



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. Jn 14:27



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

Today on May 1<sup>st</sup> the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we also enter into our month-long observance of honoring our heavenly mother, Mary. The memorial of St. Joseph seems fitting during this month because we remember how St. Joseph provided for the Holy Family as a carpenter. To celebrate Joseph is to celebrate his role as the husband of Mary and the foster Father of Jesus. For centuries, Catholics have held May to be the month for honoring Mary. We celebrate her motherhood and the divine life born from her. The importance of Mary as Mother of God lies not only in that Mary was the woman who gave birth to Jesus, but that she was the one who had faith in God and freely said *yes* to her role in God's plan. Next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we'll experience a special Marian Devotion: a May Procession and Crowning of Mary. One of our First Communion children, Gianna Berek, will lead our Procession and Crown our Blessed Mother Mary during a special ceremony. I'm reminiscing here, and happy to tell you that I'm a product of Catholic School upbringing that began at Our Lady of Victories (aka Notre Dame des Victoires – the French Parish), so Marian experiences are near and dear to my heart. While growing up, students at OLV would go outdoors to pray the Rosary at the Marian Grotto during the Marian months of October and May. My respect for Mary grew and developed with each passing experience, and I looked at her as a model of strength, courage, and faith. There's very little about Mary in the Gospels but we know that Mary's whole life is a living, breathing model for us. She lived her life fully, not just letting life "happen" around her. She knew great joy and also great suffering. Mary reminds us that God graces us in every moment of our daily lives: in work, play, and prayer. Mary looked at her invitations and challenges with wonder and asked "How can this be?" rather than, "Oh, no – what's next? You've got to be kidding!" May her way of looking at things become a model for us: a model of trust, openness, and firm belief. May we start looking at the Lord's invitations and life's challenges with joy and respond in faith using the same words Mary used: "let it be done to me according to God's word." Devotion to Mary should be natural for us as we look to her as a mother – as Mother of God. Mary is also our mother, who continues to lead believers to Jesus. She cares for her children and makes intercessions for us. Mary asks, on our behalf, to bestow blessings upon us and all people. During this month, let us give Mary our love and offer our prayers to God through her intercession. Ave Maria!

(Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

**Welcome to the Lord's Table!** Parishioners 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 Elisa Silva, Jackson Ventura.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, April 30
  - 5:00pm (O) Catherine M. Owens (13<sup>th</sup> 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
- Monday, May 2
  - 9:00am Jay Schochet
- Tuesday, May 3
  - 9:00am John and Isabelle Going
- Wednesday, May 4
  - 9:00am John Manning
  - 5:00pm **Ascension of the Lord Vigil**  
Add F. Johnson (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
- Thursday, May 5 **Ascension of the Lord**
  - 9:00am Victoria A. Gray
  - 7:00pm St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Friday, May 6
  - 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
  - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 7:00pm Devotions
  - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, May 7
  - 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton and Eva B. Mello  
Mother's Day Remembrance
- Sunday, May 8 **Mother's Day, May Procession**
  - 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
  - 10:30am (O) Morris "Perry" Perugini (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
Deacon Robert Sheeley  
Maria DeFreitas
  - 5:00pm (O'N) Alice J. McClaine-Muenchausen

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.

**CONFIRMATION**



The Most Reverend Bishop Evans presided at the combined Confirmation ceremony of Jesus Saviour and St. Lucy candidates at Jesus Saviour Church on Wednesday, April 27. **St. Lucy's Candidates** receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation include Christopher Nathaniel John the Baptist Caldwell, Zachary Michael Caruolo, Carl James Carl Firlings III, Andres Mark Gutierrez, Derek Arthur Paul Hallett, Nicole Brianna Hetland, Benjamin Goodnow Joseph Johnson, Caleb Parker Donald Joseph Jones, Allison Fayth Lucy Levada, Sarah V. Cecilia Loyola, Caroline Rose Christina Porter, Gunnar Joseph Rinkel, Cole Alexander Carl Streicher, and Owen Timothy Lawrence Sullivan. (Confirmation name is underlined). **May the Holy Spirit enlighten their hearts and minds to be guided by Gospel values in order to live ways that are pleasing to God.**

**The 2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL is progressing! To date St. Lucy's has raised \$53,945 toward our goal of \$63,000.** Envelopes are still available in the entrance to the Church for your donations. **Thank you for your generosity!!**

**Rev. Daniel Gray** will celebrate his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Portsmouth this summer as well as the 40<sup>th</sup> 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 during 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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17,20/  
Jn 17:20-26

**CHURCH SUPPORT – April 23/24, 2016**

**Weekly Collection \$5872.00**  
**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).  
**Thank you for your continuing generosity.**

**Newport County National Day of Prayer 2016 'WAKE UP, AMERICA!'** will be held on Thursday, May 5 in front of the Middletown Town Hall by the flagpole from Noon to 1pm.

**Newport Navy Choristers** present "Proudly We Sing" on Friday, May 13 at 7:30pm at St. Lucy's Church. The proceeds will benefit All Saints Academy Music Program. Tickets: Adults (\$10), Seniors & children (\$5), and Families (\$20). Tickets are available from ASA and at the door. For information, call 848-4300.

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 their 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. Barnabas Church Youth** invite you to come hear all about their Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans. These missionaries will share stories, pictures, food, and fun games immediately after this weekend's Masses in the Church Hall. Come listen to their stories on Saturday after the 5pm Mass and after the 8am, 10:30am or 5pm Masses on Sunday.

**The Portsmouth Community Theater** will be performing "Love, Loss and What I Wore" by Nora and Delia Ephron, based on the bestselling book by Ilene Beckerman on May 20 and 21 at 8pm and May 22 at 1pm at St. Lucy's Parish Center. The play will be directed and stage managed by Parishioners Cindy Killavey and Denise Betz. The play is a series of monologues covering many memories about mothers. For tickets (\$10) or more information call 824-6885.

**Salve Regina University's End of the Year Yard Sale** will be held on May 7 from 8am to 1pm on Wakehurst Lawn. Sale items include kitchenware, clothing, accessories, furniture, books, appliances, home décor, and much more. All proceeds will go to Salve's Office of Community Service Scholarships. Cash Only Event! Parking will be in Wakehurst parking lot, Rodgers Recreation Center parking lot, and street parking in between. The yard sale will be in the front on the lawn.

**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.