

"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

Jn 12:28



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

After speaking with some parents and teachers, I've been thinking a lot about the planned walkouts (held last Wednesday) by students for tougher gun laws since the most recent school shooting in FL. As we approach the 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis, leader of the Catholic Church and a leader on the world stage, may we also look to him when we, older and younger community leaders, plan such events – and remember always to seek the guidance and strength that comes only from God, who is love. The following is (one of) Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace (from an Invocation for Peace, June 8, 2014) that perhaps we can pray at the start of each and every work/school day (feel free to challenge others to pray this also).

*Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!
We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.*

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every human. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother" or "sister", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

First Communion Class meets on Th., March 22 from 3:30-4:45pm in the PC. Please bring text book.

Due to weather, our **Lenten Reconciliation Service was cancelled. We welcome you to participate in the Diocesan-wide **Day of Reconciliation**, which for our local parishes will be held right here at St. Lucy's Church on Sat., March 24. At any time between 11am and 2pm you may go to Confession and leave at any time. Please take advantage of this wonderful Sacrament of God's most generous love!

The Stations of the Cross represent events from Jesus' passion and death. At each station we use our senses and imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Our Confirmation II students will lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3pm which is remembered as the hour of our Lord's death on the cross. Please make the time to be present – to be still, to be quiet, to pray and be with Jesus as He makes this journey from death to life. **Rehearsal for the Stations of the Cross for Confirmation students will take place on Sun., March 25 from 6 to 7pm in the Church.**

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 call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0320. 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 - March 10/11 2018

Weekly Collection	\$4945.00
Debt Collection	\$3054.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

The Annual Catholic Charity Appeal continues this week. For your convenience, pledge envelopes are still available in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your support!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47

David the King: Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden, but by allowing negative influences to wreak havoc on Eden, he did not fulfill his kingly responsibility. This 6-part/2-hour DVD presentation by Bishop Robert Barron will be shown in the Parish Center on March 19 and March 26 from 6:30-8:30pm. Stay for the whole presentation or watch half on one day and half on the next.

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is still collecting twin sheets and bath towels (new or gently used) for McKinney Shelter located in Newport. Collections will be through Sunday, March 25. Please place these items in the blue bin in the narthex of the Church. Thank you!!

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." Through your generous gifts, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)** has been able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor by assisting 50 families, providing over \$5,000 in assistance with food, shelter, rent, and utilities. **Thank you!!**

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

****Dynamic Catholic:** This is a free daily e-mail of reflections. It's not too late to sign up at BestLentEver.com.
****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. "Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross" by Monsignor James Shea is a series of powerful meditations taking us into the depths of Christ's agony and back out again into the joy of what His sacrifice means for us. 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 are sent to Catholic Relief Services.

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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

Holy Thursday, March 29
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Good Friday, March 30
Stations of the Cross, 3pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7pm

Holy Saturday, March 31
Confessions, 4 to 5pm (no 5pm Mass)
Celebration of the Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 1
Masses at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am
(No evening Mass)

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 17
5:00pm (O) Richard Palumbo
Dorothy Seiferth

Sunday, March 18, **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:00am (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
10:30am (O) Pat Maida (1st Anniversary)
George and Helen Leeber
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

Monday, March 19
9:00am Staci Croy (living)

Tuesday, March 20
9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners

Wednesday, March 21
9:00am Paula Sheehan Carlson

Thursday, March 22
9:00am Communion Service

Friday, March 23
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 24
11am - 2:00pm ****Deanery Day of Reconciliation**
5:00pm (O) Thomas Hastings
(Anniversary Remembrance)

Sunday, March 25, **Palm Sunday**
8:00am (O'N) Eileen McCarthy
10:30am (O) Faithful Departed of
St. Columba Cemetery
5:00pm (O) Alba Tucci Munn (20th Anniversary)

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

Children's Homilies will take place during the 10:30am Mass this Sunday, March 18 and March 25.

Visiting the Sick: Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) when a family member is in the hospital.