



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

This Gospel is an awesome one to have on a weekend that we celebrate and welcome some of our younger Parishioners to the Lord's Table as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. Having journeyed with these youngsters over these months of preparation, I've witnessed their relationships with Jesus develop, and grow. I am always amazed, encouraged, and challenged by the faith of our children: their vision is clear, hearts are true, and desire to learn about Jesus and their relationship with Him is pure. As they approach the altar today, their eyes and hearts are open and they have the child-like faith to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. *Do we, adults, recognize Jesus?* The apostles, who travelled and lived with Jesus for three years had difficulty recognizing Jesus, even after having walked with him on the road. They were filled with fear because their Savior had been crucified and died, they still had to travel the faith journey moving out of their fear to recognize him present to them, still teaching them and helping them to understand. Nearly 12 years ago I was the Director of the Fr. Barry CYO Center, and that facility was sold. Most parishes that the Center (and I) served would end up under the jurisdiction of another facility called The "Emmaus" Youth Center. Like you, I had read the Emmaus story MANY times, but it was during that transition year when it came to life and made practical sense for me! The youth of the Barry Center were heart-broken and fearful of moving because "things would never be the same." At one of our youth prayer meetings approximately two months before the move, we had a special Liturgy. The Gospel reading of that Mass was this same passage, "The Road to Emmaus." All of us who were gathered in the Chapel (yes, it was an upper room) spent the entire evening breaking open the Gospel, and the words of this Scripture truly came to life during the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the *Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup*. Our sharing in the Eucharist that evening brought us together and alleviated our anxieties. Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist replaced our fears with courage, our tears with the joy of looking forward, and moved us from feeling rejected to accepting the challenge that was on the road ahead. *Do you recognize Jesus?* May the faith of our children continue to lead us to the Lord's Table where we may always make the effort to recognize Jesus. Please continue to pray for our First Communicants (and all Parishioners) who are each week sent forth to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

Written by: Colette, LIFE Coordinator

We congratulate and WELCOME these Parishioners to the Table of the Lord: Lauren Batzle, Lily Briere, Destyni Butler, Kaylee Butler, Jameson Gauch, Gabriel Gomes, BellaRae Guertin, Max Harvey, Madeline Jones, Katie Martin, Joaquin Pacheco, Liam Sequira, Richard Vira, Jacob Wilson, and Moses Weiss.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will wrap up with the final Children's Homily program of the year at the 10:30 Mass on May 7. Watch for the start-date in the fall, but keep coming to Mass during the summer months – we'll see you here!

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. **LK 24:13-35**

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, April 29
 5:00pm (O) Svea Steele
 Sunday, April 30, **Third Sunday of Easter**
 8:00am (O) Albert and Josephine Fisher
 10:30am (O) **First Eucharist Celebration**
 5:00pm (O'N) James and Catherine Reynolds
 (Anniversary Remembrance)
 Monday, May 1
 9:00am (S) Robert Johnson
 Tuesday, May 2
 9:00am Deacon Bob and Michael Sheeley
 Wednesday May 3
 9:00am William Chew
 Thursday, May 4
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, May 5
 9:00am (S) Alphonse Gallatino
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Devotions
 8:00pm Benediction
 Saturday, May 6
 5:00pm (O) Donald Winters (1st Anniversary)
 Sunday, May 7, **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 10:30am (O) Mario Dosouto (4th Anniversary)
 5:00pm (O'N) Alice McClain Muenchausen

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

In honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary, during the Marian month of May, **The Rosary** for all intentions will be said directly after the Sunday morning Masses. 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.

CHURCH SUPPORT – April 22/23, 2017
Weekly Collection \$4979.00
Reduction of the Parish Debt \$3238.00
FYI: As of 3/24/17 Debt Balance is \$87,813.89
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Extraordinary Ministers are needed to bring Holy Communion to the members of our Parish who are no longer able to gather with us at St. Lucy's. If you feel a special calling to this ministry or have questions, please contact Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 ext. 205. Ideally, if enough individuals are involved in this special ministry, a rotation for nursing home visits would be once per month.

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal (CCFA)
Thank you to all who have contributed to the CCFA. We have collected almost **\$50,000** toward our goal of \$63,000; we are almost there!! CCFA envelopes are still available at the Church entrance for your donations.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51, 8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Save the date: A Healing Mass with Father Pat will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 7pm in St. Lucy's Church. Further information will follow.

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. St. Lucy's Community Action Committee is seeking donations of baby items to be collected over these next weeks. Items on the 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, NO BABY POWDER), umbrella strollers, blankets, sheets, etc. Also accepted are gently-used items such as: bassinets, strollers, carry-seats, swings, and highchairs (not used car seats). Please deposit items in/near the blue bin in the Church connector. Collections will be accepted up through May 6/7. Thank you for your support. For information on the program, 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.

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.

The Second Annual SVDP (St. Vincent De Paul) RI Friends' Fund Dinner and Auction will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 1pm at the Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown, RI. You can help us by: placing an ad or message of encouragement in the Event Program; donating an item for our auction; joining us at our event on May 7 by purchasing a ticket (call 490-0822 x 113 or visit the website at www.svdpri.org). Proceeds from the Friends' Fund Benefit will help our 34 parish-based conferences (including Jesus Saviour Church in Newport) continue to serve those in need.

The Triumph: A Parish Mission In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Jesus Saviour Church is holding a Parish Mission from Sunday, May 14th through Wednesday, May 17th. Fr. David Gunther, MIC will give a presentation on each evening of the mission at 7pm as well as at the weekend Masses. For more information visit www.thedivinemercy.org/events or contact Fr. Francis O'Loughlin at 847-1267.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) in Newport is offering a \$1000 tuition scholarship to benefit female students who attend a Catholic High School in RI or MA. The program is open to RI residents who are entering grade 10, 11 or 12 in the fall of 2017. To be eligible students must be referred by a member in good standing of the Dennis E. Collins, Ancient Order of Hibernians or the LAOH of Newport. Application packets will be available at area Catholic high schools guidance offices at the Hibernian Hall on Wellington Ave. or at laoh_mainpage.htm or through the laoh link on aohnewport.org. Deadline Friday, August 1, 2017.

East Bay Skills Alliance announces Certified Nursing Assistant Training Class. Training begins May 22. The final mandatory information and testing sessions to apply will be held on May 4th and 11th from 10:30am to 1pm at 19 Broadway, Newport, East Bay Community Action Program. For more information contact Jamoya Ridgell (ext 205) or Stacey Fisher (ext 209) at 848-6697.

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

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family is offering a free program for Catholic marriages, **To Love and To Cherish**, designed to enrich/strengthen marriages. It will be presented on Wednesdays, May 17 through June 14, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Catherine Church, upper back entrance, 3252 Post Rd., Warwick. For registration, please contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833 x 217. **(Please note this program is not for marriage counseling.)**