



Proclaim the message
that I tell you.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

We're not listening to the SAME Gospel reading two weeks in a row, but a different version from another Gospel writer. In Mark's Gospel I feel as if Jesus is more of a take charge kind of person as he's the one doing the "inviting." While preaching (after John's arrest) Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and saw Simon and Andrew, both fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus invites them to "come, and follow..." and they immediately dropped what they were doing and followed Jesus. Shortly thereafter we see this invitation once again come to life as James and John leave their boat, nets, and father – to follow Jesus. In this Gospel I often imagine that the brother's heads must be spinning! Think of a time in your life when you've been called upon, unexpectedly, to "drop everything." This "drop everything" request is usually one that involves a sense of urgency and calls us to abruptly stop whatever it is that we're doing in order to focus on and do something else; to suddenly change our plans. I don't know about you, but when I get an urgent "drop everything" request, sometimes I find it really hard to change my plans – while other times the change of plans is second-nature, no thought involved in how necessary this change of plans is for me. There are a lot of variables as to why we change plans easily and at other times not-so-easily, or that we don't change them at all - but we won't get into the psychology of that now. Each of us is involved in many important activities every day. Yet, there are times when we are willing to drop everything and change our plans. Our changing of plans shows that our priorities change as well. In this Gospel we hear that Jesus' first disciples suddenly changed their plans when Jesus called them to follow him. There must have been something very special about Jesus to make the fishermen change their priorities so quickly. Jesus called them, and they immediately made the invitation to be a disciple of his the most important thing in their lives. Jesus also invites us to make living as his disciple the most important thing in our lives. When Jesus comes to you at your place of work, in your home, at your school – and invites you to *Come after me*, will you "drop everything" and change your plans to follow – OR – will you (no pun intended) miss the boat because you may be too busy, too distracted to hear, too set in your ways, or find Jesus' request "too much" to ask of you. How will you respond to Jesus' invitation to *Come after me*?

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

LIFE celebrations are this weekend! Join fellow Parishioners in the Parish Center as we continue to learn about *Living the Liturgical Year* as we focus on "*Celebration and Feasts*." Sunday's celebration is from 11:30-2pm, and Monday from 5:30-8pm. Both days begin with a meal, prayer, and getting to know fellow Parishioners. Every celebration concludes with shared prayer as well. Why not *Come and See* what this is all about? If registered participants are unable to attend their scheduled day, please make note of the opposite days' time to participate fully.

First Reconciliation Review Class is on Thursday, January 25 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

Please pray for our young parishioners who will be experiencing God's merciful and unconditional love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30pm in the Church. These young people include: *Emma Byrd, Joshua Caetano, Cameron Carlisle, Maya Ferris, John Fiske, Wyatt Gauch, Malenniya Lincoln, Jorge Pacheco, Gabriel Pidgeon, Angelise Prieto, Cecilia Raposa, and Layne Stevens*. Any Parishioner who would like to bring NUT-FREE baked goods or snacks to the Parish Center for our Reception immediately following the Service, is asked to drop off the "goodies" in the Parish Center on January 30th between 9am-2:30pm. Many Thanks!!

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Community Action Committee (CAC)

Unused Christmas and all occasion cards are being collected for distribution to the ACI inmates and juvenile offenders at the RI Training School. There is a need for Spanish language cards. All donations may be deposited in the appropriate bin at the entrance of the Church. Thank you!

CHURCH SUPPORT January 13/14, 2018

Weekly Collection \$5804.00
Debt Collection \$2737.00
 This week's second collection is for the Catholic University.
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

The Diocesan Office of Family and Life will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program at St. Lucy's Parish Center*. The free program is offered each Thursday from 7 to 8:30pm from February 1 through March 22. This support group which offers a peaceful place to share and learn about grief is most appropriate for adults at least 3 months beyond their loss. For registration/information, please contact Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833 (x 217).

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20
 5:00pm (O) Mary Mello Silvia
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 Sunday, January 21
 8:00am (O) Aline C. Lathan (6th Anniversary)
 10:30am (O) John Fabian (11th Anniversary)
 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 Monday, January 22
 9:00am William Spencer Bell
 Tuesday, January 23
 9:00am John Finnerty
 Wednesday, January 24
 9:00am Michael Sheeley (4th Anniversary)
 Thursday, January 25
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, January 26
 9:00am (S) Frank P. "Micky" Mello
 Deceased members of the Vincent F. McMahan, Sr. Family
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
 Litany to Mary
 7:50pm Benediction
 Saturday, January 27
 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton and Eva B. Mello
 (Birthday Remembrances)
 Sunday, January 28
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 10:30am (O) Tony Raposo
 5:00pm St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O'Brien
 O'N = Rev. Thomas O'Neill
 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** 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.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to residents of Grand Islander. Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) if you can help with this ministry.

FORMED: Catholic Faith on Demand. Monday, Jan. 22 is the **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. Recommended reading in preparation for this day is the book-Redeemed by Grace: *A Catholic Woman's Journey to Planned Parenthood and Back*. For teens recommended viewing is Pro-Life (Ydisciple). If you have not registered yet, simply go to formed.org and enter the parish code B84KHM. It's free! Start reading and viewing today!

All Saints STEAM Academy will hold an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 10am to 1pm. ASA offers an affordable Catholic education for children in Grades Pre-S through 8. On Thursday, Feb. 1 from 6 to 7:30pm ASA will hold its annual *History Night at the Museum* and celebrate their accomplishment of earning STEAM Academy certification by Roger Williams University. For more information, please call 848-4300 or visit www.allsaintsacademy.org.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

Waltz Envelope Users will receive their 2017 contribution report in the mail directly from The Waltz Co., not the Church. **EFT Users** will not receive a 2017 Year End Contribution Statement (for tax purposes). If you would like to generate a contribution history report: Log in to www.parish-giving.org with your username and password/ Click on the "My Contribution History" tab/ Leave the contribution name blank so that you can capture all contributions/ Type in start and end dates/ Click "Refresh"/ List of contributions in chronological order will be shown/ Click on the Adobe Acrobat icon to convert the report to a printable or e-mailable PDF file.

Meditation for our journey through the New Year:
 (Howard Thurman)

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
 then the work of Christmas begins:
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the prisoners,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among all,
 to make music with the heart.*