This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses. Acts10:40

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, April 15 ***Easter Vigil***
7:30pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Sunday, April 16, ***Easter Sunday***
8:00am (O) Clara Bartlett
(101st Birthday Remembrance)
9:30am (S) Elsie DeAsentis (100th Birthday-living)
11:00am (O) Fred Romanus (31st Anniversary)
Monday, April 17
9:00am George Courtney
Tuesday, April 18
9:00am Albertina Reiter
Wednesday April 19
9:00am The Murphy and Stravato Families
(Deceased and living)
Thursday, April 20
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, April 21
9:00am Nan Schrag
Assunta Nisi (Birthday Remembrance)
5-8pm Devotions
Saturday, April 22
5:00pm Dominick Formica (10th Anniversary)
Sheila Dennis
Sunday, April 23, ***Divine Mercy Sunday***
8:00am (O) Camille Mazzoni
10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
3:00pm ***Divine Mercy Chaplet***
5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Wednesday, April 26
7:00pm ***Confirmation***
Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Celebrant

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

Visiting the Sick: Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) when a family member is in the hospital.

LIFE (Learning **I**n **F**aith **E**xperiences)

Over the years I've had some "different" Holy Week experiences; some planned, while others were dictated by circumstances. As varied as these experiences were, every single Holy Week enabled me to journey with Jesus in a different way but ultimately leading me to respond on Easter at our Lord's resurrection (some responses said/sung with more passion and feeling than other years): *Alleluia, Jesus is risen*! A Palm/Passion Sunday was spent in Vatican City, at the very first World Youth Day (in the Dark Ages when I was a youth). What a magnificent and overwhelming feeling of joy when Pope John Paul II led the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in the waving of our palms during the proclamation of the Scripture when Jesus entered into their midst as King! Another year I experienced Holy Week in a Parish in Belize, Central America – wow! I have never "felt" the pain of walking the Stations of the Cross with those parishioners as poignantly as I did when on the roads with the people of this third world country. Their brokenness and complete surrender to the Suffering Jesus led me to more fully know the excruciating pain that Jesus lived and died for on that Good Friday. Seven years ago, I had a really different kind of emptying and exhausting Holy Week when Rhode Island experienced torrential rains and ultimately, flooding ("100 year" floods) during which I (and many) had to do massive cleanup and apply for assistance through FEMA. I've also been fortunate to have "retreated" at retreat centers during the Holy days, and like you, have had many beautiful parish-based Triduum experiences (some of which felt like retreat experiences) sharing in the prayer, song, ritual, and liturgy with a community of believers who also chose to gather to worship during these most profound days of our Catholic Church year. Once again, "my" plan is to actively participate in the celebrations of our Church's most holy week - wondering what God has in store for me and what "his" plan is for me. *Alleluia, Jesus is risen*!

Written by: Colette, **LIFE** Coordinator

School Vacation Week = No First Eucharist Class on Thursday, 4/20. Rehearsal for First Eucharist will take place on Thursday, 4/27 from 3:45-4:45pm in the Church for Student and Parent. Please pray for your young Parishioners who have been preparing to receive Jesus in their hearts for the first time on Sunday, April 30th. These young people are: Lauren Batzle, Lily Brier, Destyni Butler, Kaylee Butler, Jameson Gauch, Gabriel Gomes, Bellarae Guertin, Max Harvey, Maddy Jones, Katie Martin, Joaquin Pacheco, Liam Sequira, Richard Vira, Jacob Wilson, and Moses Weiss.

CHURCH SUPPORT – April 8/9, 2017

Weekly Collection	**$6114.00**
Catholic Relief Services Appeal (Operation Rice Bowl)	**$2768.00**

The Second Collection **next** Sunday will be for the reduction of the Parish Debt.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal (CCFA)

Thank you to all who have contributed to the CCFA. We are more than halfway to our goal of $63,000. CCFA envelopes are still available at the Church entrance for your donations.

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

4 bags oranges
2 rolls paper towels
100 regular sugar packets
2 loaves bread
Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies)

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, April 18. We served 78 meals in March. We were also able to provide additional meals to the McKinney Shelter. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

St. Gabriel's Call is a program of the Diocesan Office of Life and Family that reaches out to mothers-to-be by providing access to social services providing for the needs of babies. The Community Action Committee is asking for donations of baby items to be collected over the next few weeks. Items that are on their baby wish list are: baby clothing from infant to 4T, diapers size 3 to 6 (larger sizes greatly needed), baby toiletries (wash, shampoo, lotion, wipes), umbrella strollers, blankets, sheets, etc. PLEASE NO BABY POWDER. Gently used bassinets, strollers, carry-seats, swings, and highchairs will also be accepted. No used car seats can be accepted. Please deposit items in/near the blue bin in the Church connector. Collections will be taken up to May 6/7. Thanks for your support. For more information on the program and ways you can help, please contact Carol Owens at 278-4508 or by email at cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

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.

The Haitian Ministry of St. Joseph Church which supports the Haiti Mountain School will hold a fundraiser on Sunday, April 23 from 4:30 to 7:00pm at the Fifth Element, 111 Broadway, Newport. A $25 ticket provides lunch for 100 students. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call Jack at 525-6735.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All are welcome for a Holy Hour in the Church on Sunday, April 23 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. During this time 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.

Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the Church entrance for anyone wishing to make a Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23. Many graces are received by those praying the Divine Mercy devotion.

As we pass the light of the new fire from candle to candle at the great Easter Vigil this Saturday, we can't help but be reminded that we are also passing the flame of faith. At this liturgy we welcome Michael Nesby and Kimberly Jones as they complete their Christian initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation. All of St. Lucy's Parish family have accompanied them in their journey of faith through prayer, support, and example. Accordingly, you can all rejoice with them at the Easter Vigil as you witness their reception of this sacrament, renew your own Baptismal promises, and rejoice as they join with us for the first time as fully initiated members of the Catholic faith. Knowing that the flame of faith burns brightly, each of us can soon celebrate that great Easter proclamation: ***Christ is risen…Alleluia!*** Please join us at a reception in the Parish Hall after the Easter Vigil to welcome the newest members of St. Lucy's Parish family. All are welcome to attend.

Embracing the Cure's Fifth Annual Vendor/Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 10am to 3pm in St. Lucy's Parish Center. This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Aquidneck Island. For further information, please contact Kerry Seibert at 855-0885 or mzkerry@aol.com.

Building Bridges Bereavement Education Group is offering a six week support group, sponsored by Hospice at Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol Counties and Memorial Funeral Homes. Sessions are held on Tuesdays, starting on April 18, from 4:30 to 6:00pm at Visiting Nurse Services of Newport & Bristol Counties, 1184 East Main Rd., Portsmouth. All are welcome to attend. Registration is required. To register call VNS at 682-2100 ext. 1613 or 1791 or 1351.