

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 20  
 5:00pm (S) Frank Jurczak (Anniversary)  
 Sunday, February 21 **Second Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00am (S) Maria Carroll  
 10:30am (H) George and Helen Leeber  
 5:00pm (H) Carl L. McClanahan, Jr.  
 Monday, February 22  
 9:00am (S) Fred Gauch  
 Tuesday, February 23  
 9:00am (M) John Finerty  
 Wednesday, February 24  
 9:00am (S) Robert Cody  
 Thursday, February 25  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 Friday, February 26  
 9:00am (M) Frank P. (Mickey) Mello  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
 7:50pm Benediction  
 Saturday, February 27  
 5:00pm (O) Bill Nash (3rd Anniversary)  
 Julia Jordan Finn  
 Sunday, February 28 **Third Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00am Elaine Lussier (Birthday Remembrance)  
 10:30am (O) Joan Arnold (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O'Brien  
 M = Rev. Eugene McKenna  
 S = Rev. Joseph Saji, C.P.  
 H = Rev. Joseph Henry

**Lent has begun!** "Give alms, Pray to your Father, Fast without a gloomy face." (Mat 6:1-18). Please try to make time for prayer, fasting, almsgiving. To assist you, Lenten prayer books and Operation Rice Bowl containers are available at the doors of the Church.



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 presenters will be Rev. Henry (Harry) Cain, S.J., S.T.L. and Virginia A. Blass, D. Min., M.A., M.Ed. Fr. Cain is an experienced Spiritual Director, preacher, and retreat master. His preaching style is known for its wit, wisdom, and a bit of humor. Fr. Cain is a Jesuit of the United Northeast Province and has offered ministry in many Jesuit retreat centers and parishes in the United States. Virginia Blass is an experienced and certified Spiritual Director, preacher, author, consultant, and retreat master. She has been engaged in ministry for over 25 years in collaboration with both the Passionist and Jesuits of the Tri-Province. Virginia has offered many presentations, workshops, and retreats and is presently on the Parish Staff at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jamaica, NY. Both Fr. Cain and Virginia have published materials on a comprehensive discernment program, a retreat program, and a book about a Parish-based social outreach program.

Woo-hoo, **school vacation!** We have the perfect ending to your school vacation week. LIFE celebrations are on this Sunday, 2/21 from 11:30-2pm and this 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.

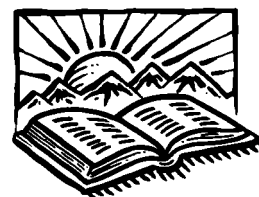
**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/  
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/  
 Lk 13: 1-9

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.

**CHURCH SUPPORT – Feb. 13/14, 2016**

Weekly Collection **\$4998.00**  
**The Second Collection this 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 23 from 9:45 to 10:30am in the family room of the Church. All are welcome to discuss, reflect on, and share their thoughts of the upcoming Sunday readings.

**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 organizations 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.**

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).

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](http://www.swanhurst.org) or by calling 682-1630.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:** I will be away this current weekend and will return next Saturday, Feb. 27. A number of priests will provide priestly ministry for the people of St. Lucy's during my absence. **Fr. John**

**ASA Night at Corner Bakery** will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 4-9pm. Stop in for dinner and dessert! ASA will get 20% of all proceeds from anyone who goes to this event. Call 848-4300 for more information.

**All Saints STEAM Academy Spring Scholarship Tea** will be held at St. Lucy's Hall on April 10 from 1-3pm. Get your \$12 ticket for this annual event and take a chance on many beautiful raffle prizes. Call 848-4300 for tickets/information.

**SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) 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. SNAP participants can have a job, a home, a car, and a bank account. Participants may be eligible for lower electric and telephone rates and free school meals for their children. For information and assistance please call the SNAP hotline at 1-866-306-0270. **Revised SNAP Outreach materials can be found on the table at the back of the Church.**

**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](http://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.

**A Festival Spaghetti Dinner** will be held at St. Barnabas on Saturday, Feb. 27 immediately following the 5pm Mass in the Parish Hall. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausages, salad, bread, and beverages. Tickets are: \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Children (6-12), and free for children under 5. The Family Max is \$20. For your listening enjoyment music will be provided by Linda Alber. For tickets call 683-1343.

**A Transformational Music and Speaking Event** will be held at St. Barnabas on Thursday, March 10 at 7pm. What if this Lent really was a turning point in your life? Find a deeper connection with God through this uplifting event. Tajci Cameron will be the presenter. She is an award winning singer, TV show host, published author and creator of "I Thirst" which is the acclaimed musical adaptation of the Crucifixion Story. For more information, please call 683-1343.

**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 this weekend, Feb. 20/21 and next weekend Feb. 27/28. **Thank you for your generosity!!**