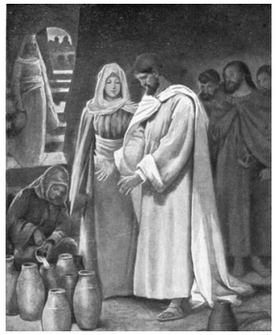

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. JN. 2-11

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16
5:00pm (O) Paul Valacer
Sunday, January 17
8:00am (S) Mary Lou Rogers and John E. Rogers
10:30am (O) Julia Jordan Finn
Amy Alves (3rd Anniversary)
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Monday, January 18 **(Holiday – Rectory closed)**
9:00am Ann Frances Hale (22nd Anniversary)
Tuesday, January 19
9:00am William Spencer Bell
Wednesday, January 20
9:00am William C. Cella
Thursday, January 21
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, January 22
9:00am (D) Aline C. Lathan (4th Anniversary)
Dorothy Barnes
Julia Jordan Finn
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Devotions
7:50pm Benediction
Saturday, January 23
5:00pm (O) Robert and Kathleen Griffin
John Finerty
Sunday, January 24
8:00am (S) Maria Carroll
10:30am (O) Michael Sheeley (2nd Anniversary)
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O'Brien
D = Rev. Robert Dunphy
S = Rev. Saji Joseph

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).

LIFE (Learning **I**n **F**aith **E**xperiences)
In today's Gospel we see the start of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus is asked to do something to address the problem about the lack of wine at a wedding feast. Jesus' miracle produces an enormous amount of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons. Each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. Jesus' response shows us how "lavish" his love is for us by responding to such a simple need. In Jesus' response, WE are challenged to respond generously when faced with human need today. How do we respond, with the confidence that we are trying to build God's Kingdom? As a continuation, and a great tie-in, we continue with the remainder of New Year's Resolutions for Everyone by Fr. James Martin, SJ. (Let me remind you that his #1 is Be Kind.) *6.) Release yourself from that grudge. In other words, forgive. It's ridiculous to hold onto things for so long. It eats away at you like a cancer, and it poisons the other person's life. It also, most likely, serves to turn them against you even more. You think you are justified in being mad? You probably are. People can be jerks. But there are probably people justified in holding a grudge against you, too. So just let it go. 7.) Stop being so sarcastic. A little of that goes too far. You may think you're being Oscar Wilde, but you're often just being mean. Sarcasm can be an effective antidote to pomposity, but sometimes it's just cruel. 8.) Listen patiently to someone who is long-winded, or boring, or, especially complaining. They're usually insecure, lonely or in pain. Your listening is a gift to them. It may mean that you're the only person they have to talk to. Yes, it's hard. But God sees what you're doing. And, after all, people have to listen to you. 9.) Help someone who is really needy. A homeless person. A poor person. A refugee. A sick person. A grieving person. It's not hard to figure out how to do it. And if you don't know anyone like that, write a check. That's not so hard either. Helping doesn't require an advanced degree. 10.) Be kind. Did I mention that? It bears repeating, because if you are kind, then you'll make a lot of people happy in the New Year. Yourself too. And God.*
Written by Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

Next weekend we are back to our **LIFE** calendar! Our Sunday (1/24) celebration is from 11:30-2:00pm, and Monday (1/25) runs from 5:30-8:00pm in the Parish Center. Our **LIFE** theme this month: *Gifts for Loving Others*. If you haven't come to a **LIFE** (**L**earning **I**n **F**aith **E**xperiences) celebration, please join with us! At each celebration there are about 75-90 people, from ages 5-105 (NOT, but who really knows??) looking to grow our faith! The program includes a simple meal, prayers, large group intro, age-appropriate learning and sharing time. **Households should have completed their *Circle of Grace* take-home lesson with their children before January **LIFE** (lesson was handed out/mailed in November).

The Martin Luther King Holiday will be observed on Monday, Jan. 18. Honor Mr. King's memory by offering service within your community. Check the newspaper for the many opportunities and observances.

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor a bus trip to Washington, DC for the **Annual March for Life.** The bus will leave RI on Thursday, Jan 21. The cost for the overnight ride is $80 per person. For more information on this event, call Carol Owens at 783-3218.

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 9/10, 2016

Weekly Collection **$5421.00**
Debt Collection **$3084.00**
FYI – As of Dec. 31, 2015 the Parish Debt balance is $138,245.09!!
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.

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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19,1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 13:9
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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!***

The Catholic Center at the Univ. of Rhode Island is preparing to celebrate its 50th 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.

New CD's from Lighthouse Catholic Media which are available in the Church Entrance include ***Made for Greatness: Runway Model Turns to Christ*** by Leah Darrow who was a fashion model in NY City and a reality TV contestant on America's next Top Model. She now travels the world sharing her unique experiences in the beauty industry. Leah now speaks to tens of thousands of people each year to audiences as diverse as a United Nations panel, the World Trade Center in Manila Phillipines, Pro-Life events, and local Parishes on five different continents. In this presentation, learn how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led to a moment of mercy and conversion.

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. 25) from 9am to 12pm, Tuesday (Jan. 19) from 10:30am to 1:30pm, Wednesday (Jan. 20) from 9am to 12pm, or Thursday (Jan. 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 11th 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 Diocesan Office of Life and Family is offering the ***To Love and To Cherish*** program for married Catholics. This free program provides topics/discussions designed to enrich and strengthen marriage in a sharing group environment. It will be offered Mondays, February 22 through March 21, 7-8:30pm at St. Joseph Church (Rectory), 854 Providence St., W. Warwick. For information, contact Peter Maganotta 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note, this program is not for marriage counseling.)

2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Faith and Good Works

The start of the 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our Parishioners have received a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2016 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card was enclosed. **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***.