



A great prophet has risen in our midst.
God has visited his people. (Lk. 7:16)



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today's Gospel story is one that's relatable in our lives. Unfortunately, it's one that brings us back to moments or times when we have felt the pain and despair of a loved one's death. Those memories were times that perhaps led us to sometimes question God and our faith asking "why?" within the pain, but those same experiences were also moments that the stronghold of faith in our lives could not have been greater. In today's Gospel, Luke shares the story of a grief-stricken mother whose only son has died. We don't know the depths of this woman's thoughts and feelings, but Jesus does. Jesus sees the funeral procession and we hear that "he is moved with pity" and *feels* the pain of this woman telling her, "Do not weep." Luke then tells us that Jesus "stepped forward and touched the coffin" before telling the deceased young man to "arise." The drama of the story continues to unfold as we hear that Jesus "gave him to his mother." I love that Jesus, unassumingly, just walks into the scene based on his having been *moved* by compassion for this woman's plight – he doesn't ask any questions about the woman's past or the future – he is concerned with her present pain and heals her (of course, he most certainly did heal the son too!). Jesus performs this miracle (and all miracles) based on faith, the absolute trust in God on the part of the person receiving the action. We cannot perform miracles like Jesus did, but we can live lives based on faith with an absolute trust in God despite the situations and circumstances we encounter each and every day. We CAN, like Jesus did, feel the pain of another person and be with them in that pain. By virtue of our baptism we are called to reveal the love of our God in our world. In Friday night's Parish Family Jubilee Year of Mercy Movie Night showing of LITTLE BOY, we see the little boy, Pepper, praying for the return of his father from the war. In early scenes we see the bond between the boy and his father. Inspired by his favorite comic-book hero, and guided by the example of his father, LITTLE BOY comes to believe in his own potential; being able to respond affirmatively to his father's repeated question: "Do you believe we can do this?" Pepper's responses, sometimes after little hesitation and other times after much hesitation, were always: "Yes, I believe we can do this!" After Pepper's father leaves for the war, the Parish priest helps LITTLE BOY move from "childish" wish-fulfillment to "childlike" trust in God by providing him with a list of the Corporal Works of Mercy as a tangible demonstration of his love and devotion. Through Pepper's actions in completing these works of mercy, his faith grows and he comes to learn what love, hope and faith are all about, and these actions also lead others to believe. Each time I watch LITTLE BOY, I'm moved – especially by the words spoken by the father: "Do you believe we can do this?" These powerful words have moved into my everyday life, reverberating in my being by My God, challenging me:

"Do you believe we can do this?"

(Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

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.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- 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 (8th Anniversary)
Ronald M. Janior
 - 7:00pm (O'N)** Bennie Lee Youngblood Sr.
- Monday, June 6
 - 9:00am John Carroll Johnson (58th Anniversary)
- Tuesday, June 7
 - 9:00am Adeline Keefe
- Wednesday, June 8
 - 9:00am Michael Sheeley and
Deacon Robert Sheeley
- Thursday, June 9
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, June 10
 - 9:00am (S) Fe Niego
Timothy Murphy (38th Anniversary)
 - 7:00pm ASA Graduation
- Saturday, June 11
 - 1:30pm (O'N) Mass at Grand Islander
 - 5:00pm (O) Catherine "Kay" Gray
- Sunday, June 12
 - 8:00am (O) Roscoe Mace
 - 10:30am (O) Arthur Hines
 - 7:00pm (O'N) Karen Sola-Mendez (living, 15th Birthday)

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.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS

Tuesday, June 21

4 bags oranges 2 bottles Italian Salad Dressing
2 cans powdered Juice mix (lemonade)
Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, brownies, cookies)
If you would like to help with any of the above items, please call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0329. Food items may be dropped off at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tuesday, June 21. We served 87 meals in May. Thank you all for your generosity.

CHURCH SUPPORT – May 28/29, 2016

Weekly Collection \$6095.00

May 2016 E-Giving \$3884.17

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).

**If you have been making your donation by EFT and no longer wish to receive bi-monthly envelopes, please contact the office 847-6153 ext. 201. (You would still receive special mailings from St. Lucy's if you opt out of having the collection envelopes mailed to you.)

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3/Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3

Memorial Funeral Homes presents: Community

Connections, 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, 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.**

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Eagle Scout candidate, James Betker and his fellow scouts and leaders, for the recent work on St. Lucy's walking trails - which look GREAT. The new bird houses have made a nice addition to the environment.

With gratitude,
Fr. John

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 or visit their website at www.emmausretreats.com.

An Italian Festival will be held at St. Alexander's Church Grounds, 221 Main St., Warren, on Fri., June 24 (6-10pm) and Sat., June 25 (5-10pm). The rain date is Sunday, June 26 (4-8pm). The Festival includes Italian foods, Games of Chance, Children's Games, Raffles, Fun for the whole family, Free parking, Music, and Free Admission.

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Polish Festival will be held on Friday, June 24th from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, June 25th from 5pm to 10pm, and Sunday, June 26th from Noon to 4pm on their school grounds at 222 MacArthur Blvd., Coventry. The Festival includes Polish/American food, games, raffles, Cow Chip Bingo, music, dancing, and much more. Frozen golombki and pierogi will also available for sale. Free admission and parking. Call 821-7991 for more information.

Save the Date: Friday, June 24, 7pm. Ryan and Liz Tremblay in Concert. A benefit for "Trust: An EP for Erica."

Mystics, Rebels & Prophets – A retreat with Edwina Gateley will be held June 27-July 1 at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA. For more information contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. To register, contact office@lasalettecenter.com or Charlotte at 508-222-8530.

The 2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL is near its completion. To date St. Lucy's has raised 57,717 toward our goal of \$63,000. It's not too late to help us reach this goal, envelopes are still available in the entrance to the Church for your donations. **Thank you for your generosity!!**

Holy Ghost Church on 316 Judson St. in Tiverton is proud to be hosting Bishop Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Mary Most Holy in Kazakhstan. On June 28th Bishop Schneider will give a talk followed by Solemn Pontifical Vespers and a reception (ticket required). On June 29 a Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated. Clergy and seminarians are invited to attend Vespers and Mass in choir dress. For tickets and information, visit HolyGhostCC.org or call 624-8131.