

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Have you ever come across a quote that resounds within you and you find that you keep returning to it and ruminating over it? On at least three separate occasions, in a matter of a few days, I came across these *gems* (to me) that I would like to share and perhaps impose them upon your thoughts for this week ahead. The first is a quote of Mahatma Gandhi: “*I like your Christ, but I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.*” (I know this sounds strong and can seem offensive, but...just be with it...) My musings: Am I sometimes included in that “grouping” of Christians? What do my words and actions suggest to others who don’t know me? How can I be more Christ-like each and every day? The second thought came about while listening to a Christian song entitled Leaving Eden that I heard on the radio the other day. The gist of the song had to do with all of the pain, struggles, and difficult circumstances (most made by humankind) that we face in our everyday world and how far we’ve come since the harmony and peace of the Garden of Eden. My thoughts: Why is it that we struggle so in living with God’s gifts of beauty and love? Isn’t it easier to live in love rather than live with hate? And lastly, I was scanning through radio stations while driving in to work and my eyes glanced down to the screen that showed the title of a song called Love Is a Verb. Unfortunately the song was ending so I didn’t hear it. My reflections: It may not be necessary to have heard the words to this song, each one of us can write our own words describing love – or how love should be - a verb in our daily living. Take time to look at and name the gifts that God has given to you and the ways God works within your life, as well as all that God accomplishes in our world. Observe all of these things and then STOP to count these blessings! The most profound way that Jesus shares his love with us is in bread – the Eucharist that nourishes us in our journey of faith. The more we come to Jesus in the Eucharist, the more we recognize God’s LOVE within our heart, family, community and world; then we can be and bring that bread to share with others.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

CHURCH SUPPORT – July 29/30, 2017
Weekly Collection \$6380.00
The Second Collection this weekend is for Peter’s Pence/The Holy Father Collection
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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.
 Please place items in the bin marked “School Supplies for Child & Family” in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

**Soup Kitchen Needs
 Tuesday, August, 15**

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
 4 1 pound boxes butter (sticks only)
 2 loaves bread 6 bags oranges
 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, Aug. 15. We served 91 meals in July. Thank you.

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. Please contact St. Lucy’s Rectory for a registration form.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand: It’s never too late to sign up. Simply go to formed.org and use the parish code **B84KHM** to register for your FREE subscription. Recommendation for this week – *From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Science.*

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.

Ladies Lunch: Last summer we lunched with the ladies of the Old Testament. Beginning Wednesday, Aug 9 and continuing for 4 weeks, we will have lunch with the ladies of the New Testament (i.e. Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha of Bethany, Priscilla, Phoebe, and many others) We will meet in the Parish Center from noon to 12:45pm. Please bring your lunch. Cold drinks will be provided. Contact Jane at jjparrillo@yahoo.com with any questions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
 Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

A Trivia Night for friends, families, and parishioners (21 and over) of St. Barnabas will be held in St. Barnabas Church Hall on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 7:30pm. Register your team (cost is \$20) by email at sbchurch@stbarnabas.neconxmail.com or call the Parish Office at 683-1343.

All Saints STEAM Academy has openings available for the upcoming school year in grades Pre-K to 8. Classes are filling fast. All Saints offers an affordable Catholic education for children in Newport County. Schedule a tour and learn about the exciting programs in technology and the arts we offer our students. For more information call 848-4300.

An Italian Food Festival will be held at Holy Angels Parish in Barrington on Saturday, August 12. For full details visit www.holyangelsevent.com.

Back To School Celebration: Free School Supplies! Children must be present! Saturday, August 19 from 10am to 1pm. Free school supplies, food, entertainment, fun activities, and educational information for students, parents, teachers and school staff at the East Bay Community Action Program, 6 John H. Chafee Blvd., Newport.

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

Called By Name Ministry to offer The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola – A Retreat in Daily Life. This is a lived experience of praying, meditating and reflecting on Scripture in order to grow in union with God. The retreat will be offered each Thursday evening Sept. 21, 2017 to May 10, 2018 from 7-8:30pm at St. Catherine’s Church, 3252 Post Rd., Warwick. For more information, contact: calledbynameri@gmail.com or call Deborah Notarianni 742-7637 or Rita Pratt 323-6719.

Prayer shared by Fr. John last weekend at the conclusion of his Homily::

For every pain we must bear,
 For every burden, every care, There’s a reason.

For every grief that bows the head,
 For every teardrop that is shed,
 There’s a reason.

For every hurt, for every plight,
 For every lonely, pain-racked night,
 There’s a reason.

But if we trust God, as we should,
 It will turn out for our good.
 He knows the reason.
 (Author unknown)

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, August 5
 5:00pm (O) Owen Carroll (50th Anniversary)
 John Jarrett, Bill Plank
- Sunday, August 6
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Monday, August 7
 9:00am (S) John and Bess Grant
- Tuesday, August 8
 9:00am (S) Orlando and Teresa Juliano
- Wednesday, August 9
 9:00am (S) Rita Kueny (living)
- Thursday, August 10
 9:00am (S) Communion Service
- Friday, August 11
 9:00am (S) Trinidad Aujero
 (Anniversary Remembrance)
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
 Litany to Mary
 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, August 12
 1:30pm (S) Mass at Grand Islander
 5:00pm (S) Mary Mello Silvia (6th Anniversary)
 William H. and Mary K. Connerton
 (Anniversary Remembrance)
- Sunday, August 13
 8:00am (S) Evan Michael Nesby
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 10:30am (B) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 12:00pm (C) Baptism
 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
- C = Rev. Deacon John Croy

From the Pastor’s Desk: I will be on vacation from Monday, August 7 through Monday, August 21. During my absence a number of different clergy will be available.