



*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever." John 6:15*

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, June 17  
 5:00pm (O) Mary Wicks (Birthday Remembrance)  
 Larry Settle

Sunday, June 18, **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber  
 7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

Monday, June 19  
 9:00am The Bannon Family

Tuesday, June 20  
 9:00am Darlene Galkowski (living)

Wednesday June 21  
 9:00am Ryan Kelly

Thursday, June 22  
 9:00am Communion Service

Friday, June 23  
 9:00am (S) MaryAnn Young  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
 Litany to Mary  
 7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, June 24  
 5:00pm (O) Francis E. Carroll and Katherine L. Carroll

Sunday, June 25  
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 10:30am (O) Henry "Hank" Lombardi  
 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. Saji Joseph

**Reminder:** A Property and Finance meeting will be held on Monday, June 19 at 4pm at the Rectory.

**Catholic Charity Fund Appeal (CCFA)**  
 The 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal will soon conclude. We have collected almost \$59,000 toward our goal of \$63,000. Thank you to all who have donated! CCFA envelopes are still available at the Church entrance for your donations.



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." Today's Gospel is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jewish people. It comes shortly after the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes - when thousands of people had their physical hunger/appetite fed by Jesus. That story is just the opening to a much more profound and miraculous one: the miracle of Jesus lovingly sacrificing his body and blood for all people (yes, each and every one of us) so that we would have everlasting life with Him. Bread is a staple food in our society even if you're on a low-carb diet. Although not a baker, I know that individual grains of wheat are ground to make flour and mixed with other ingredients. After rising and being worked and re-worked, the dough is then placed in the oven where it is baked and becomes something else. The materials that a baker starts with are *transformed* into something different. The same with wine: it begins with grapes - that have come from a vine after having been nourished by the rain and sun, picked by hand (or machine), stomped on or crushed, placed in casks to ferment - and becomes *transformed* into something else. In our Eucharistic celebration, not only are the bread and wine *transformed* into Jesus' Body and Blood, but *our hearts, minds, and beings are transformed* as we share in this Sacrament of love. We too become the living Body of Christ. After having received Jesus' Most Holy Body and Blood, how has your heart, mind or being been *transformed* by God's love? How will you live out this Sacrament of love, bringing Jesus into the world in which you live? The second thing we celebrate today is Father's Day...the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. I usually stumble around racking my brain for the perfect gift for my Dad (like I need a special occasion to show my love?). He'll always downplay the "gift" giving of father's day waving it off instead with the sentiment of "the only gift I want is to just be able to spend time with my children." Whether your Dad (or someone who is like a Dad to you) is with you this weekend - physically or in spirit, be certain to let them know of your love, gratitude and respect. Happy Father's Day out there to all Dad's and father figures!

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

**CHURCH SUPPORT – June 10/11, 2017**

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$5339.00</b>
<b>Catholic Communication Collection</b>	<b>\$1662.50</b>

**The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Reduction of the Parish Debt. As of 5/22/17 the Debt balance is \$79,808.74.**

*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**Visiting the Sick:** Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) when a family member is in the hospital.

**SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

4 bags oranges	4 loaves bread
200 plastic spoons	200 plastic forks
200 paper plates ( <u>heavy duty</u> , 10 in. dinner size)	

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)  
 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, June 20. We served 97 meals in May. Thank you.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**World Day of Prayer for Priests:** Each year the World Day of Prayer for Priests is celebrated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The Providence Serra Club is hosting a Holy Hour on Friday, June 23 at St. Brendan's in Riverside (60 Turner Ave.) at 6:30pm. The hour will include Adoration, the rosary, a homily by Fr. John Codega, and benediction.

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.

**Some simple needs for replenishing St. Lucy's Food Pantry** as we go into the summer months include Peanut Butter, Jelly, (boxed) Crackers, Pasta, Campbell's Chunky Soup - beef and chicken, Chef Boyardee (all varieties), Progresso soups, Canned Vegetables (corn, peas, green beans, carrots), and Cereal. **Thank you**, in advance, for your constant care of our neighbors.

**Thank you!** St. Lucy's Parish wishes to acknowledge with gratitude a very generous gift from the Almeida Family Living Trust. M/Sgt. John E. Almeida was a loyal Parishioner of St. Lucy's Parish for many years. John was called home to Eternal Life on August 14, 2016. He is remembered in our prayers, and we pray that God gives him the reward of his goodness, eternal joy, and peace.

**St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVdP):** If you would like to deepen your relationship with God through service to the needy in our community *we invite you to join us on Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center for an informational presentation by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.* SVdP is an independent, lay, Catholic organization whose members seek to grow in holiness through person-to-person service to the poor. Founded in 1833 in Paris, the Society is present in 180 countries around the world, and has been present in Rhode Island since 1857. There are currently over 400 Vincentians working in 34 parishes in our diocese, including St. Joseph and Jesus Saviour in Newport, and St. Barnabas and St. Anthony in Portsmouth. Fr. O'Brien and the Parish staff are considering forming a "conference" of the Society here in St. Lucy's Parish and have made this information evening available for your discernment. **Our speaker on Tuesday evening and at all the Masses this weekend will be Mark Gordon, president of the Diocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** Mark will give us an overview of the Society and answer questions about starting a conference at St. Lucy's.

**Congratulations Graduates!** As the commencement season is nearing its end, we do not want to be remiss in recognizing the accomplishments of the many students (kindergarten through college) who have graduated and who have a connection to St. Lucy's. We join together to express our high praise and best wishes as you "commence" the next part of your journey ahead. Have a wonderful summer and stay safe!!

**St. Barnabas Parish Festival** will be held June 23-25 on the Church grounds in Portsmouth. The weekend includes live music, activities for children, live and silent auctions, food booths, raffles, and dancing.

**Read My Shorts:** The Portsmouth Community Theater is presenting four short plays directed by Music Minister Cindy Killavey. Also involved in the production are Parishioners Denise Betz, Paul Fredette, Gloria Schmidt, and Richard Schmidt. The shows will be held at the Common Fence Community Center, 933 Anthony Road, in Portsmouth at 8pm on June 17 and at 2pm on June 18. All seats are \$10 and proceeds will go towards the building fund for the Community Center. For additional information call Cindy at 847-5148.

**The Time to Apply Has Arrived!** Are you aware of the corporate tax credit program? You could now take advantage of a lucrative RI corporate tax credit while at the same time, provide aid for economically challenged families who wish to enroll their child in a Catholic School. All information about the program including the application can be found at the FACE website: [www.faceofri.org](http://www.faceofri.org).