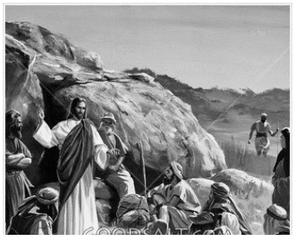

Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes has eternal life.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 8
5:00pm Jesse and Jim Sullivan
Sunday, August 9
8:00am (O) Susan Boutin
10:30am (O) George L. Silvia (6 mo. Anniversary)
12:00noon Baptism
7:00pm (B) John F. and Elizabeth T. Harrington
Monday, August 10
9:00am Julia Jordan Finn
Tuesday, August 11
9:00am Michael and Deacon Robert Sheeley
Wednesday, August 12
9:00am Mary Mello Silvia (4th Anniversary)
Thursday, August 13
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, August 14
9:00am Dr. William McNally
John and Margaret Hopf
Charles Carey
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Devotions
7:50pm Benediction
Saturday, August 15 ***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
9:00am Mass (not a Holy Day of Obligation)
1:30pm Mass at Forest Farm
2:30pm Wedding Ceremony of
Leslie Liquito and Daniel O'Neil
5:00pm Mary K. and William H. Connerton
(Anniversary)
Sunday, August 16
8:00am (B) Trinidad Aujero
10:30am (O) St. Lucy Parishioners
7:00pm (O) Elena Youngblood (living)

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

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).

The Rectory Offices will be closed on Monday, Aug. 10 in observance of RI Victory Day Holiday.

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

I admit, I've been disappointed in myself over the last week due to the fact that my personal goal to bring that "laid-back, relaxed mindset" back from vacation with me had vanished within 5 days of my return to *real life*. How could I have let that attitude slip out of my grasp so quickly? This hoped-for goal of bringing my "vacation mode mindset" back into my everyday life was a tall order to implement and live out – those of you who know me realize this would have been a miracle if I actually was laid-back and mellow for more than a week. For you business people, part of me knew this goal wouldn't fly very long because I hadn't implemented action steps; I just willed for it to happen. Of course, why would it?? If I'm honest with myself, what I really had hoped for rather than bringing back a "vacation mindset" was that I had wanted to re-start and re-engage in my life something called *holy leisure*, but I hadn't given it that name. I could not find the correct words to fully describe what I truly desired and wanted to have in my life to replace the term "vacation mindset." When I read the book entitled **The Radical Christian Lifestyle by Joan Chittister, OSB** her words resonated with the thoughts I had – yes, *holy leisure*. She says that *holy leisure* a "necessary respite from a wildly moving world that turns incessantly now on technology that grants neither the space nor time it takes to think." *Holy leisure* is a gift of reflection and being conscious of God's presence: always and all ways. Chittister talks about how it's a life lived with a *Sabbath* mind, and that "*rabbis teach that the purpose of a Sabbath is three-fold: 1) To make everyone – slave and citizen alike – free for at least one day a week. 2) To give us time to do what God did: to evaluate our work to see if it is good. 3) To reflect on life, to determine what we're doing and who we are is what we should be doing and who we want to be.*" The Sabbath, our time of *holy leisure*, allows us to reflect and act AFTER we experience the space we need to begin again and re-start our engines, re-engage in our relationships, re-evaluate. The more we enter into this *holy leisure* of the Sabbath, the more we will be filled with the Holy and that will flow into all of who we are and do.

Written by: Colette M. Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

The mailing for **LIFE** (**L**earning **I**n **F**aith **E**xperiences) "*Gifts for Christian Living*" theme year have gone out! Be on the look-out for this much-anticipated year of celebrations - open to everyone in the Parish to grow in faith together. Brochures and Registrations Forms will also be available on the table at the main entrance of the Church. Opening dates are September 20 or 21 – please mark your calendars☺

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.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS
Tuesday, August 18, 2015

6 bags oranges 6 loaves bread
Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc)
2 cans powdered juice mix (lemonade)
4 bottles salad dressing (Ranch or Italian)

If you would like to help with any of the above items please call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0320. You may drop your donations at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tuesday, August 18. Thank you all for your support. We were able to serve 97 meals in July.

CHURCH SUPPORT – August 1/2

Weekly Collection	**$7522.00**
Peter's Pence Collection	**$2427.00**

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56-
Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

"**Come and See" Day** will be held on Sunday, August 16 from 1-3pm for single men and women aged 18-40. Think God may be calling you to be a religious Brother or Sister? Ever wanted to see a religious community up-close? Come visit a religious community. For a list of the religious communities participating and their locations go to www.dioceseofprovidence.org and click on the Year of Consecrated Life logo or call 278-4663.

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.

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.

PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU

Our Parish Picnic was, once again, a **HUGE** success! Many thanks to everyone who attended our Picnic this past Tuesday evening. It was truly a wonderful gathering with great food and great weather. Deep gratitude is extended to all who helped make this event possible: the Parish Picnic Committee, food suppliers, pastry makers, the cooks, Parish Staff, grounds crew, face painters, petting zoo, the Middletown Fire engine crew, prize donators, etc. It was a wonderful fun-filled event for our Parish Community!!!

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Lucy's Fall Dinner Dance Event 2015 will be held on Saturday, November 14, from 6-11pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are available through Fely Budziszek (849-1692) or at the Rectory office (847-6153). Ticket prices: $25/Adults; $10/Children 6-12 years old, and no charge for children 5 years old and under. More detailed information will follow. ***This will be an evening filled with "Dining, Dancing, Raffles, Entertainment, Friends, Fun, and Surprises!"***

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for a family with children who have special needs. Help is needed for interaction recreational play. Parent supervision is present in the home. No chores at all, very flexible schedules, and no long term commitment is needed. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 847-6153.

Help is needed for the Meals on Wheels Program in Middletown. This home delivered meal program began 45 years ago and is the only non-profit meal delivery program serving the entire state of Rhode Island. Currently, this program provides up to 5 noontime meals per week to approximately 1,500 qualified individuals. The meals are delivered primarily by a dedicated team of over 1,000 volunteers, but more volunteers are needed in the Middletown area. If you would like to know more about volunteering in this Program, please contact Parishioner Ruth Corcoran at 847-0411.

Portuguese Cultural Festival: The Vasco da Gama Portuguese American Charitable Society of Newport will be hosting a Portuguese cultural festival on Sunday, Aug. 16 from noon to 4pm on the grounds of the Hall located at 15 Fenner Ave., Newport. There will be Portuguese entertainment all day with special performances by folklore groups at 1 and 3pm. The Food Court will offer a variety of Portuguese food. In addition there will be face painting and special treats for the youngsters. For more information, call 846-0913.

Seeking Roman Catholic Musician/Choir Director in Newport County for Catholic Mass at 9am and once a week rehearsals. Requirements include: Assoc. degree in music; 3 yrs of experience; clear understanding of Navy organization and the pluralistic ministry requirements that affect the use of chapel facilities and staff; keyboard and vocal music skills. Call Anne Rose at Sawyer Contracting 407-602-7780 ext 102 or anne@sawyercontracting.com.