



The righteous will shine like the sun.

Mt 13:43



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

When we look at today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the kingdom of heaven and its great value – nothing and no one can compare to it.

Sometimes when we think about the kingdom of heaven, we feel and think that it's (literally and figuratively) so distant and beyond us that, well, "I'll wait to think about it until...I need to prepare..." Well, the kingdom of heaven is here on earth! We, each one of us, are faced with the effects of *planted seeds* or *yeast mixed into the flour* of our lives; but can we recognize these things? Sometimes we get so bogged down in our personal road-maps that we've set for ourselves, getting to point B from point A, amidst all of the detours and road closures, that we sometimes miss the beauty along the way. As you know, I am a TVaholic and have a number of regular shows that I watch. One of those is *The Amazing Race*. Sometimes when racing, the teams get so caught up in the task at hand in the quest to win the million dollar prize that they miss easy clues and argue, put each other down, rush by nature's beauty in destinations and countries they will perhaps never get to see again, and neglect to interact with people of a different culture and background (even their opposing teammates!). They're so single-mindedly determined on finishing as the #1 team, that they (some players) put aside their values. Spoiler alert: We do not live in the reality television show *The Amazing Race!* The prize for us is not at the end of the journey, but to recognize the treasure in our lives each day; perhaps in the person whose car is broken down on the side of the road who is in need of assistance, or maybe our treasure may be found in knocking on the door of our neighbor who is homebound and alone and in need of some TLC. Sometimes we don't have to look very far, not even beyond our own doors: perhaps our treasure is our Mom or Dad, son or daughter, whomever is in your household: do you treat those people as if they are "royalty" and a member of the Kingdom of God? (Did you not just see a lightbulb go on above your head?) What can we do to change our behaviors, actions, and words towards the people we share God's kingdom with? I'm CERTAIN that I can be more patient and self-sacrificing by placing others' needs before my own desires. I wonder what a reality TV series documenting the building up of God's Kingdom on earth would be called?? Perhaps something like *The Amazing Journey...World Without End...*

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

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 \$6369.00
Debt Collection \$2869.00
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 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
- Monday, July 24
 - 9:00am Lawrence Galkowski (Living)
- Tuesday, July 25
 - 9:00am In Honor of St. Anne Joseph F. and Agnes V. Casey
- Wednesday, July 26
 - 9:00am Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
- Thursday, July 27
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, July 28
 - 9:00am (S) Deceased members of the McMahon Family
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, July 29
 - 2:30pm (O) Marriage of Kristine Sanchez and Christopher Henson
 - 5:00pm (O) Georgiana Rodrigues
- Sunday, July 30
 - 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 - 10:30am (O) The Betty and Spooner Families
 - 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

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.

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.

The Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is sponsoring the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese who will be celebrating their 25, 40, 50, and over 50 years of marriage in 2017. The celebration will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate, and a reception for the couples and their families. Please contact St. Lucy's Rectory for a registration form which must be submitted by September 8.

Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken presents *Godspell!* Performances are August 3-5 at 7pm and Aug. 6 at 2pm in the School Theater. Tickets are \$12 for Students & Seniors, and \$15 for Adults. Tickets can be purchased online at www.hendrickendrama.weebly.com or by calling the Box Office at 739-3450 x 172.

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: Documentary – *The Way of St. James*. Email Jane Parrillo at jjparrillo@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

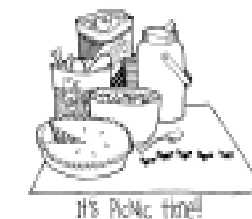
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-46

Jesus Saviour Church Annual Summer Bazaar will be held at their Vernon Avenue grounds from Thursday, July 27 through Saturday, July 29 from 7pm to 11pm each evening. The bazaar will feature games, booths, food, and raffle drawings.

The Columban Fathers in Bristol (65 Ferry Road) will hold their annual Festival and Bazaar on Sunday, July 30 from noon to 6pm. The event includes food, raffles, yard sale, and music. Free parking and free admission.

Congratulations to Patrick Clayton, a member of St. Lucy's Faith Community, for being honored in the August 2017 Newport Life Magazine for all his work as a volunteer. Patrick was named Bike Newport's Volunteer of the year for his "dedication and pure kindness with the patience of a saint" according to Bari Freeman of Bike Newport. Patrick, also a member of the Newport Yacht Club, offers his private boat to Gold Star Teen Adventures benefitting the children of fallen special operations service members. In addition, Patrick is a Eucharistic Minister here at St. Lucy's bringing communion to the sick. "He is a generous and caring person of deep faith which he puts into action" according to Fr. John. **Congratulations, Pat!**

Come Alive Gospel Music Fest for all local residents and visitors will be held on August 19th from 11am to 3pm at King Park, Newport. Bring a picnic and a chair. This is a family event featuring Contemporary Christian and Gospel Music.



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 _____