"Christ took away our infirmities
And bore our diseases." Matthew 8:17

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 3
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Sunday, February 4
8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Monday, February 5
9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners
Tuesday, February 6
9:00am Ann Modugno, Terrance Gallant, and Arthur Gallant
Wednesday, February 7
9:00am Gustave W. Freese
Thursday, February 8
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, February 9
9:00am (S) Daisy Rosella Croy
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction
Saturday, February 10
1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander
5:00pm (O) Larry Settle (4th Anniversary)
Sunday, February 11
8:00am (O) Evan Michael Nesby (6th Anniversary)
10:30am (O) John R. "Rob" Mello (2nd Anniversary)
12:00 noon Baptism
5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

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

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.

LIFE (Learning **I**n **F**aith **E**xperiences)
Last Tuesday we had a very special event take place at St. Lucy's: some of our young Parishioners received the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Together as a Faith Community, we experienced and had a share in God's grace-filled, unconditional, generous, transforming and forgiving love in a new and special way! Over the last months, along with the Sacramental and **LIFE** Catechists, I've had the honor and privilege of getting to know these young Parishioners (and their families) as they embarked on this part of their faith journey. I'm always amazed and yes, flabbergasted, by how the Holy Spirit works in our lives as I watch these young people grow stronger in faith and in their relationships with their loving God by asking questions, sharing stories, and praying together. Tuesday evening, families and children gathered in Church, all dressed up for a special occasion: meeting Jesus in a new and different way. Of course the children were a little nervous anticipating doing something new and different for the first time, but as each one emerged from their private confession, after having been absolved of their sins, they came out with a sense of joyous freedom (and also accomplishment). The transformation of each child was actually visible to the human eye: each young person who went in to the Reconciliation Room came out with a heart transformed and filled with God's love! The change in each child reminded me of a line (scene) from the The Grinch Who Stole Christmas: their hearts "grew three sizes that day"! As we sang our closing song: *This Little Light of Mine*, my heart knew that these words that were being sung so loudly had found a home in the hearts of our sheep who had been found by their loving Shepherd! *Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine… let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*! *Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine… let it shine, let it shine, let it shine! When I see my neighbor coming, I'm gonna let it shine… let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!* I ask that you please continue to pray for all of our young Parishioners that they continue to ask questions, share stories, and pray each day, while they also begin preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Written by: Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

First Eucharist classes begin on Thursday, February 8 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center. Students will receive their text book at class.

LIFE is **next** weekend: February 11 (11:30 to 2pm) or February 12 (5:30 to 8pm). Please put a reminder on your phone or calendar so you do not miss out on our continuing theme of *"Living the Liturgical Year"* as we delve deeper into our month's topic preparing for ***"Ash Wednesday and Lent."***

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

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS
Tuesday, Feb. 21

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
3 loaves of bread 3 (1 pound) boxes butter (sticks only)
4 bags oranges
3 small shaker bottles of Parmesan Cheese
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. 21. Thank you for all your support. We served 93 meals in January.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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 27/28, 2018

Weekly Collection	**$5520.00**
Latin America Collection	**$1699.00**

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

A Polish Dinner will be held by St. Christopher's and St. Theresa's Parishes in Tiverton on Saturday, Feb. 10 at St. Theresa's Parish Hall starting at 5pm. This dinner will benefit the Youth who will be attending the Jamaican Mission Trip in June. For more information and/or tickets, please call 624-8746.

The Diocesan Office of Family and Life has begun the *Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program* **at St. Lucy's Parish Center.** This free program is offered each Thursday from 7 to 8:30pm 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 more information, please contact Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833 (x 217).

January 2018 Clements receipts will count twice for all purchases made at Clements' Marketplace in Portsmouth during the month of January 2018. It's not too late to check your pockets and pocketbooks for receipts which should be placed in the box on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your participation!!

A Community Lecture, *Preventative Cardiology for Women*, will be held at Newport Hospital on Feb. 8 from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information/registration, please call 845-1505.

FORMED: **Catholic Faith on Demand**. February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. There are many movies, books, audio presentations, and documentaries for both adults and children about St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes. Use the parish code B84KHM to register at formed.org and watch some of this material this week with your family.

40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign: The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the **Lenten Campaign** beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Palm Sunday, March 25. **The Kick-off Rally** begins with Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 12:05pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Following Mass, there will be a walk to Planned Parenthood for a short rally and meditation on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The focus is prayer, fasting, and community outreach. As part of the campaign Parishes are being asked to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad St., Providence during this 40 day period from 7am to 7pm. Please encourage women who are in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance! For more information contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

EFT: Do you ever feel frustrated for having forgotten to bring your money/checkbook with you when you attend Mass on weekends? Make your life a little simpler by registering online to automatically make your weekly/monthly offering in support of St. Lucy's. This can be set up in a similar fashion to on-line bill payment. Once you have registered and set it up, you will never have to be bothered with "remembering" to bring your payments to Church on the weekends.

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.