



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." John 17:1

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 27
 5:00pm (O) Maryann Young (Anniversary)
 Sunday, May 28, **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
 8:00am (O) Nicholas Gavalakis (20th Anniversary)
 10:30am (O) Henry "Hank" Lombardi
 5:00pm (O'N) Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
 Monday, May 29, **Memorial Day**
 9:00am (O) Maria Carroll
 Tuesday, May 30
 9:00am (O) Jane Rathbun and family (living)
 Wednesday May 31
 9:00am (O) Jesse Perry
 Thursday, June 1
 9:00am (S) Julia Finn
 Friday, June 2
 9:00am (S) Thomas A. O'Connell (Anniversary)
 Agnes Elliott (Anniversary Remembrance)
 Dorothy Walker, Del Wilkins
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
 Litany to Mary
 7:50pm Benediction
 Saturday, June 3
 1:00pm Marriage of Jennifer Dealy and Brett Tufano
 5:00pm (O) Claire Canning
 Sunday, June 4, **Pentecost Sunday**
 8:00am (O) Mazie and Jim Leonard
 10:30am (O) Larry Zarek (9th Anniversary)
 Ralph Vincent Bowers
 7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

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.

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.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

So much has happened in the lives of Jesus' apostles, his mother Mary, and the others who were with him over this season of Easter! They had all seen Jesus' betrayal, crucifixion and death; had been witnesses to Jesus' resurrection and appearances for a period of 40 days when, yet again, Jesus left them - being lifted up into the sky and taken from their sight. As I was thinking of all that had transpired in their lives after Jesus' death and resurrection, it led me to think of our own experiences of death: in our families, extended families, and of friends. When a loved one has passed, we suddenly have this empty void inside of us that gets filled with exhaustion, questions, and a type of prayer that we attempt to pray - but we can't seem find the "right" words, or any at all. In going through the grieving process, we are also (hopefully) blessed with the support of those who know and love us. Those who come together in grief share stories of their deceased loved one: stories that bring to life the essence or spirit of that person. In my mind I picture the apostles, Mary, and the women all gathered again in the upper room, doing this same type of sharing: the apostles sharing about their friend and teacher, and Mary about her son. They must have shared some very personal stories of how they felt Jesus' love in his eyes and his touch, especially when he was in crowds of people. Perhaps they shared stories of what they learned from Jesus' parables, and as they travelled together along the many roads and journeys during his ministry years. I'd imagine that the apostles could also have shared some "blooper" stories too! Death separates people physically, but Jesus assures us that love will always be in our hearts, and that *love (which IS God) is with us always, to the end of the age*. As the apostles remained in the upper room sharing their grief, stories, and prayer, they'd probably been wondering how they could keep Jesus' love and message alive, even though it seemed as if their lives had been torn apart. When Jesus left them he said "*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.*" It is this same Spirit, lovingly given by God that empowered them to move from the security and safety of the upper room to live out Jesus' love in the world. It is this same Spirit that empowers us to live as his followers today: to lovingly serve, to do acts of charity, and faithfully care for our neighbor. Semi-change in thought, but only slightly... *Each May, the United States celebrates a day called Memorial Day, first widely observed in May 1868. The celebration commemorated the sacrifices of the Civil War and the proclamation was made by Gen. John Logan. Following the proclamation, participants decorated graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers. In the years since WWI, the day has become a celebration of honor for those who died in all America's wars, as well as those who are Veterans and current members of the US military. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday, celebrated on the last Monday of May. President Ronald Reagan is credited with reviving the practice of honoring Memorial Day and its meaning. One of his famous speeches was given at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day in 1986. "Today is the day we put aside to remember fallen heroes and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again. It is a day of thanks for the valor of others, a day to remember the splendor of America and those of her children who rest in this cemetery and others. It's a day to be with family and remember..."*

(<http://www.allabouthistory.org/memorial-day-meaning.html>). Today truly is a "day to be with family and remember!" Thank you God, and thank you - men and women who serve and have served in our United States military.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

In honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary, during the Marian month of May, **The Rosary** for all intentions will be prayed immediately 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 – May 20/21, 2017

Weekly Collection \$5750.00
Reduction of the Parish Debt \$3156.50

The Second Collection this weekend was authorized by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The proceeds from this collection will help to pay for the completion of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This is a one-time only collection

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

FORMED: Catholic Faith on Demand. Have you caught the excitement yet? Come join us at formed.org and see what it's all about. The parish code is **B84KHM** for your free subscription. Recommendations for **Pentecost** - Programs: *Catholicism, Session 9: The Fire of His Love; Lectio: Evangelization, Session 2: Clothed with Power; Lectio: Peter, Session 8: Peter and Pentecost; Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 7: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace; YDisciple (youth): Who is God? Session 4: Is the Holy Spirit Really a Person?; YDisciple (youth): The Creed, Session 7: The Holy Spirit; Book: Read Along Bible Stories For Children.*

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal (CCFA)

Thank you for your generous donations that help to feed, shelter and educate so many people in need. We have now collected over \$50,000, moving still closer to our parish goal of \$63,000. CCFA envelopes are still available at the Church entrance for your donations.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-56
 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

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.

St. Lucy's Food Pantry is in need of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, beef ravioli, and canned chicken and tuna. Toiletries are needed as well: toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, toothbrushes, shaving gel/cream, and disposable razors. Thank you!!

Two rolling walkers, each with hand brakes and a seat, have been donated to St. Lucy's Church. If you or someone you know could benefit with the use of one of these walkers, please contact the Rectory at 847-6153 (x 201).

St. Mary's Church in Newport is holding a "**Festival of Pipes**" celebration on Saturday, June 3 at 2pm featuring three newly restored 1,900 pipe organ. Vocalist and organist Cody Mead, who is the director of music at St. Mary's Church will perform. The free event includes a lecture-recital by Simone Couture of Quebec. It is followed by a courtyard reception and then 5:15pm Mass featuring St. Mary's Parish Choir and Youth Choir as well as guest singers. There will also be a free one-hour **concert** with nationally acclaimed organists **on Sunday June 4 at 4pm.**

St. Stanislaus Family Festival will be held on Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4. The Festival includes Polish and American food, entertainment, dancing, and children's activities. For more information visit SaintStansFestival.com.

Jesus Saviour Church Holy Ghost Feast will be held on June 11 with Mass at 10am with procession to the Vasco da Gama Hall at 15 Fenner Avenue. Food will be served all day with an auction in the afternoon.

St. Barnabas Festival will begin with a **Country and Western Hoedown** on Saturday, June 3rd at the Church Hall. Doors open 6pm - dinner (catered by Becky's BBQ) served 6:30pm followed by dancing to the music of Cindy Lane & the True Country Band. For tickets call Mary Silveria at 683-0752 or the Parish Office at 683-1343. Tickets must be purchased by May 31. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Holy Hour for Vocations: Please join with Rev. Mr. Stephen Battey, Rev. Mr. Jean Joseph Brice, and Rev. Mr. Brian Morris on the eve of their ordination to the priesthood as we pray for priestly vocations in the Diocese of Providence. This Holy Hour for Vocations will be held at 7pm on June 2 at Holy Apostles Church, 800 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston.