



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and Jesus' Baptism tomorrow, there's so much to challenge ourselves with! Today we continue the story of Jesus' birth that tells of the Magi, who, after having read and studied the maps of the sky, followed the star that led them to Jerusalem. Upon arriving there the Magi asked "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." For the magi, the stars weren't simply a light show or entertainment. The stars were their way of life and, literally, their guiding lights. The Magi knew that on that night in Bethlehem something had drastically shifted and that the light that emerged could/should not be ignored, and so they followed the pull of the star, without question, and despite many obstacles and dangers they arrived. "Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and on entering the dwelling they saw the child with Mary his mother." Last week we experienced a "super moon." Well, I'm not sure how many of us literally experienced or even saw the super moon because of how freezing cold it was outside! All I could think of when I saw this super moon was how ginormous and bright it was: its power, presence, pull, and beauty. I was also thinking about this column and that this "super moon" probably wasn't anything compared to the star that shone over Bethlehem! God speaks to us in our surroundings – could we, and do we notice when God speaks to us in an obvious way? So often we ask God to show us a sign, but when the sign appears are we too distracted or too afraid to follow it? May the light of this star that led the Magi to the King of Kings guide us to also recognize and accept Jesus the King into the depths of our hearts. Once we recognize and accept Jesus love, we are forever changed and are called to bring the light of Jesus to those we meet – friend and stranger!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:19-20/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10/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, 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
 Jn 1:35-42

Visiting the Sick: Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x 205) when a family member is in the hospital.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. Matthew 2:10-11a

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6
 5:00pm (O) Domingos Rodrigues (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, January 7, **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 8:00am (O) William and Mary Brennan
 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 12:00pm Baptism
 5:00pm (O'N) Christopher Grant (Living)

Monday, January 8
 9:00am Elaine Lussier (3.5 year Anniversary)

Tuesday, January 9
 9:00am Kenneth Peckham

Wednesday, January 10
 9:00am George and Mary Bannon

Thursday, January 11
 9:00am (O) Communion Service

Friday, January 12
 9:00am (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, January 13
 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander
 5:00pm (O) Connie Chamberlin (10th Anniversary)

Sunday, January 14
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
 O = Rev. John O'Brien
 O'N = Rev. Thomas O'Neill

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.

St. Lucy's Food Pantry is in need of replenishments during these winter months. Suggested items include Peanut Butter, Jelly, Boxed Crackers, Pasta, Campbell's Chunky Soup (beef and chicken), Chef Boyardee (all varieties), Progresso soups, Canned Vegetables (corn, peas, green beans, carrots) Canned meats, and Cereal. **Thank you**, in advance, for your constant care of our neighbors.

The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State St., in New Haven, CT, has a new exhibit, *Peace on Earth: Crèches of the World*. The show includes more than 70 Nativity scenes from artists across the globe. Open 10-5 daily. Free admission and parking. For more information call 201-865-0400 or go to kofcmuseum.org.

CHURCH SUPPORT December 30-31, 2017
Weekly Collection \$5186.00
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS
EFT Users will not receive a 2017 Year End Contribution Statement (for tax purposes). If you would like to generate a contribution history report:

- 1) Log in to www.parish-giving.org with your username and password.
- 2) Click on the "My Contribution History" tab.
- 3) Leave the contribution name blank so that you can capture all contributions.
- 4) Type in start and end dates.
- 5) Click "Refresh".
- 6) You will be shown a list of contributions in chronological order.
- 7) Click on the Adobe Acrobat icon to convert the report to a printable or e-mailable PDF file.

Waltz Envelope Users will receive their 2017 contribution report in the mail.

2018 March For Life: The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, DC for the **Annual March For Life on Jan. 19**. The cost for the overnight ride is \$83 per person and the bus will leave RI on Thursday, Jan. 18. Paul Boudreau, a Parishioner of St. Lucy's Church, will be going and asks that anyone interested in joining him should contact the Rectory.

The **Spirituality for Everyday Living Mini-retreat series** will begin the New Year with "**Follow Your Bliss**" led by Peggy Patenaude on Wednesday, January 10 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10am to 12:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand. In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the audio presentation *Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism*. Registering for Formed is easy and FREE! Simply go to formed.org and use the parish code **B84KHM** to start enjoying outstanding Catholic media today.

On Wednesday, January 17 St. Lucy's will host the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The schedule of that day includes 9am Mass, Presentation, Rosary, Movies (*Our Lady of Guadalupe Mother of Hope, The Blood and the Rose, Mystery of Guadalupe*), 12pm Angelus, 2pm Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy, 6pm Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Presentation. Please mark this date on you calendar in order to set aside some prayer time with Our Lady.

Reminder: Confirmation I and II students will meet in the Parish Center on Sunday, Jan. 7 from 5:45 to 7:45pm (after the 5pm Mass) for the scheduled "Called to Serve" Gathering.

January 2018 Clements receipts will count twice for all purchases made at Clements' Marketplace in Portsmouth during the month of January 2018. Please place your receipts in the box on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your participation.

A Community Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, January 18th from 3 to 8pm at the Knights of Columbus Council #256, 7 Valley Rd., Middletown. Free steak dinner and \$5 coupon to Dunkin Donuts for all donors. Everyone welcome!

Hope & Cope is a faith-based support group intended for those struggling with or supporting a family member or a friend struggling with alcohol or drug addictions or mental distress. The Hope & Cope Group will meet in the St. Barnabas Chapel Meeting Room from 5:00 to 6:00pm on January 21, February 18, and March 18. This program is free, open to everyone, and no registration is required. For more information, please email Deacon John Silvia (deaconjohn@jsilvia.com).

The Prout School in Wakefield will offer a third test date for the **High School Placement Test (HSPT)** at Prout on Saturday, January 20. To register, go to www.theproutschool.org. For more information on The Prout School or to arrange for a tour or Shadow visit, contact Admissions Director Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262 (x 514).