



The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord, and you also will testify.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences – (Our Parish Faith Formation Program)

Some people love to read John’s gospel because he uses a lot of words and is flowery, while others prefer the more down-to-earth language of the other gospels. I, myself, quite enjoy John! This gospel takes place after the Last Supper and the Discourses (Jesus sharing with the disciples what lies ahead for him, and for them) and before his arrest. In this reading we are privy to Jesus’ prayer to his Father. Jesus is praying for the entire Church of all of time - the Church that extends beyond the first disciples; and he is praying for the Unity of the Church, that it remain true to sharing in the same mission that was His through the Father. This Prayer for the Church, for each one of us, is so that the world can believe that *the Father sent the Son*. It is our responsibility to ensure that we, his present disciples, make Jesus known. Jesus also fervently prayed this because he would soon be removed from the disciples and was praying to His Father for divine protection. On another note: There’s a word in this passage that stands out, and for some reason, has stood out to me in the numerous readings from Jesus’ Discourses, and that word is *truth*. Yes, of course, I’m reminded of 2 famous lines about truth. The first, spoken by Pilate when he tests Jesus by asking “*What is truth?*”. The next line is from A Few Good Men when Col. Jessep addresses the court stating: “*You want truth? You can’t handle the truth!*” Surely, the concept of truth can lead to a very interesting conversation in any gathering and may be received with laughter, ridicule, or disrespect. The concept of truth, clearly, has fallen on hard-times in our society. So, let’s go back to square one: What is truth? I am “borrowing” this definition– I apologize, but I can’t credit the author because I don’t know where it’s from: *Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory and being of God. Even more to the point: Truth is the self-expression of God. Because the definition of truth flows from God, truth is theological. Truth also is ontological (the way things really are). Reality is what it is because God declared it so and made it. Therefore God is the author, source, ultimate standard, and judge of all truth.* Whenever we are faced with a moral decision, we must choose between a truth and an untruth (lie). To choose the way of truth is always simpler when we know Truth: *the Way, Truth, and the Life* (Jn. 14:6). I think that we can all agree that it is always much easier to live in the light of truth than to try to live amidst lies. If this statement resonates with you, why is it that the truth doesn’t always prevail? Please, this week, take some time to enter into Jesus’ prayer in this gospel and ask Him for that divine protection to know and live the truth, so to share in Jesus’ mission.

(Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, May 16
 - 5:00pm (O) Morris “Perry” Perugini (4th Anniversary)
- Sunday, May 17
 - 8:00am (O) Joseph Rene Boudreau
 - 10:30am (O) Michael F. Gallagher
 - 5:00pm (B) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Monday, May 18
 - 9:00am Gregory Keefe
- Tuesday, May 19
 - 9:00am William C. Cella
- Wednesday, May 20
 - 9:00am Marge Heller
- Thursday, May 21
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, May 22
 - 9:00am Francisca Lazara
 - 4:00pm Wedding of Chris Saroka and Cate Grunbeck
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Devotions
 - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, May 23
 - 5:00pm (O) Maryann Young
- Sunday, May 24, **Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend**
 - 8:00am (B) Catherine Edward
 - 10:30am (O) Stephen C. O’Rourke, Jr. (Birthday Remembrance)
 - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O’Brien
- B = Rev. George Behan

In honor of Mary, Mother of our Lord, the Rosary for all intentions will be said immediately after the 8 and 10:30am 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.

CHURCH SUPPORT –May 9/10

Weekly Collection \$6232.00

Catholic Charity donations have reached \$39,494 towards the Parish goal of \$63,000. Envelopes are still available on the table in the rear of the Church for donations if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, May 19

6 bags oranges 6 loaves bread
Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
100 paper cups (8 oz., Styrofoam)

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, May 19. Thank you all for your support. We were able to serve 73 meals in April.

Emmaus is a Retreat program for young adults (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The weekend will be held June 12-14 at the Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information contact: publicity@emmausretreats.com

Adult Education: *Why should we pray the Psalms of Lament – the “sad” psalms – when we are not sad? Can I get angry with God? How can I get revenge on my enemies?* Find out what the “extreme language” of these psalms have to say to us and for us and why it is necessary for us to include them in our regular prayer. This presentation by Jane Parrillo will be held in the Parish Center on Wednesday, May 20 at 10am and 7pm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Do you want to become Catholic or complete your initiation into the Catholic Church as an adult or know of anyone who does? Please contact Jane at jjparillo@yahoo.com for information.

Catholic Updates (a brief teaching series) are now available on the table in the back of the Church. Three different topics will be featured each month. During May these free updates will feature Mary, Angels, and the Beatitudes.

St. Barnabas will kick off their annual Festival with a **Country Western Hoedown** on Saturday, May 30 in the Church Hall starting at 6pm. Music will be provided by Cindy Lane and the Double “E” and the event will be catered by Becky’s Barbeque. For tickets call Mary Silveira at 683-0752 or the Parish Office at 683-1343.

All Saints STEAM Academy is offering a Summer Camp for children ages 3 through 9. Call 848-4300 for more details or visit the website at www.allsaintsacademy.org.

Mother of Hope Camp, a Catholic Charity Fund agency located on Echo Lake in Chepachet, will hold an **Open House and Family Fun Day** on Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 4pm at 1589 Putnam Pike, Chepachet. Camp begins on June 22 and runs through August 14. Free convenient busing is available at many locations throughout the State. For further information, contact Michelle Losardo, Camp Director at 568-3530 or visit the website at www.motherofhopecamp.com.

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 also for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes).

Project Rachel – “A Day of Reflection”: If you have been touched by an abortion experience – “Come to the Waters of Healing” and experience the love and compassion of Jesus. It will be a time to listen to stories of those who have had the same experience. The Day also includes quiet prayer, Scriptural exercises, Sacramental Reconciliation, and the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. The date is Saturday, June 13 from 8:45am to 5pm. The cost is \$20 which includes beverage and lunch. For confidential consultation to register call 421-7833 (x 218).

The Office of Vocations is sponsoring a **Day of prayer and Hiking** for High School and College men. On Saturday, June 6th Assistant Vocation Director Fr. Christopher Murphy will lead a hike up Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH. The group will depart from Our Lady of Providence Seminary (485 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence) at 7:00am, car pool to Mt. Monadnock, and return to Providence around 4:00pm. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Fr. Murphy by phone 331-1316 or by email at FatherCJM@gmail.com. “*The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons.*” - Pope John Paul II

Swanhurst Chorus presents “**A Voice for All Nations,**” featuring the choral works of Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967) on Sunday May 31st at 3pm. The program presents folk melodies and musical traditions of Kodaly’s homeland from 1903 through 1966 and illustrates both the constancy of sound and the emotional response to the political realities of the region over time. The Concert will be held at St. Lucy’s Church. Admission is \$10. All proceeds will benefit St. Lucy’s Church Building Fund.

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