



“Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them.” Lk 9:16



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

I’ve been thinking (a lot) about this “*Jubilee Year of Mercy*.” During our last LIFE celebration in April, we viewed an Ascension Press video clip of Fr. Mike Schmitt on *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. A *jubilee year* is all about breaking the bondage; it’s setting free what/who has been held captive. As members of the Church, it’s OUR mission to bring God’s mercy to the world (not just the work of priests and religious). WE are called to be missionaries of mercy! In that clip, Fr. Mike shared St. Thomas Aquinas’ definition of mercy as “taking another person’s misery as one’s own.” How, as missionaries of mercy, can we do that? Fr. Mike offered 3 steps (easy or not, that’s up to each one of us). The 1st step is **Pay Attention to Others**. The 2<sup>nd</sup> step is to **Take the Suffering of Others Seriously** – meaning, is there something I can help with? The 3<sup>rd</sup> and last step is simply, **Do What You Can, Not What You Can’t**. A prayer that keeps coming to mind is one that we prayed during our January “*Gifts for Loving Others*” LIFE celebration. Pray with me: “*If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.*” (Sirach 15:15) “*We make so many choices every day, some major, most smaller. Do you ever think about how important making decisions really is? It’s part of what makes us human.*” (*Three Minutes a Day* – The Christopher’s; 2/22) “*Every living person has been charged with a sacred trust. The making of choices is a great burden for us as human beings; at the same time, our power to choose and to decide is an open door for hope. This God-given power is what makes humans special...At the price of being responsible, human beings are free. We are free to choose life and good – or death and evil.*” (Arnold Toynbee) We should make every effort to base decisions, large or small, on prayerful, thoughtful reasoning about what is right for us and for our neighbors; what fully goes along with God’s will.

When someone asks me to do something...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

When I meet someone new...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

When faced with a decision, small or large...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

When demands are made upon my time...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

When despair and apathy are present...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

When life seems burdensome...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

When I forget how powerful words can be...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

When faced with finding balance in my life...

**Lord, help me to be like you.**

You call me to grow and become more like you, in all ways, but especially when faced with choices. I welcome you into my thoughts and heart. I am ready! I am willing! I am yours! Amen.

(Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – PARISH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** will be held on Friday, June 3 from 6:30-9pm in the Parish Center to view the movie **LITTLE BOY**. For comfort, bring a beach chair! Feel free to bring some munchies, but we’ll be offering supplemental movie-type snacks too. **LITTLE BOY** was out in movie theatres last year, and is produced by Mark Burnett (*The Voice, Shark Tank, Survivor, The Bible*) and Roma Downey (*Touched By an Angel, The Bible*). **LITTLE BOY** captures the wonder of life through the eyes of an 8-year old boy. Here are reflections/thoughts of staff members who’ve seen this movie. Fely Budziszek shares “*If you find you have second thoughts or doubt yourself, others or God: watch this movie! LITTLE BOY will give you the tools to share God and share your faith.*” Colleen Earnshaw tells us: *I thoroughly enjoyed the movie LITTLE BOY! An inspiring and heart-warming story of a boy’s love for his father that endures, even through the most difficult of times. It’s a story of unshakable faith, unending hope, and boundless love! One that deeply touched my heart. Oh yeah, bring tissues!”* Sr. Sheila states: “*How can an 8 year old lead us to faith in action? This movie LITTLE BOY does just that! Come see and be changed so that with courage and strength we can face our own to-do-list.*” Colette says: “*I am sooooo pumped up about this movie, it’s hard for me to put into words to properly share them with you. LITTLE BOY’s message left me with a burning desire to DO SOMETHING, to move, to serve...to share the message!”* So please, come and see what mercy can be for you! Join with other Parishioners for the showing of **LITTLE BOY**. RSVP your participation (not necessary, but helpful) by Emailing [stlucyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stlucyoffice@gmail.com) or call Colette at 847-6153 ext. 201.

**CHURCH SUPPORT – May 21/22, 2016**

**Weekly Collection \$5763.00**

**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](http://www.stlucy.org)).

**Thank you for your continuing generosity.**

**The 2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL is progressing! To date St. Lucy’s has raised \$57,702 toward our goal of \$63,000.** Envelopes are still available in the entrance to the Church for your donations. **Thank you for your generosity!!**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-56  
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27  
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34  
 Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Rm 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7  
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Lk 2:41-51  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 28  
 5:00pm (O) Maryanne Young  
 Sunday, May 29 **Corpus Christi**  
 8:00am (O) Agnes L. Elliott (Anniversary)  
 10:30am (O) Mario Dosouto  
 5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 Monday, May 30 **Memorial Day**  
 9:00am Maria Carroll  
 Tuesday, May 31  
 9:00am William C. Cella  
 Wednesday, June 1  
 9:00am Jesse Perry  
 10:30am Funeral/Memorial Mass for Irene and Antonio M. Chaves  
 Thursday, June 2  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 Friday, June 3  
 9:00am (S) Thomas A. O’Connell (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Devotions  
 7:50pm Benediction  
 Saturday, June 4  
 5:00pm (O) Julia Jordan Finn  
 Aaron Franco and Josephine Allen  
 Sunday, June 5  
 8:00am (O) Mazie and Jim Leonard  
 10:30am (O) Larry Zarek (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 Ronald M. Janior  
 7:00pm (O’N) Bennie Lee Youngblood Sr.

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O’Brien  
 O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill  
 S = Rev. Joseph Saji

The Rectory office will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 this final weekend of the Marian month of May, **The Rosary** for all intentions will be said immediately after our 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 Mary.

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.

**Community Connections**, a program of **Memorial Funeral Homes**, will be held at Hambly Brick House, 30 Red Cross, Newport. Call 846-0698 to reserve your place. Space is limited. The workshops being offered are:

**Loss of Spouse** – In a supportive environment we will explore ways to cope with loss of a spouse. Sponsored and facilitated by Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Rhode Island. Tuesdays, May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28 (4:00-5:30pm).

**Memory Garden Workshop** – Please join us for our annual workshop with Chaves Gardens to create a beautiful container garden in memory of a loved one. Fresh air, gardening tips and good company. Priority is given to those with a significant loss during the past year. Held at Chaves Gardens, 935 East Main Rd., Middletown. Thurs., June 9 (6:00-7:30pm).

**Portsmouth General Grief Support** – Come share with others. Grief is hard, we can help. Facilitated by Hope Hospice and Palliative Care. Connors, 55 West Main Rd., Portsmouth. Thursdays, June 9, July 7, August 11 (1-3:30pm).

**Open Door: Ongoing Grief Support** – Drop in support every week for those who are grieving. Wednesdays, 12:30pm - 2:30pm. **All workshops are free.**

**Have Fun Helping Others! PaintNite** at the Newport Athletic Club Friday, June 3 from 7 to 9pm. Cost \$45 (paint, canvas, apron, etc. included). All proceeds will be donated to mentoring of Teen Moms in Newport County. For more information contact Marie 924-2243.

**Have you experienced an Emmaus retreat?** Emmaus is a Catholic retreat program for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The next Emmaus weekend will be held June 10-12 at the Cathedral Camp Retreat Center in Freetown, MA. For more information and for an application contact [publicity@emmausretreats.com](mailto:publicity@emmausretreats.com) or visit their website at [www.emmausretreats.com](http://www.emmausretreats.com).

**Ordinary Miracles, Sacred Moments** – *A Spirituality for Everyday Living Mini-retreat* will be held on Wednesday, June 8 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$20. To register contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net). Pre-registration is required.