Lord, you are truly the Savor of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

**Third Sunday of Lent, March 15**

- 8:00am (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- 10:30am (O) Mary Brown
- 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

**Monday, March 16**

- 9:00am (O) Robert Corbin

**Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick’s Day**

- 9:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

**Wednesday, March 18**

- 9:00am (O) Vincent F. McMahon and Family

**Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph’s Day**

- 9:00am (O) Catholic Community Service

**Friday, March 20**

- 9:00am (O) Tilia Delmonico and Lorenzo

**Jack Cambra 11th Anniversary**

- 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:30pm Benediction

**Second Sunday of Lent, March 22**

- 8:00am (O) Alice Greer and Eileen McCarthy
- 10:30am (O) Paula Sheahan Karlson (Anniversary)

The Hastings Family

- A. Claire Clancy

- 5:00pm (O) Angelo, Julia, and Elvira Dimattia

**Soup Kitchen Needs**

- Tuesday
  - Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
  - 4 extra large sponges
  - 4 bags oranges
  - 2 loaves bread
  - 4 shaker bottles 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 Tuesday, March 17. In February we served 87 meals.

**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

**We’re at yet another week in our liturgical year celebrating two important saints: St. Patrick and St. Joseph. The Feast of St. Patrick is celebrated on March 17th. St. Joseph is one of the patron saints of Ireland. When Irish Catholics immigrated to the United States they brought with them their devotion to this Patron圣 of Ireland. Patrick immigrated to Ireland as a missionary, from his home in Britain. St. Patrick is credited with converting the country in a span of 33 years; he changed Ireland forever and his influence was universal. Through St. Patrick’s work, religious orders and monasteries were established and spread – with his work having continued. As the Irish emigrated, they took their Faith with them and St. Joseph Spread this faith, what Patrick did when he went to Ireland. The people of Ireland, and the Catholic Church see Patrick’s holiness as the living out of his Catholic faith – living the Gospel and loving Christ above all things. The second feast we celebrate this week is the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Joseph was tremendously important in welcoming the Son of God into the world, protecting Jesus and His Mother Mary. He was the foster-father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. We know little about St. Joseph, but we do know that he was a man of silence (not one recorded word of him is found in the gospels), strength, obedience, simplicity and tender care of his family, all qualities that tell us of his holiness. Joseph was a simple carpenter engaged to Mary, who found that Mary was pregnant. At this finding, Joseph trusted the angel’s message and married Mary despite the fact that her child wasn’t his. Joseph migrated to Egypt to protect his family, afterwards living in fear that enemies of Jesus might still look for the child to take His life. Throughout his lifetime, Joseph lived simply as a husband, a father, and a worker. A life that most everyone can relate to as it resembles the lives that most of us live: quiet and normal as we try to live the will of God. Devotion to St. Joseph was brought from Europe by immigrants from Italy and later the United States in the 19th and early 20th centuries, but many nations and religious groups have great devotion to him. **Prayer**: May St. Patrick and St. Joseph, whose devotions were carried into the new world in the hearts of immigrants fleeing from poverty and persecution, pray for immigrants today who come to our shores seeking refuge and opportunity. And may these great saints, who were immigrants themselves, pray for us that those of us who are established here may welcome with open hearts the newly arrived immigrants in our midst.

(The above is a compilation of various articles: Jennifer Gregory, 2015, Catholic Courier: Rochester Catholic Press Assoc., 2020; Miller, March 2015, Trinity Communications; stfrancisnyc.org, 2018 and Author’s own research.)

We’ve arrived at our LIFE Season Finale which happens next Sun., March 22 (11:30–2pm) and Mon., March 23 (5–8pm) in the Parish Center. As always, our celebration begins with a simple meal, visiting with parishioners, and a group game. We move into our opening prayer and learning component which is based on the final section of our year-long theme: I believe! Foundations of Our Catholic Faith: the Creed. Our LIFE celebration then concludes with prayer.

**Church Support**

**March 7, 2020**

**Wee Support**

**Electronic Giving**

**Monday, March 9th**

- $4861.00

**For the Building and Maintenance Fund.**

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Monday**

- 2 Kgs 5:1-11: Blk Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**

- Dn 3:25, 34–Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**

- Dk 4:1-10: Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**

- 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12a, 16:16-18, 22b: Mt 1:16, 21-24a

**Friday**

- Hos 14:2, 10/Mt 12:28-34

**Saturday**

- Hos 6:1-6a: Mt 18:9-14

**Sunday**

- 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14:9 9:1-4i

From a memo about the recent influenza status in RI, the Diocese of Providence recommends avoiding shaking hands at Masses. The Diocese is also advising that “Parishioners with symptoms of serious illness are dispensed from attending the Holy Mass on Sunday and in fact should not attend. This is an obligation in charity that Parishioners should take seriously.”

**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. Please place non-perishable food items in/near the blue bin in the narthex of the Church. Thank you for helping to fulfill the Gospel command to “feed the hungry.”

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will give water that will never thirst. Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Apr. 18-19 in Brewer, MA. For more information, call Stephen or Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9693 or visit them at www.mmomca.org.

2020 Lenten Oldie of Hibernians Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 5:00pm in St. Augustine’s Parish Hall, corner of Carroll Ave., and Harrison Ave., Newport. Tickets are $25 per person - $10 for children 10 years old and under. BYOB. Raffles, silent auctions, and Irish dancers. Tickets available from Kiki Finn (kfinn@cox.net) or 862-8662 or the Hibernian Hall 847-8671.

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 the 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.

**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 Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry. All calls are confidential.

**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. Just 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 Monz.

**Prayer for the CCA:** “Dear Mary, Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer, and seek your assistance as we begin our Annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you guide our works of love: help us to offer generous assistance to all who turn to the Church in their need. Through your intercession, may we grow in faith, hope and love: inspire us to be generous in supporting the Catholic Charity Appeal, and allow us to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve. Fill our hearts with a compassionate spirit, so that the Church in Providence may always fulfill your Son’s command to, ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’

**Mass Intentions and Church Schedule**

- **March 21**
  - Holy Mass on Sunday and in fact should not attend. This is an obligation in charity that Parishioners should take seriously.

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

**March 7, 2020**

**Weekly Collection**

- $4861.00

**Electronic Giving**

- $1207.00

**The second collection this week will be for the Building and Maintenance Fund.**

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

**In the above collections**

- O = Rev. Joseph O’Brien
- O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill

**RCIA classes are available for those who would like to become Catholic. For further information, please email Jane Parrillo at jparillo@yahoo.com**