Levada – Birthday Remembrance  
George and Mary Bannon
  - 10:30am (O) John Fabian (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
  - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy Parishioners
- Monday, January 11
  - 9:00am Julia Jordan Finn
- Tuesday, January 12
  - 9:00am Daniel Bryan Ford (19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
  - 6:30pm First Reconciliation Service
- Wednesday, January 13
  - 9:00am Fred Gauch
- Thursday, January 14
  - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, January 15
  - 9:00am (D) Antone Silvia, Sr.  
Manuel Alves
  - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 7:00pm Devotions
  - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, January 16
  - 1:30pm Mass at Forest Farm
  - 5:00pm (O) Paul Valacer
- Sunday, January 17
  - 8:00am (O) Mary Lou Rogers and John E. Rogers
  - 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
  - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O'Brien
- D = Rev. Robert Dunphy

**SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

4 bags oranges                      3 boxes butter (sticks only)  
200 plastic knives                  2 rolls paper towels  
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 Tues. January 19. During 2015 we served over 1100 meals. In addition, cookies and treats were sent to over 60 troops in Afghanistan. Thank you all for your generosity.

**CHURCH SUPPORT – Jan 2/3, 2015**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$7116.00</b>
<b>New Year Collection</b>	<b>\$2107.00</b>
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	<b>\$1759.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flower Donations</b>	<b>\$2595.00</b>

**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.**

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 also for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Community Action Committee (CAC)**  
**Unused Cards for Inmates:** The CAC is collecting unused Christmas cards and all occasion cards for distribution to the ACI inmates and juvenile offenders at the RI Training School for their personal use. There is a need for cards written in Spanish due to the large percentage of those who speak only Spanish. Cards may be deposited in the appropriate baskets at the entrance of the Church. **Thank you!**

New CD's from Lighthouse Catholic Media available in the Church Entrance include **Prayer: Gateway to the Spiritual Life** by Archbishop Paul Coakley. A person who listened to this commented that "this talk showed me how critical prayer is for my life."

**East Bay Skills Alliance (EBSA)** announces it's first Childcare/Teacher Assistant/Para-Professional Training Class beginning on Feb. 1. Students must attend one entire mandatory information and testing session to apply. These session will be held on Monday (Jan. 11 and 25) from 9am to 12pm, Tuesday (Jan. 12 and 19) from 10:30am to 1:30pm, Wednesday (Jan. 13 and 20) from 9am to 12pm, or Thursday (Jan. 7, 14, and 21) from 10:30am to 1:30pm at 19 Broadway, Newport, East Bay Community Action Program. For more information contact: Jamoya Ridgell at 848-6697 (x 205) or jridgell@ebcap.org.

**The Knights of Columbus Museum** in New Haven, CT is featuring its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas exhibition: *Joy to the World: Creches of Central Europe*. The exhibit includes 75 Nativity scenes on loan with origins in seven different countries. Also on display are crèches from the museum's permanent collection including a 120 foot Neapolitan diorama. On Saturday, Jan 16 at 2pm there will be a presentation of "The Polish Nativity: A Beautiful Palace for the King of Kings" by Marek Czarnecki, a Connecticut artist and iconographer. The museum is open daily from 10am to 5pm. For more information, call 203-865-0400 or visit kofcmuseum.org.

**The Catholic Center at the Univ. of Rhode Island** is preparing to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016. In order to compile an up-to-date database the Center is trying to reach out to all Catholic alumni and all those who were involved in the Center in the past still living throughout our Diocese. For more information, please contact Fr. Joseph Upton at 874-2093 or by email at rhodycatholic@gmail.com.

**The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry** is planning two events in January. The **Annual Respect Life Mass** will be held on Saturday, Jan, 16 at 9am at St. Paul's Church in Cranston. The main celebrant will be Bishop Thomas Tobin with Rev. Adam Young, pastor of St. Paul's, as the Homilist. The **Annual March for Life** will be held in Washington DC. The bus will leave RI on Thursday, Jan 21. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80 per person. For more information on these events call Carol Owens at 783-3218.

**Knights of Columbus Community Blood Drive** will be held from 3:00pm-8:00pm on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 Valley Road, Middletown. A free steak dinner and \$5 Dunkin Donuts coupon will be given to all donors. Everyone is welcome!

**2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**  
**Faith and Good Works**

The start of the 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our Parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2016 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card will be enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that St. Lucy's Parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.** Your gift to the 2016 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please give generously to the 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal. **Thank You.**