



“The Seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower, All who come to him will have life forever”.
(Gospel Acclamation)



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
Today’s Gospel story of “The Seed and the Sower” is one that may much more easily “speak” to us than other stories because of its relative simplicity. It begs one to approach it from various perspectives from being the sower to being the seed. When I first read this passage my mind immediately went back to the days of my high school years when we’d take those career aptitude tests (do they still take those tests nowadays?). Those test results seemed as if virtually everyone, including myself, scored high on the aptitude chart for farming! Yikes, how did THAT happen? Is it because “everyone” (parents teaching their children, teachers with students) is shown and taught the method of planting seeds, waiting for them to sprout by carefully watering, weeding, seeing to it that they get the right amount of sunlight/shade? Seeds and their resulting beauty surround us throughout all of creation (weeds and all)! Back to my initial thought: I would have LOVED to have been a farmer – except that the sun’s **soooo hot!** Oh yeah, they’re up and out in the fields before dawn and through after dusk – that’s a bit much for me. Okay, so as I think more about this farming-gig, I’ve actually been “working the fields” in faith formation and ministry. Thanks to all of the “sowers” in my life, I continue to be nurtured and fed in order to help prepare the soil and plant seeds in the lives of others. Have you ever planted grass? You have to over-seed in order to get a full lawn, because some of the seed just won’t take root. This is how it is with faith too, the sower needs to over-seed in order for the Word to take root and grow within the good soil. The sower needs patience and all of the nurturing qualities to bring the seed to fruition. The seed, once it has been cared for, grows, bears fruit, and continues its cycle of living and dying. I know, I’ve gotten a little technical, but would like to ask you: how can this story of the sower and the seed come to life for you? Do you relate more to being the sower or the seed, and why might that be? Enjoy your “gardening!”

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Some needs for replenishing St. Lucy’s Food Pantry include Jelly, Tuna, Ragu and Cereal. **Thank you,** in advance, for your constant care of our neighbors.

CHURCH SUPPORT – July 15/16, 2017
Weekly Collection \$5048.00
Missionary Collection \$2830.00
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.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 15
 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 (B) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

Monday, July 17
 9:00am Robert Johnson (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, July 18
 9:00am Manuel J. Mello Ann Modugno

Wednesday, July 19
 9:00am Marianna R. Freese

Thursday, July 20
 9:00am Communion Service

Friday, July 21
 9:00am (O’N) 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 22
 5:00pm (O) Evelyn, Joe, and Joseph Corey

Sunday, July 23
 8:00am (O) Frank and Diana Campagna (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
 10:30am (O) Agnes Elliott (Birthday Remembrance)
 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
 B = Rev. Bill O’Neill

If you are travelling or away on vacation this summer, please go to www.masstimes.org to locate a Catholic Mass near you. When you find yourself away from St. Lucy’s Church, you may make an electronics fund payment/contribution by visiting St. Lucy’s web site and following the link for this kind of contribution.

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.

Community Action Committee: The CAC is again responding to a request from Child & Family Services for the following “Back to School” supplies that are needed for the upcoming school year for middle/high school students:
 Backpacks – good and STURDY (new or gently used)
 Calculators
 3-ring binders (new or gently used)
 Spiral notebooks
 Pencils, pens & paper
 Highlighters, rulers, etc.
 Any of the above would be greatly appreciated by C & F as they strive to meet the needs of their families. Please place items in the bin marked “School Supplies for Child & Family” in the Church foyer. As usual, thank you for your generosity.

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.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand: Register for your FREE subscription today! Simply go to formed.org and use the St. Lucy parish code **B84KHM**. Recommendation for this week- Audio: **Right Here, Right Now: Always Be Ready To Share Your Faith.** Email Jane Parrillo at jpparrillo@yahoo.com if you have any questions or need help registering.

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: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

Jesus Saviour Church Annual Summer Bazaar will be held at their Vernon Ave. grounds from Thursday, July 27th through Saturday, July 29th from 7pm to 11pm each evening. The bazaar will feature the ever-popular bingo, pull tabs, and booths such as kiddy land, assorted games and white elephant. Homemade fava, chourico sandwiches and homemade pastries are the specialty of the kitchen every night. Thursday and Friday evenings there will be a raffle drawing for \$250.00. The major raffle drawings totaling \$2,500.00 (5 @\$500.) will be drawn on Saturday evening. Admission is free and open to the public.

The 50th Jubilee Catholic Charismatic Celebration will be held on July 20-23 at the Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburg, PA. For more information go to www.2017jubileeconference.org.



It's picnic time!

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 _____