



Proclaim the message
that I tell you.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences –
our Parish Faith Formation Program)

Please do not even tell me that we've listened to the SAME Gospel reading two weeks in a row! Okay, the premise is the same but we've heard it from two different authors. In Mark's Gospel we see Jesus as the take charge kind of person who is doing the "inviting." While preaching (after John's arrest) Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and saw Simon and Andrew, both fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus invited them to "come, and follow..." and they immediately dropped what they were doing and followed Jesus. Shortly thereafter we see this invitation once again come to life when James and John leave their boat, nets, and father – to follow Jesus. In this Gospel I often imagine that the brothers' heads must be spinning! Think of a time in your life when you've been called, unexpectedly, to "drop everything." This "drop everything" request is one that involves a sense of urgency and calls us to abruptly stop whatever it is that we're doing to do something else; to suddenly change our plans. I don't know about you, but when I get an urgent "drop everything" request, sometimes I find it really hard to change my plans – while other times the change of plans is second-nature, no thought involved in how necessary this change of plans is for me. There are a lot of variables as to why we change plans easily and at other times not-so-easily or that we don't change them at all, but we won't get into the psychology of it now. Each of us is involved in many important activities every day. Yet, there are times when we are willing to drop everything and change our plans. Our changing of plans shows that our priorities change as well. In this Gospel we hear that Jesus' first disciples suddenly changed their plans when Jesus called them to follow him. There must have been something very special about Jesus to make the fishermen change their priorities so quickly. Jesus called them, and they immediately made the invitation to be His disciple the most important thing in their lives. Jesus also invites us to make living as His disciple the most important thing in our lives. When Jesus comes to you at your place of work, in your home, at your school and invites you to *Come after me*, will you "drop everything" and change your plans to follow? OR will you (no pun intended) miss the boat because you may be too busy, too distracted to hear, too set in your ways, or find Jesus' request "too much" to ask of you? How will you respond to Jesus?

Please pray for our young Parishioners who will experience God's unconditional love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during a special Service on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30pm in the Church. These Parishioners include: Samantha Aldrich, Cassidy Berriault, Nathan Betts, Jaylen Butler, Aleya DiRosa, Lauryn Dorsey, Fisher Everin, Connor Faulkner, Lilly Faulkner, Kenny Firlings, Kaylin Frankhouser, Shannon Ganser, Lily Jankuska, Gavin Jenkins, Lily King, Makenzie Lyons, Izabella Martinez, T.J. Mello, and Michael Simmons.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, January 21
 - 5:00pm St. Lucy Parishioners
- Sunday, January 22
 - 8:00am Eleanor Stoos and Family
 - 10:30am Dominga Frando
 - 5:00pm Delores Paddilia
- Monday, January 23
 - 9:00am John Finerty
- Tuesday, January 24
 - 9:00am Manuel and Celeste Mitchell
 - 6:30pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- Wednesday, January 25
 - 9:00am Jaime Mangsat
- Thursday, January 26
 - 9:00am Reed de Bruhl de Horsey
- Friday, January 27
 - 9:00am St. Lucy Parishioners
 - 5-8pm Friday Devotions
- Saturday, January 28
 - 5:00pm Laura Medeiros (1st Anniversary)
- Sunday, January 29
 - 8:00am St. Lucy Parishioners
 - 10:30am St. Lucy Parishioners
 - 5:00pm St. Lucy Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Please pray for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes) and all those in the armed forces and the military commanders who lead them.

CHURCH SUPPORT January 14-15, 2012	
Weekly Collection	\$4420.00
Catholic University	\$1293.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is still collecting **unused** Christmas cards and all occasion cards for distribution to the ACI inmates as well as juvenile offenders at the RI Training School. There is also a need for cards in Spanish due to the large population of Spanish speaking inmates. Cards may be deposited in the appropriate baskets at the entrance of the Church.

The Diocesan Office of Life and Ministry will be hosting the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at many Parishes through January 29. For a complete list of Parishes and the scheduled Venerations, please call 421-7833 (x218).

A Motorcade for Life will be held in RI on Monday, Jan. 23 beginning at 10am at the Roger Williams Park entrance. A procession and prayers at abortion sites in Providence will be followed by Holy Mass at noon at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

Movie Night: Join us Monday, January 23 at 6pm in the Parish Center for viewing of the 2011 movie, *Of Gods And Men*, based on the true story of a group of monks in Algeria living in harmony with their Muslim brothers until a radical Islamic fundamentalist group begins a massacre of the region. The monks must decide whether to stay in their monastery or escape to a safer region.

The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, CT features "Christmas Across Africa" which is a crèche exhibit of more than 100 creches, statues, and framed art from over 20 African countries and several African tribes. This exhibit runs through February 12. For information, call 203-865-0400.

"On Courage" a mini-retreat of the spirituality for Everyday Living series will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10am to 12:30pm. Mass will be offered at 9am before the retreat. The cost is \$20 and pre-registration required. Contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

The family of a St. Lucy Parish member is searching for a **night-time caretaker** to stay with their elderly mother from 7pm to 7am. The position doesn't require you to be awake all night. Convenient Middletown location, quiet comfortable setting. Some part-time day hours also available. A retired CNA would be great, but we are open to caring, reliable people. Please call 781-640-3428 for information.

It's coming back to Rhode Island! A **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** will be held in Wakefield February 10-12. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married only a short time, or many years. The weekend is presented by three Catholic couples and a priest, but is open to couples of all faith expressions, ages, and years married. The cost of the weekend is paid for through free-will offerings collected on the weekend. No couple is ever turned away based on their ability to pay. Call 1-800-710-WWME for more information.

Winter Visitor Weekend at the College of Saint Mary Magdalen - February 9-12. Visit us for our annual Ski Weekend! All high school students are invited to attend our Winter Visitor Weekend. Visitors will have the opportunity to attend our annual ski trip, attend and participate in classes, meet one on one with faculty and admissions representatives, stay in the student residences, attend Mass, participate in spiritual life on campus, and tour our 135-acre campus. **Reserve your place today!** For more info contact the Admissions Office at admissions@magdalen.edu or call toll free: 877-498-1723.

One of our Altar Servers is looking for financial support to travel with Girl Scouts this coming August. Sabrina Barandiaran has been in Scouts for 9 years and an Altar Server for the last 4 years. The Girls are working on fund raising to offset the cost of going to Switzerland and Italy for 11 days with Girl Scouts from all over the USA. She has the opportunity to earn High School Credit during this trip. Currently, Sabrina is selling Girl Scout cookies, which are \$4.00 a box, and will arrive Feb. 12. For every box sold, she receives double camp credit to apply towards the trip. Her goal is to sell 400 boxes! Contact Sabrina at deborahmail@verizon.net for more info..

Knit for Kids Update: Our recent shipment of 18 hand-knit sweaters brings St. Lucy's total contribution to 721 sweaters!! Knit for Kids has received well over half a million sweaters which are distributed domestically and globally wherever there is a need. **Thank you to all who make these sweaters and to all who donate yarn for this project.** If you would like to participate, please see me (Flo) at the music area.

His Excellency, Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, will celebrate his 40th Anniversary as ordained Bishop of the Diocese of Providence. All are invited to celebrate this blessed occasion with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1pm at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. A light reception will follow.

A Morning of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession for those touched by abortion will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at St. Philip Church in Smithfield from 9am to noon. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry. For more information, please call 421-7833 (x218).