



“Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
We're into the 3rd week of the Church's season of Ordinary Time. We've recently experienced many special feasts within the Church, as well as a ton of celebrations with family and friends. In that short span of a few weeks just passed, we remembered and celebrated the infancy of our Savior, his childhood, baptism, and beginning of his ministry. Such a whirlwind of activity, *running at top speed* in our personal lives and in our Church has, perhaps, left us with a feeling that we're "idling" during this season of Ordinary Time. Because Ordinary Time doesn't fit the playbill of being "extra" ordinary – we sometimes don't give it its due. We tend to look at it as the filler between the important seasons. Ordinary Time tends to become secondary or even inferior in our minds and hearts. In the context of the liturgical year, Ordinary Time is closely linked with "ordo," the Latin word for "order." The season of Ordinary Time, then, is connected to our daily "order" or "discipline" of life – our rituals and routines. This Ordinary season, in Word and sacrament, encourages and enables us to become better followers of Jesus by looking for Him and seeking Him in the everyday walk of holiness! During these upcoming weeks we spend time focusing on Jesus' public ministry and his preaching and healing. Today we hear Jesus read a very famous passage of Scripture that goes to the heart of the covenant: "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.*" Jesus is speaking those words to us – EACH ONE OF US, saying "The Spirit of the Lord is upon YOU. YOU have been anointed to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Why is this reading about us? Because St. Paul, in today's second reading, tells us that WE are the body of Christ now present in the world. His works of healing, mercy and release are now to be taking place *through us!* We are his hands, his feet, his eyes, his mouth, his heart – if we connect with him in prayer and through the sacraments. How do we bring Jesus into our world, as his disciples, today – in 2016?

Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences) is here: this Sunday from 11:30-2pm and Monday from 5:30-8pm in the Parish Center. This month's theme: "*Gifts for Loving Others*" will be developed through prayer, learning, faith-sharing, and the celebration all begins with a simple meal. Participants who cannot attend their regular celebration are to participate in the opposite days' session (please note time frame).

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).

Cluny School (Preschool-Grade 8) in Newport will host an **Open House** on Sunday, Jan. 31 from 11am to 1pm and Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 10am to noon. For more information, call 847-6043.

CHURCH SUPPORT – Jan 16/17, 2016

Weekly Collection \$5810.00
Catholic University \$1429.00
The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Church in Latin America.
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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-15/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 1:1-4, 4:21-30

THEOLOGY ON TAP, a Theology discussion for young adults on Ten Reasons to Celebrate our Catholic Faith, will meet Wednesday, February 3 from 6 to 8:30pm at Agave Mexican Grill, 444 Quaker Lane, Warwick. All young adults (single or married, in their 20's and 30's) are welcome. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Joseph Upton, Catholic Chaplain, URI. There is no fee for this event. A free-will donation will be collected. Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages and must be 21 to order alcoholic beverages. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry. For more information visit www.discovercatholicfaith.org.

Community Action Committee (CAC)

Unused Cards for Inmates: The CAC is still 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 which are available in the Church Entrance include **Confirmation: The Sacrament of Evangelization and Martyrdom**. Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, invites us to better understand the tremendous graces and calling received through this sacrament.

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. The remaining session will be held on Monday (Jan. 25) from 9am to 12pm, at 19 Broadway, Newport, East Bay Community Action Program. For more information contact: Jamoya Ridgell at 848-6697 (x 205) or jridgell@ebcap.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT, Growing in Compassion, will be held on Wednesday, February 10 from 9:00am to 3:45pm at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA. The schedule includes 9:00am Mass, a morning of reflection on compassion, 12:30 lunch followed by "Dreamcatcher," a 90 minute documentary about a former prostitute helping women and girls to break the cycle of abuse and exploitation. For a complete description visit www.timeoutretreats.com. To register, contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. Pre-registration is required. **Fee:** Morning only, \$20; Morning and lunch, \$35; Entire program, \$55. A portion of the fee will be donated to **Sophia's Circle**, a ministry to women in recovery from prostitution and drugs. If you are staying for lunch, please register by February 1.

Complimentary copies of Rhode Island Catholic, your national award-winning Diocesan newspaper, will be available near the entrance of the church next Sunday. If you don't already receive Rhode Island Catholic, or would like to renew your subscription or even purchase one as a gift for someone else, there are three ways this year to have the news you won't find anywhere else delivered to your mailbox each week. To subscribe, just drop the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly budget envelope into the collection basket; log onto www.thericatholic.com; and click Subscribe at the top left to order, renew, and even pay for your subscription online with a credit or debit card. You may also call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone.

St. Philomena School is accepting applications now for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for the 2016-17 school year. They offer a 2 day program for 3 year olds as well as a 3 and 5 day program for 4 year olds. Pre-K and K classes are full-day and offer academic curriculums. There is a before and after-school care program as well. Please call 683-0268, ext. 114, to make an appointment for a tour. St. Philomena School is a twice-named National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is located on Narragansett Bay in Portsmouth at 324 Cory's Lane.

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.**

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 23
5:00pm (O) Robert and Kathleen Griffin
John Finerty

Sunday, January 24 **Ecumenical Sunday**
8:00am (S) Maria Carroll
10:30am (O) Michael Sheeley (2nd Anniversary)
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy Parishioners

Monday, January 25
9:00am Fred Gauch

Tuesday, January 26
9:00am Frank P. "Mickey" Mello

Wednesday, January 27
9:00am The Bannon Family

Thursday, January 28
9:00am Communion Service

Friday, January 29
9:00am (D) Andrew J. Dowd
Julia Jordan Finn
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Devotions
7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, January 30
5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton and Eva B. Mello
(Birthday Remembrance)
Laura Medeiros (5th Anniversary)

Sunday, January 31
8:00am (S) Mary Wicks
10:30am (O) Florence (Paquette) Higgins
(Anniversary Remembrance)
12:00 noon Special Baptism
5:00pm (O) Gabriel Sousa

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O'Brien
D = Rev. Robert Dunphy
S = Rev. Saji Joseph

Friendly Reminder: There will be a meeting of the Property and Finance Committee on Monday, Jan. 25 at the Rectory at 4pm. Financial packets are available in the Sacristy.