



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 2
 5:00pm (O) Julia Jordan Finn
 Sunday, April 3
 8:00am (O’N) Adeline Keefe
 10:30am (O) William M. Silvia
 3:00pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 Monday, April 4
 9:00am Julia Jordan Finn
 Tuesday, April 5
 9:00am Robert Duncan Ford
 Wednesday, April 6
 9:00am Maria Carroll
 Thursday, April 7
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, April 8
 9:00am (S) Bob Mello
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Devotions
 7:50pm Benediction
 Saturday, April 9
 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander
 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton
 Sunday, April 10
 8:00am (O’N) St. Lucy Parishioners
 10:30am (O) Adeline Keefe
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

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

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.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

I enjoy our readings during the Easter season mostly because they are/can be so relatable, if we spend the time with them. These readings challenge and invite us to enter into them on a personal level. Additionally, we celebrate "Divine Mercy Sunday" today, a very special one during our *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. As I read over today’s Gospel earlier in the week, I can’t help but ask you - don’t you just love Thomas? I do because he is such a real person, so real in fact that we, too, share in his doubts. What he struggles with, his lack of belief doesn’t always seem so foreign to us – we live in a world where we desire proof. Poor Thomas...imagine how you would feel if the legacy you would be leaving behind would be that of "doubter." I believe that Jesus’ mercy, encouragement, and compassion with Thomas gave Thomas the courage and strength he needed to move beyond all his questions and doubts – filling him with all that he lacked. Just as the disciples and followers of Jesus trusted in him and sought hope and mercy in Jesus’ Resurrection – we, too, place our trust in God and desire his Divine Mercy, and so need it in our lives and world. There’s a story that St. Therese of Lisieux once appeared to Faustina (known as the Divine Mercy Saint) while Faustina was going through a painful time. During a Novena to St. Therese, Therese appeared to her in a dream and comforted her. In the dream Faustina asked the sister if she would become a saint too, to which Therese replied yes. The story goes on that Faustina continued to ask questions of St. Therese. Finally St. Therese simply told Faustina "you must trust in the Lord Jesus." Trusting in the heart of the Divine Mercy message and devotion comes to us because of the trust of St. Faustina. It’s why we find the prayer "Jesus, I trust in you," at the bottom of the Divine Mercy image. Msgr. Stephen J. Rosetti shared in *Living Faith: St. Faustina, a Polish nun and mystic, claimed God asked her to promote a devotion to Divine Mercy – particularly recognized on this Divine Mercy Sunday. In the face of so much violence and brokenness in the world, we can feel overwhelmed and helpless. May we not give in to despair, but rather pray to our merciful God who can save us (and who already has). Let us recite often St. Faustina’s prayer in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: "For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and the whole world."* When we turn away from our doubts and grow in our trust and faith in Jesus, our Lord is able to work miracles in our lives and our world. St. Lucy’s Parish observes Divine Mercy Sunday with praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm in the Church. Pamphlets are provided to make this time of prayer user-friendly if you’ve never prayed the Chaplet before.

Our final **LIFE** celebrations for 2015-16 are this weekend: **Sun., April 3** (11:30am-2pm) and **Mon., April 4** (5:30-8pm). This month’s theme, "Gifts in Action," is the culmination of the *Gifts for Christian Living* overall theme. If you are unable to participate in your regular day, please make note of the time frame on the opposite day for your full participation. Sunday meal: donuts, bagels, yogurt and fruit. Monday meal: hotdogs, chips, salad, (tuna – option), dessert.

First Eucharist Classes continue on Thurs., April 7 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center. Student Banners are due at **LIFE** celebrations or at this Thursday class.

The 2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL is progressing! Many of you have already responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin and our in-pew solicitation. **To date St. Lucy’s has raised \$46,809.00. Thank you for your generosity!!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

CHURCH SUPPORT – March 26/27, 2016
Weekly Collection \$5131.00
Easter Collection \$9154.00
Friendly Reminder: For your convenience donations can now be made electronically. It is simple, secure, and convenient! Detailed instructions are on our web site (www.stlucy.org).
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Please join us in the Church this Sunday, April 3 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. During this holy hour we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as Benediction. In the 1930’s Jesus appeared to a young Polish nun, Sr. Faustina, and told her, "*Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy.*" Jesus requested that she paint an image according to what she saw and asked that the image be venerated throughout the world with the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina and decreed the Second Sunday of Easter be called Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join with us as we pray to direct the hearts of humanity to God’s boundless mercy and love manifested in all its richness by Christ, our risen Lord.
 During this Jubilee of Mercy all are invited to make a pilgrimage to **The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul** in Providence and pass through the Holy Door for **Divine Mercy Sunday**. This event begins at 2pm and ends with a Solemn Mass at 6pm. Handicap accessible and parking is supervised by security.

St. Philomena School in Portsmouth is now accepting applications for the Pre-School, PK, K, and primary grades for the next school year. Please call 683-0268 (x 114) for more information and/or to schedule a tour.

St. Lucy’s Faith Community welcomes its newly baptized Parishioner: **Niall Emmmanuel Guinguing**, son of Gentle and Rosalyn Guinguing.

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations
 Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make the Easter Holy Week Celebrations such a joyous and beautiful experience of Christ’s Life, Death, and Resurrection.
 The choir and musicians under the direction of Helen Glynn provided beautiful music.
 The Church Decorating Committee (and all its volunteers) as well as all those who donated Easter flowers helped to create a heavenly environment.
 The Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Deacon John all provided valuable service at the Altar.
 The Liturgy Committee and Parish Staff, especially our Maintenance person, Dave Petrarca, who worked behind the scenes for many months taking care of unseen details.
 The Reception on Saturday night in the Parish Center was the result of many workers who set up and contributed food.
 The RCIA candidate, his sponsor, and the RCIA Team gave valuable witness to the congregation.
Thank you to everyone for making the Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection such a joyous event.
May you continue to be enriched by the joy and peace of the Risen Lord.
Thankfully,
Fr. John O’Brien

During this *Year of Mercy* you are encouraged to make a spiritual pilgrimage to a local Cathedral (if traveling, google the locations of Cathedrals/Churches with "Holy Doors") and make a prayerful visit there. Take a photo or selfie of yourself /your family in front of the "Holy Doors" and email it to stlucyoffice@gmail.com so that we can follow where the Pilgrims of St. Lucy’s Parish have journeyed during this Jubilee Year.

All Saints STEAM Academy is holding its annual **Spring Tea** to benefit the school’s Scholarship fund at St. Lucy’s Parish Center on Sunday, April 10 at 1pm. Please call All Saints STEAM Academy at 848-4300 for tickets and/or information.

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family has begun its support program (**Finding Hope**) at St. Lucy’s Parish Center for divorced and separated Catholics. The program will continue on Thursdays in April and May from 7 to 8:30pm. For more information, please pick up a brochure in the Church entrance or contact Peter Magnotta at 421-7833 (x217).

Diocesan Post-Confirmation Summit: The Diocese of Providence will hold a summit with young people, parents, clergy and religious on Wednesday, April 13 at the Cathedral Hall from 6:15-8:45pm. The Summit will look at ways to engage young people in practicing their faith and developing their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Diocese of Providence presents **Theology on Tap**, on Thursday, April 14 at Uncle Tony’s Pizza & Pasta in Johnston. The evening begins at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Ryan Connors, Spiritual Director, Young Adult Ministry. All young adults, married or single, in their 20s or 30s are welcome.