



Come to me and I will give you rest.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

I've heard it said many times, and by many people, that they do not like to watch the news because it's filled with mostly tragic and horrible news stories. Agreeably, there are many tragic, horrendous, and just plain "tough to take" stories of accidents, natural and human-made disasters, the economy, politics, etc. that we're bombarded with. There are also some heart-warming and moving stories that make it onto the news cycle. If only these stories could be the "teaser" or the headline stories each day! Despite seeing, hearing, and reading about the "stories that sell," we Catholic Christians are called to be a people of hope, to live lives of faith and trust in God – every day. Jesus told his apostles *to take courage and to trust in Him*, and he tells us to trust and have faith in Him also – in all things and all times, whether difficult or easy. I came across *The Reasons for Faith in Jesus* by Ignatius Washima Him who reminds us that we don't have to be afraid because, for every difficulty we meet, Jesus has the answer. Hopefully at least one of these *reasons for faith in Jesus* may lift you and/or speak volumes to you!

You say: It is impossible. **God says:** *All things are possible* (Lk. 18:27)

You say: I cannot go on. **God says:** *My grace is sufficient* (2 Cor. 12:9)

You say: I can't figure things out. **God says:** *I will direct your steps.* (Prv. 3:5-6)

You say: I can't do it. **God says:** *You can do all things.* (Phil 4:13)

You say: It is not worth it. **God says:** *It will be worth it.* (Rom. 8:28)

You say: I can't forgive myself. **God says:** *I forgive you.* (Rom 8:1; 1 Jn 1:9)

You say: I can't manage. **God says:** *I will supply all your needs.* (Phil. 4:19)

You say: I am afraid. **God says:** *I have not given you a spirit of fear.* (2 Tm 1:7)

You say: I don't have enough faith. **God says:** *I have given every one a measure of faith.* (Rom 8)

You say: I am not smart enough. **God says:** *I gave you wisdom.* (1 Cor 1:30)

You say: I feel all alone. **God says:** *I will not leave you or forsake you.* (Heb. 13:5)

You say: Nobody really loves me. **God says:** *I love you.* (Jn. 3:16; 13:34)

Don't let yourself be shaped by the world where you live and its modern culture. Rather, be transformed through the renewal of your mind. You must discern the will of God. (see Rom. 12:2)

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

CHURCH SUPPORT – July 1/2, 2017
Weekly Collection \$6084.00
June total for Electronic Giving \$3303.25
Next week there will be a collection for the Parish Debt Reduction.
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Soup Kitchen Needs

Tuesday, July 18

4 bags oranges 4 loaves bread

6 bottles salad dressing (Italian)

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies)

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, July 18. We served 83 meals in June. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society

There will be an **Orientation Meeting** for all those interested in being part of the St. Vincent de Paul Council at St. Lucy's. The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22 beginning with sign-up and handouts at 8:30am. Classes will begin at 9am followed by a light lunch at noon. The meeting will end around 3:30pm. If you are interested, please RSVP at 847-6153 (x201) by Wednesday, July 19. Please pray for the success of this program.

Prayer based on last week's Gospel

(Matthew 10:37-42)

(shared by Fr. John at the end of his Homily)

Give us your strength, Lord. For sometimes things get tough, and we are ready to quit.

Give us your Love, Lord. Because sometimes people reject us, and we are tempted to hate.

Give us your eyes, Lord. Because sometimes life gets dark and we lose our way.

Give us your courage, Lord. Because often we are put under pressure, and it's hard to do what is right.

Give us yourself, Lord. Because our hearts were made for you, and we will not rest until we rest in you.

Written by: Mark Link

It's not too late to register your child for a FABULOUS SUMMER! Register your child (ages 5-12) today at Mother of Hope Camp (Mater Spei), located on beautiful Echo Lake in Chepachet! Sibling discounts. Free, convenient busing available to and from many RI locations. Camp ends August 11th. Visit www.mothrofhopecamp.com for secure online registration and to explore all that Mother of Hope Camp has to offer. For more information, contact Michelle Losardo, Camp director, by email at mlosardo@dioceseofprovidence.org or call 568-3580.

Best wishes to our Parishioner, Maureen Pinksaw, on her recent retirement and **congratulations** on her recognition by the Providence School Department as the **2016 Teacher of the Year.** She recently received the award for her dedication and service to the children of Providence.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand. YOU have been given the gift of a FREE subscription to FORMED. Simply go to formed.org and use the parish code B84KHM to register and you will be able to immediately access dozens of movies, books, audio, presentations, and study programs. **Recommendations** for this week: **July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha** - Video: In Her Footsteps; Audio: St. Kateri Tekakwitha; **July 16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** - Programs: Catholicism, Session 4: Footprints of God: Mary; Videos: Mary of Nazareth; No Greater Love; The Nun; Books: Mary: God's Yes to Man; The World's First Love; Audios: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord; Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23



SAVE THE DATE! St. Lucy's Annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 1** (5:30pm-dusk), rain or shine. The picnic menu will include hot dogs, potato and pasta salads, and beverages (lemonade, water, and juice).

There will be face painting, games, and much more! If you are planning to attend, please fill out this form and place it in the designated basket in the back of the Church by July 27. Please bring a ready to serve plated dessert or cut fruit to share which will serve 4 people. In addition, please bring a blanket or chair. For more information and/or to help, please contact Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) if you can help.

Family Name: _____

No. attending: Adults _____ Children _____

Telephone No. _____

I will bring _____

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 8
 5:00pm (O) Elaine Lussier (3rd Anniversary)
 Sunday, July 9
 8:00am (O) Susan Trainor-Hall (9th Anniversary)
 10:30am (O) Rolando V. Chico
 12:00 noon Baptism
 7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 Monday, July 10
 9:00am Afife and Joseph Menassa
 Tuesday, July 11
 9:00am Susan Stroup
 Wednesday, July 12
 9:00am Jim Thorp (4th Anniversary)
 Thursday, July 13
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, July 14
 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 7:50pm Benediction
 Saturday, July 15
 2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown (Forest Farm)
 5:00pm (O) Henry (Hank) Lombardi (Birthday Remembrance)
 Arthur Benner (7th Anniversary)
 Sunday, July 16
 8:00am (O) John and Susan Shelton
 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 7:00pm St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

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

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