Saint Lucy Catholic Faith Community (401-847-6153) Middletown, RI

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today (Sunday, February 2) is a big day! Is it a big day because it’s also a Sunday in February - also known as Super Bowl Sunday? Some people may think so and actually many people believe that Super Bowl Sunday is the correct answer, despite the Patriots not being one of the Bowl contenders this year. Even though you will find many people (perhaps ourselves included) making a “pilgrimage” to a friend’s, neighbor’s, family member’s, or local watering hole for the most anticipated and “revived” sporting event of the year with all of the pre and post-game activities that lasts all day – that is not the correct answer. The event that I’m writing about and believe should be the MAIN EVENT of the Day, February 2nd is: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, also known as Candlemas Day. This feast day always falls on February 2 and this year it falls on a Sunday (perhaps that is why we are not all that familiar with it). On this day, the 40th day after Jesus’ birth, Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord. We celebrate the humble, loving, trusting actions of these parents who did not know what was ahead in life for them on their journey of parenthood. When they arrived at Temple they encounter Simeon and Anna, two older and very devoted and faith-filled people who had both been praying in the Temple longing for the Savior who would redeem Jerusalem. At the sight of the Child Jesus, they innately knew that he was truly the One they were waiting for! In Simeon’s canticle we hear the words: Jesus is the light. Not a coincidence that we celebrate Candlemas today. Here is the light of Christ shining in the world, and the light of our faith also shining in our world. Pope John Paul II once shared in a homily for this feast day: “Today, with our lighted candles, we too go to meet Him who is “the Light of the world” and we welcome Him in His Church with the full enthusiasm of our baptismal faith. The lighted candles carried by each person in the first part of this solemn liturgy show the watchful and expectant attitude of the Lord which should mark every believer’s life, and particularly the life of those whom the Lord calls to a special mission in the Church. They are a strong reminder to bear witness in the world to Christ, the light that can give sight even to the blind, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Mt 5:16). Although we may not be literally carrying a candle this day, we do, as the baptized, carry the light of faith and are called to bear witness in the world to Christ. See, February 2nd is a big day in our Church!

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

First Eucharist Class meets Thursday, February 6 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

Unused Christmas and all occasion cards are being collected by the Community Action Committee (CAC) for distribution to the inmates at the Adult Correction facility and juvenile offenders at the RI Training School for their personal use. There is a need for Spanish language cards. Cards may be deposited in the blue bin in the narthex of the Church.

Children’s Homily continues at the 10:30am Sunday Liturgy this weekend and on Feb. 16 and 23.

Visiting the Sick: When a family member is in the hospital, please notify Sr. Sheila Murphy at 847-6153 (x205)

Reminder: The Property and Finance Committee will meet on Monday, Feb. 3 at 4:15pm at the Rectory. Financial packets are available in the Sacristy.

Rebecca Killian of Mermaid Masterpieces will host a Paint Night Party at St. Joseph’s Church, corner of Broadway and Mann Ave. in Newport. The 21 years or older event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6th from 6pm to 9pm. Come enjoy a fun night out with friends and family and paint a beautiful view of Battery Park with a Valentine’s Day theme to take home. For more information and to sign up, contact the Parish Office at 6153 (x205).

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Jennifer R. Mello (Birthday Remembrance)

Mary K. Connerton

Eva B. Mello

Sunday, February 2, 2020

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8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

10:30am (M) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

5:00pm (O) The Betty and Spouter Families

Monday, February 3

9:00am Louise Reynolds

Tuesday, February 4

9:00am Roberta Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, February 5

9:00am Rose Kane

Thursday, February 6

9:00am Communion Service

Friday, February 7

9:00am (H) Gustav W. Freese

10:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Adoration

7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, February 8

1:30pm Grand Islander Mass

5:00pm (O) Laura Medeiros (9th Anniversary)

Sunday, February 9

8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

10:30am (M) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

Noon (O) Baptisms

5:00pm (M) John R. “Bob” Mello (4th Anniversary)

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O’Brien
O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill
M = Rev. Gene McKenna
H = Rev. Joseph Henry

Electronic Giving

Weekly Collection $4327.00

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Thank you for your generosity!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Jan. 25-26, 2020

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19/3-Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sam 24:2-9, 17-18/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-14/1-Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: 5 Kgs 7:10-11 Cor 2:1-5/Mk 5:13-16

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 also 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.

Formed: Recommendation for this week: City of Saints. These are true stories of God’s grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael’s Abbey. Called one of the most influential Catholic film series of our lifetime, these 7 short films (3-7 Min. each) have inspired over 1.2 million people worldwide– bringing the light of Christ to the faithful. If you don’t yet have FORMED, use the free parish code B84KIM at www.formed.org.

Let Justice Roll, an original cantata celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Mark Miller with featured soloists and the combined choirs of The First Baptist Church in America & Newman Congregational UCC, will be presented on Sunday, February 23 at 3pm at The First Baptist Church in America on 75 North Main St., Providence. Admission is free.

Congratulations on your First Reconciliation!

January 28, 2020

Rhoode Island Catholic’s Annual Subscription Drive is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 145-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic, in your mailbox each week, please drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Mass, or call Sue Richard, Circulation Manager at 272-1010 ext. 0. You may also subscribe on the newspaper’s website www.thericatholic.com and click on Subscription to order and pay for a subscription. The yearly cost of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only $30. Online payments, checks or money orders made payable to Rhode Island Catholic are preferred.

Parish Giving Statements are sent by email to those with online contributions made through the ParishGiving program. This does not include contributions made by check or envelope.

A Portuguese Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will take place on Saturday, February 15 at 7 Valley Rd., Middletown. Doors open at 6pm. Suggested donation is $20 and includes appetizers, Portuguese dinner, entertainment.

Knights of Columbus Sponsor Youth Basketball Free Throw Championship: All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of 1-1-2019) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 championship which will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 9am at the Bradleys School gym (behind St. Anthony Church, 2820 East Main Road in Portsmouth). Participants are required to furnish proof of age for the competition and written parental consent. Entry forms can be completed at the time of the event. Call James Mace at 293-0798 (home) or 317-6772-6277 (cell) for more information.

We welcome the combined bell choirs of St. George’s and St. Philomena Middle School who will be playing Ave Verum as the prelude for the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 26.

Book Group Discussion: On Wednesday, February 12 at 7pm a group discussion of the Bishop Robert Baron book “Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis” will be held in the Parish Center. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the list in the church entrance to facilitate our set-up for the night.

No news is not necessarily good news. For a complete listing of all upcoming events, check the Parish website www.saintlucyri.com.