



Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Exodus 20:8

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 3
 5:00pm (O) Marge Skahill (7th 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

Monday, March 5
 9:00am (S) Kenneth Page
 Larry Settle (4th Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 6
 9:00am (S) Paul Buisson

Wednesday, March 7
 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners

Thursday, March 8
 9:00am Communion Service

Friday, March 9
 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, March 10
 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander
 5:00pm (M) Vincent and Joan Arnold

Sunday, March 11, **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
 8:00am (S) Alice Greer
 Sr. Mary Burns (7th Anniversary)
 10:30am (M) Anne Gomes (Birthday Remembrance)
 5:00pm (O'N) Faye Allen (9th Anniversary)

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O'Brien
- O'N = Rev. Thomas O'Neill
- S = Rev. Saji Joseph
- M = Rev. Gene McKenna

Children's Homilies: Sundays during the 10:30am Mass on this Sunday, March 4, and March 18, and 25.

Fr. John will be away this week until Tuesday, March 13. Other priests will be serving St. Lucy's Parish.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

I heard Fr. Joseph Sica preach at a Parish Mission a few years back and was very taken in by his approach, demeanor, gift for storytelling, and his frank way of looking at real life situations. I so enjoy when I'm able to get my hands on his Lenten reflection book, as he doesn't waste any time getting to the truth of the Scriptures and challenging the reader using very down-to-earth examples from everyday living. Fr. Sica, in his Lenten booklet, also offers practical **To Do** suggestions as well as a short prayer (that can easily be repeated throughout the day). The other morning his words just *stuck* – or perhaps a better way to describe it would be to say that they “stall”ed in my heart and mind. Here's his reflection for February 26th entitled: **STALL snap judgments.** “Do not judge and you will not be judged.” (Lk. 6:37) “What does she see in him?” Based on one small thing – someone's weight, their hair, their vocabulary, their accent – we sum up a person, forming snap judgments without even knowing the person. Little to no effort is made to get acquainted or to see whether our initial impression is accurate. Once you make up your mind about someone, it's difficult to change it. Our judgment often causes that person to react in the same way we are judging them. What's the antidote? **STALL.**

Stop judging. Be mindful of your thoughts. Notice when a judgment is forming, and stop it.

Try walking in their shoes. Converse with them in order to gain an understanding of the circumstances in their life.

Accept them. Once you understand, accept the person for who they are – without trying to change them.

Love them. Even if you don't know them or hated them in the past, love them as a sister or brother, no matter who they are.

Let God be the judge. God sees the whole picture. We don't.

Are you up for a challenge? Go for a day, then a week, making judgment-free living part of your routine. Remember: by judging the oyster and dismissing it, we may miss the pearl. Same goes with those we judge. **To Do:** Do something special for someone who has been inaccurately judged and dismissed. **To Pray:** *Dear Lord, forgive me for the times I quickly judge others before hearing their story. Amen.* Wouldn't it be an absolutely wonderful feeling to live in a judgement-free world (not just the judgement-free zone found at *Planet Fitness*)? I realize that would be an awful lot to ask for, but we could at least start with our own section of the world being judgment-free: perhaps our homes, schools, or workplaces?

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

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

First Eucharist classes continue on Th., March 8, 3:30-4:45pm in the PC. Bring your text book©

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS

Tuesday, March 20

- Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc)
- 2 bags oranges 100 (6 in.) paper plates
- 2 bottles salad dressing (ranch or Italian)

If you would like to help with any of the above items, please Sylvia Bunker at 683-0430. You may drop off your donations at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tues., March 20. Thank you for all your support. We served 87 meals in February.

CHURCH SUPPORT February 24/25, 2018

Weekly Collection \$5924.00
Next weekend's second collection will be for the Reduction of the Parish Debt. As of 2/12/18 the Parish Loan Balance is \$49,479.96!!

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

UPDATE: The amount of \$52.00 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

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Catholic Charity Appeal last weekend. After the Homily this weekend, your will be given another opportunity to fill out the envelopes in the pews for your gift. **Catholic Charity employer matching?** If you or your spouse works for a company that offers a Matching Gift Program it may be an opportunity to add to the value of your gift. Obtain the appropriate form from your employer's Human Resources Office and forward it along with your gift to the Office of Stewardship & Development. Please refer to the Matching Gift Link on the donate page for an updated list of matching gift companies.

Community Conversation: Did you know... There has been an increase in children who have been abused and neglected in Newport County? In 2017, 35 children were removed from their homes in Newport. **Please join us on March 5 from 5:30-6:30pm at the Edward King House, 35 King Street, Newport** for a community conversation on what we as community members can do to prevent this issue and help the children stay safe in their community. For more info contact Maureen Philbin at mphilbin@dayoneri.org or 421-4100 x 141.

Reminder: Liturgy Committee will meet Tuesday, March 6 at 3pm in the PC.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-25
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-38/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

****Dynamic Catholic:** This is a free daily e-mail of reflections. 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** offered by St. Lucy and St. Joseph Parishes.

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

****Formed: Catholic Faith on Demand:** Free daily e-mail reflections as well as other Lenten options. Use the parish code B84KHM to register at formed.org.

****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.

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.

Come “Into the Woods” Stephen Sondheim's Broadway musical is being presented by Swanhurst Chorus at their Annual Dinner Theater. Two evening shows remain: March 9 & 10 and matinees on March 4 & 10. For information and reservations contact www.swanhurst.org or 324-9820.

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is conducting a Sheet & Towel Collection for McKinney Shelter at 15 Meeting St. (on Washington Sq.). This homeless/transitional facility that houses 41 people has a great need for these items. Donations of *TWIN sheets* and *bath towels* (new or gently used) are requested. Color and design does not matter. Collections will be through Sunday, March 25. Please place these items in the blue bin in the narthex of the Church. Thank you for your neighborly concern.

The Ancora Ultrasound Van will meet St. Gabriel's Call at Jesus Saviour Church, Broadway and Vernon, Newport. In addition to helping mom during pregnancy and beyond, we are offering an opportunity for a free ultrasound. Each mom will receive a gift bag for their baby and an opportunity to register for additional assistance once the baby is born. Call 278-4508 for an appointment, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 10am to 2pm. These services are provided by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence and RI Right to Life Services.

Freedom Through Penance featuring Musician Ryan Tremblay will be held on Sat., March 10 at All Saints Church, 323 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket, from 9am to 3pm. A free-will lunch will be provided. Please call the RI K of C office at 434-0940 to register by Mon., March 5. Participants are invited to bring non-perishable items for the RI Food Bank.