Parish.

Fr. John will be on vacation Thursday, March 5
10:30am (O)
Saturday, March 7
9:00am (O’N)

Second Sunday of Lent, March 8
8:00am (O’N) George and Helen Lebrecht
10:30am (M) Pat Maiada (3rd Anniversary)
5:00pm (O’N) Fay Allen (11th Anniversary)
Monday, March 9
9:00am (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Tuesday, March 10
9:00am (O’N) Mr. and Mrs. Joao Raposo
Wednesday, March 11
9:00am (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Thursday, March 12
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, March 13
9:00am (O’N) Marjorie Skahill (Birthday Remembrance)
Kathleen Grisius Sekunda
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm Benediction
Saturday, March 14
1:30pm Mass at Grand Island
5:00pm (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello (Birthday Remembrance)

Third Sunday of Lent, March 15
8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
10:30am (O) Mary Brown
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O’Brien
O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill
M = Rev. Gene McMenna

Bible Study: Every Tuesday immediately following the 9am Mass in the Family Room.

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Assorted fruit desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
4 extra-large sponges
2 large bars 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 Monday, March 17. In February we served 87 meals.

A Lenten Spiritual Journey

LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Our Gospel reading last Tuesday was of Jesus
teaching his disciples how to pray. In
Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus told them “… do not
bubble… Your Father knows what you need before you ask
him.” Of course, Jesus continued by teaching them
The Lord’s Prayer. We’ve heard and hopefully read that passage many
times. On Tuesday when reading that passage, I heard it in a
different way, which was a result of some very insightful
and meaningful discussion that I had with some of our St. Lucy’s
Confirmation candidates. These young people, most of whom I
know since they were 7 years old, came into the forefront of
my thoughts as I read the text (Lk. 11:1-11) in The Word Among Us:
“Have you ever seen a toddler playing with a shape sorter? The toy has blocks shaped like
triangles, squares, or circles and corresponding holes for the
blocks to pass through. The concept is very simple, and yet,
until the child has practiced and developed coordination, it can be
difficult for him to align the shapes correctly to fit through the
holes. Sometimes prayer can feel like trying to fit the rightlock into the right hole. How am I supposed to pray? What
should I pray for? What is a successful prayer? Jesus distilled
down to its essential elements: keep it simple. Persist. Live
yourself up with God’s plan.” Over the years I’ve had the
distinct pleasure and great opportunity to have journeyed with
these fine young ladies and men, watching them grow into themselves.
Thinking about these teenagers, I have a flashback of
memories in my mind of them from childhood to the present
and imagine each of these young parishioners taking the pieces of
their faith (the different shaped toys) and trying to grasp the
concept of getting the piece representative of prayer to fit into the
common toy with the “faith shapes” etched into the sides.
In my imagination, I watch as the works of mercy piece, or
the piece representative of church, or of Catholicity as it is placed in
the appropriate spot. Our Confirmation candidates, having
come close to mastering fitting their faith pieces in their proper
places, developed and continue to grow and mature in their
own relationship with God — through sharing and praying —
especially through one of the very first prayers they were taught:
The Lord’s Prayer. In the quiet simplicity of speaking the
words of this prayer, their (and our) hearts become aligned with
God’s will. Then, in the quiet of listening — God assures us
—that we’ll receive our daily bread, as well as to humbly
receive and to offer forgiveness. “Like a child developing his
skills, one finds it easier to fit the right block into the right
hole. And grows closer to the Lord in the process.” Please join
me in praying for our Confirmation candidates as they confirm
their faith and continue to discover their mission as faith-filled
disciples of Jesus.

Written by Colette M. Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

Reminder: The next class for First Eucharist will be held on
Thursday, Mar. 12 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

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

“Lent for Lent For Life”, the motto of the Rice Bowl collection for the
year, relates the upcoming liturgical season with the life changing aspects of this collection for people throughout the
world. Letting our Lenten season direct our prayers, thoughts
and resources to the poor is a wonderful way to enter this most
important last time in the life of the Church. Through our Rice
Bowl, you help reach 127 million people with lifesaving
support. Seventy five (75%) percent of those people who benefit
from this collection are already part of programs which have
been established by CRS many years ago and continue the
saving work today. The remainder of our collection remains
here in our Diocese to help alleviate hunger and poverty here
in Rhode Island. Please take a Rice Bowl from the Narthex.

CHURCH SUPPORT
February 29/March 1, 2020
Weekly Collection
$570.00
Electronic Giving
$1,087.00
The second collection next week will be for the Building
and Maintenance Fund.
Thank you for your Clemens receipts. We received a
check for $154.90 this week from the church.
Thank you for your generosity!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

On 9-4h:10-16:36 38
Monday: 2 Th 1:9-10, 1:16-20:23 1:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20:20 17:28
2 Th 17:5-10, 16:39-31
Friday: Ge 3:1-9, 17:4, 22aMk.23:34, 43-46
Saturday: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20Lk.15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 13:7-8Rom.5:1-2, 5-8/Jn.4-42

Lenten Prayers:
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 homepage Parishioners
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2020 Catholic Charity Appeal
The 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal is underway! Please refer to
our Parish website at www.stlucy.org where you can view a
3-minute video about the Appeal. Fast click on the “Giving”
tab on the top right of the homepage and then click on “2020
Catholic Charity Appeal” to view the video. Directly below the
video is additional information about the areas of mission in the
Diocese that benefit from this Appeal Fund. The Chairperson
for this year’s Appeal at St. Lucy’s Parish is Jeffrey Moniz,
who will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE
A collection of non-perishable items for the Martin Luther
King Center and St. Lucy’s Parish continues during this Lenten
season. Such items include: Spam, tuna, nut butter, jams,
jellies, cereals, canned fruit, olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil,
canned pasta sauce/canned tomatoes, canned veggies esp.
beets and spinach, canned/bagged beans, canned lentils, salad
dressing, ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, rice, noodles,
mac and cheese, coffee, tea, juices, 100% whole grains like
brown rice, quinoa, bulgur, barley, rolled oats, wild rice, whole
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RCIA classes are available for those who would like to become
Catholic. For further information, please email Jane Parrillo at

Sunday, March 15th, from noon to 3pm. For more information,
please call the Admissions Office at 401-889-5425.

Rachel’s Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat Weekend will be
held on March 27, 28, 29. To learn more about the retreat
weekends and how you can participate, call Carol at 278-2518.
Retreats are also offered in Spanish. This is a ministry offered
by the Office of Life and Family Ministry. All calls are
confidential.

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

The Second Sunday of Lent
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