My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18
5:00pm Lauren Morris (27th Anniversary)
Mary Ellis, Antoinette Donahue
Sunday, July 19
8:00am (O) Trudy Halpin
10:30am (O) St. Lucy Parishioners
7:00pm (B) St. Lucy Parishioners
Monday, July 20
9:00am Marianna R. Freese
Tuesday, July 21
9:00am Michael and Deacon Robert Sheeley
Wednesday, July 22
9:00am Joseph John Sullivan
(Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday, July 23
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, July 24
9:00am Agnes Elliott
Evelyn and John Sheeley
Julia Jordan Finn
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Devotions
7:50pm Benediction
Saturday, July 25
2:00pm Marriage of Peter Stewart and Erin Padden
5:00pm Irene Frye
Sunday, July 26
8:00am (B) St. Lucy Parishioners
10:30am (O) Louis Bellagamda
7:00pm (O) Frank P. "Mickey" Mello

In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O'Brien
B = Rev. George Behan

LIFE (**L**earning **I**n **F**aith **E**xperiences – (Our Parish Faith Formation Program)

At certain times in our lives, it seems as if our ears (or maybe our hearts) are attuned to hear certain messages. Like today, as I prepared for the Sunday readings, my eyes fell upon and stay glued to the first verse of our Psalm: "*The Lord is my shepherd… he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.*" Then as I read the Gospel, the same thing happened. I got stuck on the sentence that Jesus spoke to his apostles, "*Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while*." The demands in our lives (family, work, commitments) can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles did. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal but there are errands, chores, volunteer commitments to hold up. These are all good things, but sometimes we're left feeling drained and tired. Jesus knew that feeling well and saw that his apostles were getting to know it too, so he invited them to *rest with him* after their ministry. Not that I'm counting down the hours until the start of my vacation with my family, but I, too, am feeling the invitation to have my soul refreshed as I am led to restful waters. As you well know, to be "on vacation" takes a lot of work! There's planning, shopping, packing, laundry, and arrangements for travel and accommodations to take care of, but there's also all of the planning for coverage in the office and home too. You barely have time to vacate in order to enjoy a vacation, i.e., time away, vacation, or retreating from the everyday hustle and bustle. I'm truly looking forward to my vacation week as it will be spent with most of my family, but I'm also looking forward to some time to enjoy the *quiet* – quiet time with God. I read this very appropriate sentence the other day: *How blessed are we to have opportunities to choose how to spend our time.* We know that we can fit many activities into our days; do we chose to create space for God and prayer in our lives? Or, is God/prayer time carved out only when we're "in need" of something or overwhelmed? God-time and prayer allows us to share our needs and concerns with God (for ourselves and others), but also renews and strengthens us to live as his disciples. From my little book by Patrick Lindsay, Now Is the Time: "*Now is the time…to reflect. Find some quiet time and a serene space. Embrace the solitude. Allow your mind to unwind, and your unconscious thoughts to roam free. Follow them as they wander. Surrender to the journey."*
Happy vacation with God!

(Written by: Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator)

While on vacation, don't take a vacation from God! If you are traveling, visit masstimes.org or @masstimes on Twitter to connect with God.

Catholic Updates (a brief teaching series) are available on the "Free Books" rack in the Connector. Please help yourself to any of the other books as well.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS
Tuesday, July 21

6 bags oranges 6 loaves bread
2 cans powdered (lemonade) juice mix
100 (8 oz) Styrofoam cups
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, July 21. Thank you for all your support. We were able to serve 89 meals in June.

CHURCH SUPPORT – July 11/12
Weekly Collection $7295.00
Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Scripture Study led by Jane Parrillo is held on Tuesdays from 9:45 to 10:30am in the Child Care/Meeting Room in the Church. Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday are discussed.

The Columban Fathers Festival and Bazaar will be held on Sunday, July 26 from noon to 6pm at 65 Ferry Road in Bristol. The event includes food (Chicken Barbeque and much more), yard sale, petting zoo, raffles, face painting, and music. Parking and admission are free.

Jesus Saviour Church will hold its annual summer **Bazaar** on the grounds of the Church from July 23 through July 25 beginning at 7pm each evening. The bazaar will feature bingo, booths for children, White Elephant sale, and food.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-5

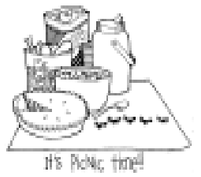
Please pray for all the men and women who have served and who currently serve in the armed forces, and the military commanders who lead them. Pray also for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes).

On July 22 St. Lucy's Church is hosting a potentially life-saving event with **Life Line Screening** in the Parish Center beginning at 8:30am. To learn more about these screenings and to see if you are eligible for registration, call 866-579-5069.

Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken presents Stephen Sonheim and James Lapine's ***Into the Woods!*** Performances are July 30 – Aug. 1 at 7pm and Aug. 2 at 2pm in the Daniel S. Harrop Theater at Bishop Hendricken High School. Tickets are $12 for students and seniors and $15 for adults. Tickets can be purchased online at www.hendricken.com/arts/boxoffice, or by calling the box Office at 739-3450 ext. 172.

Do you want to become Catholic or complete your initiation into the Catholic Church as an adult or know of anyone who does? Please contact Jane at jjparillo@yahoo.com for information.

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the ninth annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years Wedding Anniversaries in 2015. The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence and will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant. Please call the Rectory to fill out a registration form to be submitted by St. Lucy's Church.



SAVE THE DATE! St. Lucy's Annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 4** (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 29. 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_____