One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 13
- 5:00pm (O) Larry Settle (2nd Anniversary)
  Lingkod Medical Mission 2016

Sunday, February 14 ***First Sunday of Lent***
- 8:00am The Fisher Family
- 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

Monday, February 15 ***Presidents' Day*** (Rectory closed)
- 9:00am Daisy Rosella Croy

Tuesday, February 16
- 9:00am Arnold Parodi

Wednesday, February 17
- 9:00am Barbara Anne Ford (1st Anniversary)
  J. D. Ford (15th Anniversary)

Thursday, February 18
- 9:00am Communion Service

Friday, February 19
- 9:00am (M) Manuel Mello
  Julia Jordan Finn
- 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, February 20
- 1:30pm(M) Mass at Forest Farm
- 5:00pm Frank Jurczak (Anniversary)

Sunday, February 21 ***Second Sunday of Lent***
- 8:00am Maria Carroll
- 10:30am George and Helen Leeber
- 5:00pm Carl L. McClanahan, Jr.

In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O'Brien
M = Rev. Eugene McKenna

March 14, 15, 16 is our Parish Mission with the theme: ***"Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father's Mercy"*** (Pope Francis). On these three days of prayer and reflection we will ask God for the grace of deepening in Jesus' compassion and mercy. **The Mission will take the place of March LIFE celebrations for all High School and Adult participants, a take-home lesson will also be provided to families of our young parishioners. More detailed information on the presenters of this Mission will follow.

LIFE (Learning **I**n **F**aith **E**xperiences)

I awoke early this morning and decided to spend my unexpected gift of extra time reflecting on the liturgical season of Lent and looking at the readings, as well as some reflections for Ash Wednesday and the 1st Sunday of Lent. One of the reflections I came across referred to Lent as a "World-Wide Repentance Program." At first glance, the wording made me chuckle, but I kept re-reading and praying on it. The truth of the matter is that the season of Lent is all about getting back to our origins, our roots: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Those who minister and work in the Catholic Church always seem to hold in prayer a longing for a renewal of people, a prayerful hope that the hearts of the baptized are filled with a deep thirst or hunger for God at the center of their lives. We pray to see the day that our Masses are full of people filled with the Spirit of the Lord. On Ash Wednesday the number of the faithful increases exponentially; our response to the longing for God and his drawing us "home." The message of Ash Wednesday was that we humans are sinners and in need of repentance, reforming/changing our lives by praying, fasting and giving alms – which is completely counter-cultural to what we know in our society today. Getting back to the World-Wide Repentance Program, found at PresentationMinistries.com was this: "*The Catholic Church, in her wisdom and guided by the Holy Spirit, recognizes that people's hearts are restless until they rest in God* (St. Augustine). *Knowing that something deep within the heart of men and women longs to be reconciled with God* (2Cor.5:20), *the Church designed a world-wide program of repentance. It is called the season of Lent, and this program begins on Ash Wednesday. Therefore, with millions of believers around the world, 'rend your hearts'* (Jl. 2:13) *and enter into the season of Lent*." The season of Lent invites us to simplify our lives and to identify with what is most basic and unpretentious. If we listen deeply, the Spirit will lead us into the desert to fast, pray, and face our own temptations. Once we've experienced the desert, only then will we be more fully ready and prepared to follow Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem.

Written by Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

Woo-hoo, **school vacation**! We have the perfect ending to a vacation week for you: **LIFE** celebrations are on Sunday, 2/21 from 11:30-2pm and Monday, 2/22 from 5:30-8pm in the Parish Center. This month's theme is: "*Gifts of Attitude."* If you are unable to attend your regular celebration, take note of the time frame on the opposite day for ease in scheduling. Have a fun and safe vacation! This vacation week may be a perfect time to make a pilgrimage to visit a Holy Door at a designated Cathedral/Church during our *Year of Mercy*???

Paint, Pour & Pray – A Lenten Meditation Through Art: Be seated on the stage at McVinney Auditorium, Providence, where you will be guided through painting a custom Lenten themed image as you reflect on the meaning of this holy season on Feb. 27. A pre-paint reception will be held from 6:30-7:30pm followed by the actual event from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. The fee is $60pp. Space is limited. For more info/tickets call 401-278-4589.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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.

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

4 bags oranges	4 loaves bread
200 paper napkins	200 plastic knives (knives only)

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, Feb. 16. We served 87 meals in January.

CHURCH SUPPORT – Feb. 6/7, 2016
Weekly Collection $6251.00
The Second Collection next weekend will be for the reduction of our Parish Debt.
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 STUDY led by Jane Parrillo continues on Tuesday, Feb 16 from 9:45 to 10:30am in the family room of the Church. All are welcome to come and share in this Lenten Journey.

Guidelines for Lent 2016: Abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Good Friday is also a day of fasting. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less (only one full meal that day and no solid food between meals). Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

CAC-TEENS FOR JEANS: The Community Action Committee is asking for your help supporting Gaudet Middle School in their effort to collect jeans for the "Teens for Jeans" 2016 campaign of DOSOMETHING.ORG. which is one of the largest global orgs for young people and social change (over 5 million members in 130 countries) who tackle volunteer campaigns that impact every cause. Collections of "gently-used" jeans will be given to local organizations for distribution to homeless youth in the area. Please consider helping Gaudet School out in this cause. Place "gently-used" jeans in the marked blue bin in the entrance of the church. Jeans will be collected by the CAC and taken to Gaudet School. The campaign runs through Feb. 29, so the deadline for our collection will be Wed., Feb. 24. ***Thank you for your help***.

Come join the cast of Swanhurst Chorus Theater's upcoming production of **Mary Poppins** for a Perfectly Perfect afternoon of "tea" and cakes with Mary, kite-making with Bert, and a visit with the Bird Woman. (Mary may even teach you how to spell her "special" word!) The event takes place at St. Lucy's Parish Center on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 1:00-2:30pm. The cost is $10 per child (accompanied by required adult). Tickets available at www.swanhurst.org or by calling 682-1630.

SNAP (**S**upplemental **N**utrition **A**ssistance **P**rogram) provides extra help to purchase food. It is a supplement to income and may free up cash normally spent on food for non-food purchases. More details will be in next week's bulletin. ***Revised SNAP Outreach materials can be found on the table at the back of the Church.***

The Diocesan **CareBreaks** Program assists family caregivers in paying for a regular break from care giving duties for a family member over the age of 60. For more information, call Hector at the **CareBreaks** Program at 421-7833 (x211).

Rhode Island Catholic's annual February Subscription Campaign is underway. To subscribe to your national award-winning diocesan newspaper, 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, or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 140-year mission of bringing the good news of the church to your home each week.

The 2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL has begun! Many of you have already responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. If you have not yet made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of Feb. 20/21 and 27/28. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. ***Thank you!***