



“Moved with pity he stretched out his hand...and said to him ‘
Be made clean.’” Mark 1:41



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

On February 7th we (I) celebrated the Feast of St. Colette. Each year I look forward with anticipation to this day and use it as a guide or measuring stick (not that I compare or anything...) of where I am in my spiritual life and lived faith. Get a load of this: “Colette did not seek the limelight, but in doing God’s will she certainly attracted a lot of attention.” Makes me laugh, and wonder about my life and the choices/decisions that I make. Why don’t you take a few moments to look up to see when your namesake’s feast day is celebrated and “enjoy” spending time with him/her comparing and contrasting – or even just using as a role model to better live your life. You can google or just go to www.catholic.org/saints/. On Wednesday we have two things to celebrate, it’s Ash Wednesday, the start of our Lenten journey and it’s also Valentine’s Day. At first glance, these two occasions seem as if they’re coming from opposite ends of the spectrum but, *both* days are about love. Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey where we are signed with the cross of Christ and follow that cross during the next 40 days when we finally arrive at the most holy week of the Church year and commemorate Jesus’ unconditional act of love: his passion, death and resurrection that saves us and give us life with him forever. Our symbols of Valentine’s Day this year will be that of a cross and as always, a valentine’s heart. Perhaps these two events in one day will help us to not get so caught up in the wave of consumerism to express our love (feel free to look up who St. Valentine was and make it more of a religious celebration). Here’s a suggestion for a great way to celebrate Valentine’s Day: go to Church together! Ash Wednesday Masses here at St. Lucy’s are: 9am and 7pm, as well as a 12noon Prayer Service with distribution of ashes.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

LIFE is this 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.

Please bring your **January Clement’s receipts** to St. Lucy’s as soon as possible. We need \$800 more of January receipts in order to qualify for the double reward. **Thank you!**

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!

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, February 10
5:00pm (O) Larry Settle (4th Anniversary)
- Sunday, February 11
8:00am (O) Evan Michael Nesby (6th Anniversary)
10:30am (O) John R. “Bob” Mello (2nd Anniversary)
12:00 noon Baptism
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Monday, February 12
9:00am Terry Nolan McHugh
- Tuesday, February 13
9:00am Larry Settle (4th Anniversary)
- Wednesday, February 14, **Ash Wednesday**
9:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
Ralph and Terry Savaria (Living)
12 Noon Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
(No Mass)
7:00pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- Thursday, February 15
9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, February 16
9:00am (S) Nicole Follansbee
Eduardo N. Martinez
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, February 17
2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown
5:00pm (O) Kenneth Page
- Sunday, February 18, **First Sunday of Lent**
8:00am (S) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
10:30am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
5:00pm (O) 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.

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: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mk 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

CHURCH SUPPORT February 3/4, 2018

Weekly Collection \$6203.00
The second collection next weekend will be for the reduction of the Parish Debt.
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

The Diocesan Office of Family and Life continues 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).

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.

Salve Regina University invites you to “**Seeking Shelter: A Story of Place, Faith, and Resistance.**” The Opening Reception is on on Monday, Feb. 12 from 4:30 to 6pm in McKillop Library. The film at 4:30 explores the relationship between Jesuit peace activist Daniel Berrigan, his Protestant friend William Stringfellow and the Block Island Community.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

****Formed: Catholic Faith on Demand** Watch, Read, and Reflect for 10 minutes a day. Lenten reflections direct to your inbox. **Watch** a beautiful video reflection from Bishop Hying’s ECHO series. **Read** an inspiring passage from the Catechism. **Reflect** on how God’s truth applies to your life. Use the parish code B84KHM to register at formed.org to sign up for the above Lenten reflections. It’s free and easy.

****Dynamic Catholic:** This is a free e-mail program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. Sign up at BestLentEver.com.

****Mission at St. Joseph’s Church** from Mar. 17 – Mar 20. The theme is “**Hope**” with guest speaker, Rev. Joseph Paquette.

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. For more information contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

The Annual Catholic Charity Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church by responding to the abundance of human needs in our diocese. Your gift to the **Catholic Charity Appeal** provides much needed help to the poor, the sick, the disabled and to troubled families in crisis. This is an opportunity to join a unified effort in our diocese to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in Rhode Island. Please take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what you are able to share in support of our Diocesan Church. **St. Lucy’s in-pew solicitation will begin Feb. 24/25.**

St. Lucy’s congratulates Susan Schenck, a long-time Parishioner, for her 42 years of employment at The East Bay Community Action Program Susan is also an active member of the community and currently serves on the Community Action Committee and teaches in the Children’s Homily Program. Susan will be honored at her retirement party on on Feb. 22. For information and/or tickets please call Maggie at 847-7821.

Slow me down, Lord. Slow me down!!
Ease my pounding heart; quiet my racing mind;
soothe my frayed nerves; relax my tired muscles.
Teach me the art of taking minute vacations, of keeping in touch with myself, of listening to the voice of God and drawing from it new light, new strength, and new courage.
Slow me down, Lord. Slow me down!!
(Mark Link, Sunday Homilies)