



I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. JN 13:34



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today's Gospel takes place just after Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, telling them that they ought to *wash one another's feet*.

After this, Jesus is betrayed by Judas who left the group to make preparations. Jesus is preparing the disciples for what lies ahead for them (for us). Jesus shares with them that He'll only be with them for a little while longer, and gives them a new commandment: *love one another*. Of course, he doesn't stop there. Jesus goes on to tell us HOW we are to love: *As I have loved you, so you also should love one another*. Shortly after His having given them this new commandment, Jesus was beaten, made to carry his cross, nailed to that cross, and died – to save us from sin and death to life with God for all eternity. Through these actions, Jesus SHOWED us the lengths and depths of what true love for another person is all about! The true nature of love is the total self-giving, no-strings attached free offering of one's life for the good of another. Won't a mother who loves her child do everything in her power to nurture, protect and save the life of her child? Our loving Father, God, showed us the depth of His love and mercy by willingly offering His only begotten Son, for the sake of the world – for each one of us. During this Easter season, may we continue to meet Jesus in our surroundings, and be reminded of how great His love is for us! As followers of Jesus, we are invited to CHOOSE to live in love; to live Jesus' way of loving. Some examples of how Jesus loved: with kindness, generosity, gentleness, without judgment, and with mercy (just to name a few). Are you ready to put away your own ideas of what love is in order to follow Jesus' new command to "*love as I have loved you?*" Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

Please pray for our young Parishioners and their families as we welcome them to the Lord's table to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. These Parishioners include: Luke Al-Haaj, Ava Assang, Gianna Berek, Samantha Bechtel, Abby Buckner, Alexa Buckner, Michael Byrd, Kaylin Couto, Drew Dischert, Olivia Ernest, Allen Gagante, Gillian Gagante, Neala Ganser, Delaney King, Mateo Pinzas, Aiden Quinn, Maria Silva, and Jackson Ventura. ***Rehearsal for child and parent will be on Thurs., April 28 from 3:45-4:45pm in Church.

Reminder: Confirmation rehearsal will be held Monday at 7pm at Jesus Saviour Church for the Confirmation Candidates and sponsors.

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 \$53,427.00 toward our goal of \$63,000. Thank you for your generosity!!**

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, April 23
 - 5:00pm (O) Mary and Joseph Kirby
- Sunday, April 24
 - 8:00am (O) Svea Steele
 - 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 - 5:00pm (O'N) Fred Romanus (30th Anniversary)
- Monday, April 25
 - 9:00am Julia Jordan Finn
- Tuesday, April 26
 - 9:00am Frank P. (Mickey) Mello
- Wednesday, April 27
 - 9:00am Frederick J. Newman
 - 7:00pm Confirmation at Jesus Saviour
- Thursday, April 28
 - 9:00am Communion Service
 - 3:45pm First Communion Rehearsal
- Friday, April 29
 - 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Devotions
 - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, April 30
 - 5:00pm (O) Catherine M. Owens (13th Anniversary)
- Sunday, May 1
 - 8:00am (O) Julia Jordan Finn
 - 10:30am (O) First Communion
Anne Quigley
 - 5:00pm (O'N) James and Catherine Reynolds
Helen Mertic

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.

Rev. Daniel Gray will celebrate his 20th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Portsmouth this summer as well as the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination. A number of activities have been planned for the weekend of August 6/7 including a banquet on Saturday at 6:30pm and a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday at 10:30am. For more information, please contact Deacon Paul St. Laurent at 683-2501,

BIBLE STUDY will be held every Tuesday morning from 9:45-10:30 in the family room of the Church. We will focus on the upcoming Sunday readings. All are welcome.

In honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary, during the Marian month of May, **The Rosary** for all intentions will be said directly after the morning Masses each Sunday for the month of May. Cindy Killavey will lead the Rosary after the 8am Mass and Denise Betz will lead the Rosary after the 10:30am Mass. Please join with them to lift your intentions and prayers to God, through the intercession of our Mother, Mary.

ORGAN DONATION: Please consider registering to be an organ and tissue donor; you have the power to Donate Life. According to the NE Organ Bank, the need for donated organs, corneas and tissue continues to grow. Nearly 120,000 men, women and children currently await lifesaving organ transplants. For info: www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org.

If you can assist a woman who lives in the vicinity of OxBow Farms who is in need of a ride to Mass - please call Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 ext. 205.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29

CHURCH SUPPORT – April 16/17, 2016

Weekly Collection	\$5141.00
Debt Reduction Collection	\$3414.00

Friendly Reminder: For your convenience donations may be made electronically. It is simple, secure, and convenient! Detailed instructions are on our web site (www.stlucy.org).
 As of 4/6/16 **Balance for the Parish Debt - \$130,035.61.**
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Drop-Off Baby Shower: The Ladies Ancient Order of the Hibernians in Newport will once again be holding the Saint Bridget's Project for Lucy's Hearth women and children on Saturday, April 30th from 12 noon to 3pm. The site for this year's collection is St. Lucy's Church Narthex (new entrance). Pink and blue balloons will lead you from the parking lot to the area for dropping off your donations. A table of goodies will be available as a way to say thank you for your donations. The list of baby and toddler needs includes DIAPERS for Newborns to size 6 - mostly size 5 and 6. Other Baby needs include wipes, shampoo, soap, lotion, powder, oil, Q-tips, sunblock, Desitin rash cream, bottles, nightwear, wash cloths, nail clippers, receiving blankets, booties, thermometers, sun hats, new clothing, undershirts, sweaters, socks. Umbrella strollers are also needed. Toddler needs include larger size strollers, sippy cups, and appropriate toys.

Free Smoke Alarms: The American Red Cross will install free smoke alarms in your home. The program will help you protect your family in the event of a fire. During your home visit, lasting 20 minutes, Red Cross trained volunteers will install smoke alarms where they are needed. In addition, they will provide you with valuable emergency preparedness info and guidance in creating a Family Disaster Plan. To schedule a visit, register at www.redcross.org/ri/schedule-a-visit. Or, if you prefer, please call 1-877-287-3327 and choose option 1.

Camp St. Dorothy, a fun-filled Christian Day Camp under the direction of the Sisters of St. Dorothy, is now accepting registrations for its summer day camp from June 27 – August 5. The camp located at Mt. St. Joseph in Bristol is open to girls and boys ages 5 to 13 with half days available for 4 year olds. For more information, call 253-5434.

Retreats: "Be Not Afraid" a spirituality for Everyday Living Mini-retreat on the theme of death and dying (not loss and grief) will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$20. **"Mystics, Rebels & Prophets"** a weekend retreat with Edwina Gateley will be held June 27- July 1 at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA. For more information on either retreat, please contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net, advance registration necessary.

The Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry will host a **Grill the Priests** event on Friday, May 13 from 7 to 10pm at Dave and Buster's in Providence Place Mall. This evening is open to young adults, single or married, in the 20s and 30s. Tickets (\$20) must be purchased as soon as possible because this event has sold out every year. For more information, please call the Diocesan Office at 278-4646.

St. Columba Cemetery (465 Browns Lane, Middletown) is hiring full-time seasonal workers. Employment will begin in May and end in September. Duties include mowing, trimming, etc. If you are interested, please apply at the cemetery.