



“Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, ‘Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?’”

Matthew 14:31

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 12  
 5:00pm (S) Mary Mello Silvia (6<sup>th</sup> 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) Rey Deguzman (for healing)

Monday, August 14  
 9:00am (S) Afife and Joseph Menassa  
 5:00pm (S) **Vigil Mass: The Assumption of Mary**  
 Arthur M. Hines (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and  
 Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, August 15  
 9:00am (S) **The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Christopher Grant, Teresa Warburg (living)

Wednesday, August 16  
 9:00am (S) Joseph B. Going

Thursday, August 17  
 9:00am Communion Service

Friday, August 18  
 9:00am (S) John “Jack” Donovan  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
 Litany to Mary  
 7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, August 19  
 2:00pm Mass at Middletown Royal (Forest Farm)  
 5:00pm (S) Henry “Hank” Lombardi

Sunday, August 20  
 8:00am (S) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 10:30am (B) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

In the above celebrations:  
 O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill  
 S = Rev. Saji Joseph  
 B = Rev. Bill O’Neill  
 C = Rev. Deacon John Croy

**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**  
 Today’s Gospel continues from last week’s, after having fed the crowds (physically and spiritually) Jesus sent the disciples ahead of him in the boat. Jesus sends the crowd to their homes and goes alone to the mountain to pray. While away, the disciples’ boat was being pummeled by the wind and the waves. Surely the disciples’ boat was just a simple wooden one, to be manned by a few deckhands – not comparable in structure to any in the fleet of the TV show “*Deadliest Catch*,” which have mega-ton metal vessels that, despite size and weight, they too get battered and crushed by the winds and power of the seas. In my mind’s eye I envision the disciples who are fishermen, while scared out of their wits, are yelling out orders attempting to secure the boat and save everyone’s lives; while those who aren’t fishermen are screaming and yelling their prayers, all while watching their lives flash before their eyes, getting soaked by the tumultuous waters. The writer of the Gospel shares that “in the fourth watch of the night” Jesus came toward them walking on the sea. The “fourth watch” is that hour of the night when (at sea) your eyes play tricks on you from being so tired and engulfed in the darkness not being able to differentiate between sea or sky. So it’s no surprise that the disciples were terrified when they saw Jesus walking on the water thinking they were seeing a ghost; during the fourth watch, and in that storm their minds were running wild! Jesus saw their fear and spoke to them telling them to take courage and not be afraid. Impetuous Peter then said, *Lord, if it’s you, command me to come to you on the water.* Jesus said *Come*, to which (impulsive) Peter did – he jumped out of the boat and began to walk to Jesus on the water until he saw how strong the wind was and got fearful, and began to sink. He cried out to Jesus to save him, and immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter saying: *Why did you doubt?* So often we experience being tossed about by the strong winds and the wild seas in our relationships, at work, school, etc. and wonder where Jesus is during these stormy times. Jesus is present to His disciples and is aware of what they are facing. Jesus is aware of all that we encounter in our lives too! Like Peter, Jesus reaches out to each one of us, challenging us to trust Him enough *to jump out of the boat and into the storm*, knowing that He will be with us. We need to be able to cry out to Jesus to save us when we falter and believe that Jesus’ outstretched hand will get us to the place that we need to be. With Jesus in the “storms” of our lives we can do what seems to be the impossible; without Jesus during these “storms” all we can see and experience is the storm’s chaos, fixating on the winds and the waves, on how wet and cold we are, how panic-y we’re becoming and clutch for any stronghold until we can’t hold on anymore and finally...sink. Pray that we may each find the courage, like Peter, to jump out into the deep waters because Jesus IS our stronghold.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

**CHURCH SUPPORT – August 05/06, 2017**  
**Weekly Collection \$5813.00**  
**Peter’s Pence/The Holy Father Collection \$1954.00**  
 Next week’s second collection will be for the Reduction of the Parish Debt. *Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**The Rectory Office is closed on Monday, August 14 in observance of the Victory Day holiday.**

**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.

**Holy Day: The Feast of the Assumption of Mary** is observed on Tuesday, August 15 to celebrate Mary’s journey as God’s most humble and faithful servant. The Church proclaims and celebrates that in Mary there is no obstacle to deny her immediate passing through death and becoming the first after her Son to be raised body and soul to fullness of life with God. Our Vigil Mass is Monday at 5:00pm. The **only** Mass at St. Lucy’s on Tuesday is at 9:00am.

**Community Action Committee:** Donations to assist Child & Family Services with “Back to School” supplies will be accepted through next weekend (August 19/20). Items 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.**

**FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand:** Would you like access to the best of Catholic media on demand? Simply go to formed.org and register using the parish code **B84KHM**. It’s **FREE!** Recommendation for this week as we look forward to the *Feast of the Assumption of the BVM*:- Book – **Faith Basics: Understanding Catholic Teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Email Jane for more information or for help at [jjparrillo@yahoo.com](mailto:jjparrillo@yahoo.com).

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:** On the Wednesdays in August there will be a Bible Study of the Ladies of the New Testament in the Parish Center at noon. Bring your lunch if you wish. Cold drinks provided. All are welcome.

**Would you like to become a Catholic or do you know someone who does?** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin in September. Classes are every Wednesday evening from 7-8pm in the church. Please contact Jane Parrillo at [jjparrillo@yahoo.com](mailto:jjparrillo@yahoo.com) to register or for more information.

**PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU.** Our Parish Picnic was, once again, a HUGE success! Many thanks to everyone who attended our Picnic last 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, 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!

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: St. Lucy Parish is joining the St. Vincent DePaul Society!** Our conference is in the beginning stages and we are looking for new members! If you would like to help those in need within our community, this is a great opportunity for you. If you are interested in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, visit the website at [www.svdpusa.org](http://www.svdpusa.org) or [www.svdpri.org](http://www.svdpri.org) for more information. If you were unable to attend the initial orientation meeting, the next one is being offered on Sept. 16 from 8:30 to 3:30 at St. Joseph’s Church in Hope Valley. For more information, come to our first meeting on Thursday, August 24 at 5pm in the Parish Center.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/  
 Lk 1:39-56  
 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 19:13-15  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15  
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

**All Saints STEAM Academy** has openings in grades Pre-K- 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.

**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.

St. Lucy’s received a letter from The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, congratulating and thanking our Parish for surpassing our goal for the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal. All donations support Diocesan ministries which care for the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort the sick.