



This is my beloved Son. Listen to him. Mark 9:7b



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**  
I came across this “Do You Want to Fast this Lent?” article/thoughts of Pope Francis and thought that they are a wonderful, out-of-the-box way of looking at fasting; one that we could all learn and grow from. Please ponder, pray, and work with these challenging insights to fasting.

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate towards others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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**First Eucharist Classes** continue on Thurs., March 1 from 3:30-4:45pm in the PC. Please be sure to have homework completed after your vacation week.

**Confirmation I and II Students** will meet on Sun., March 4 from 5:45pm (after 5pm Mass) – 7:45pm for their “Putting Into Practice” Gathering.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
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 1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

**CHURCH SUPPORT February 17/18, 2018**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$5,023.00</b>
<b>Reduction of the Parish Debt</b>	<b>\$3,033.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your continuing generosity.</i>	

**UPDATE:** The amount of \$161.00 in Clements’ Market receipts dated from January 2018 is still needed to reach our goal \$2500.00. (The Parish will get double our return with your help.) *Thank you!*

The Annual Catholic Charity Appeal will be conducted in our Parish this weekend (Feb. 24/25) and next weekend (Mar. 3/4). Christian stewards recognize Christ as the giver of all our many gifts. We are grateful for these many gifts and are eager to give back and return some of these gifts in appreciation to show our love for Christ and for one another. All of us share as Christ’s disciples in the mission of the Diocese of Providence. Only together can we accomplish God’s work. After the homily and lay witness presentation, we will together, as a Parish family, have an opportunity to make our pledge in support of those less fortunate.

**LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

**\*\*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. It’s not too late to sign up at BestLentEver.com.

**\*\*Lenten Penance Service** at St. Lucy’s on Tues., March 13 at 7:00pm sponsored by St. Lucy and St. Joseph Parishes.

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

**\*\*Mission at Holy Ghost Church in Tiverton from Feb. 25-28 at 7pm** with guest speaker, Fr. Zuhlsdorf.

**\*\*Formed: Catholic Faith on Demand** Watch: *A Lent to Remember: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy.* This series communicates God’s invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent. Watch: *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession* explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God’s love. Read: *Meditations for Lent.* Listen to: *The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin.* Use the parish code B84KHM to register at formed.org to sign up for the above Lenten reflections. It’s free and easy.

**\*\*FORMED** also offers free daily e-mail reflections. Use the same code as above to sign up.

**\*\*Lenten Little Black Books** are still available to Parishioners as well as a “Lenten Activity Calendar” for our young Parishioners.

**\*\*Operation Rice Bowl Containers** are available in the Narthex for your donations throughout Lent. These donations which are part of Catholic Relief Services help our neighbors around the world.

**A Spaghetti Supper** will be held at St. Barnabas Church in Portsmouth on Saturday, Mar. 3 at 6:30pm. For more information/tickets, please call 683-1343.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 24  
5:00pm (O) Laura Medeiros (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Sunday, February 25, **Second Sunday of Lent**  
8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
10:30am (O) William J. Nash, Sr. (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

Monday, February 26  
9:00am Frank P. “Mickey” Mello

Tuesday, February 27  
9:00am In memory of Vincent F. McMahon, Sr. and family

Wednesday, February 28  
9:00am William C. Cella

Thursday, March 1  
9:00am Communion Service

Friday, March 2  
9:00am (S) Charlene McClanahan  
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross  
7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, March 3  
5:00pm (O) Marge Skahill (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
The Betty and Spooner families  
Patrick Horgan

Sunday, March 4, **Third Sunday of Lent**  
8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
10:30am (O) Josephine and Joseph Santos  
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

**Children’s Homilies** will be offered on the following Sundays during the 10:30am Mass: this Sunday, Feb. 25, and March 4, 18, and 25.

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

**LaSalette Retreat and Conference Center**  
**\*Walking in the Path of Faith, the Power, Providence Presence of God** with Sister Bridget Haase, OSU will be held on February 28 from 9am to 4pm. This day of reflection directed toward Lent will include three key points of a holy life: living in the moment, trusting in divine care, seeing God everywhere.

**\*Healing Painful Memories** with Dottie Levesque Day of Reflection will be held on March 10 from 8:30am to 4pm. There are times when hurtful events/words/actions of the past continue to invade one’s memory. This day of prayer is geared to help participants recognize and believe that a sea of turmoil can become an ocean of peace. Inner freedom can be a reality.

\*For registration/information contact La Salette Retreat Center at 508-222-8530 or write to office@lasaletteretreatcenter.com.

**Annual Catholic Family Day of Recollection: Freedom Through Penance featuring Musician Ryan Tremblay** will be held on Saturday, March 10 at All Saints Church, 323 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket, from 9am through 3pm. Ryan is an award winning Drummer and Guitarist with an inspiring story to tell. Ryan’s love of music has allowed him to share his love of Jesus and the Church with a wide number of people throughout Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts, and internationally, including by invitation, at World Youth Day in Krakow in 2017. He holds a degree in Jazz Studies from Rhode Island College. All are invited. A free-will lunch will be provided. This event is hosted by Rhode Island Knights of Columbus State Council Chaplain Fr. Joseph Paquette. Please call the RI Knights of Columbus office at 434-0940 to register by Monday, March 5. Participants are invited to bring non-perishable items for the Rhode Island Food Bank.

**Be Not Afraid:** Come to Rachel’s Vineyard/retreat /weekend. On March 16-18 the retreat will be in Spanish and on April 6-8 the retreat will be in English. It is never easy taking the first step, but this post-abortion retreat can be that for you. Our team of laity, counselors, and clergy are trained to help you begin the journey to healing. Our consultation is free and confidential. Please call 421-7833 (x218).

**An Open House will be held at Bishop Hendricken High School,** Warwick on Sunday, March 4 from noon to 3pm. Information is available for: academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities. Entrance exam on Saturday, April 7 at 8:30am. For information, call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

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.