Jesus said to his disciples" I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!
There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and
how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Lk 12:49-50

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Sunday, August 14
8:00am (O) Evan Nesby (Birthday Remembrance)
10:30am (O) Arthur Hines (1st Anniversary)
12:00pm Baptisms
7:00pm (O'N) William H. and Mary K. Connerton (Anniversary Remembrance)
Monday, August 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00am Trinidad Aujero
7:00pm The Killavey and Hardan Families
Tuesday, August 16
9:00am Francis J. Lewis
Wednesday August 17
9:00am Joseph B. Going
Thursday, August 18
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, August 19
9:00am (S) Alfred J. Carpinello
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Devotions
8:00pm Benediction
Saturday, August 20
1:30pm Mass at Forest Farm
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Sunday, August 21
8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
10:30am (O) Lillian Peterson
7:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O'Brien
S = Rev. Saji Joseph
O'N = Rev. Tom O'Neill

During this "Year of Mercy," the **DVD** of **Little Boy** is available to be lent out to Parishioners (within a 1-week timeframe, please). Please call the Rectory Office to make sure that this copy of Little Boy is available.

LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today's reading is one that's difficult to listen to and difficult to understand. When/how often do we read/hear Jesus say such things as when he tells his disciples "*I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.*" Jesus then continues to say: "*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* We hear those words and wonder what's happened? Why such a change in Jesus' demeanor and tone? Didn't Jesus just tell us a few weeks back to "*love God and our neighbors as ourselves*?" In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he will face his passion and death. We're now seeing and hearing Jesus start to prepare his disciples for those events to come. Jesus isn't telling them (or us) to create conflicts and divisions, rather, he's trying to help them (us) come to understand that following him might, at times, put us at odds with or separate us from others. Today's readings are about choosing sides – choosing which side you want to be on: Jesus' or those who put themselves before others (continued themes from previous weeks). Choosing to be on Jesus' team means that we make a conscious decision to choose Jesus as #1 in our lives and a conscious effort to follow him, not just as a slogan on a t-shirt that you put on and take off at your whim. Once we decide to choose team Jesus, we are committing ourselves to walk in the way of Jesus. In order to walk in His way, we need to be in a relationship with Him. What type of relationships do you normally prefer to have in your life: close, personal, some give and take, time spent together at least on a daily basis…or…not really much commitment because it's long distance? Faith isn't an easy decision and entails giving as well as receiving, just like any good and healthy relationship. If you haven't as yet chosen a team, I hope that you choose Team Jesus! A great way to strengthen your "position" on the team is by working out/practicing so you may grow stronger as a disciple through: prayer, full participation at Mass, reception of Sacraments, etc. Speaking of Sacraments, the 2016-17 **LIFE** (Parish-wide Religious Education) Brochures have been mailed. Check your mailbox so that you can register today! Yes, yet another opportunity to deepen your faith and grow as a disciple on Team Jesus!

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

Holy Day: Feast of the Assumption of Mary is observed on Monday, August 15. On this day we 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. Because this Holy Day falls on Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of obligation, but rather one of "opportunity." The Mass schedule for the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary on Monday is 9:00am and 7:00pm.

BIBLE STUDY continues during the summer every Tuesday morning from 9:45-10:30 in the Family Room of the Church. We will focus on the upcoming Sunday readings. All are welcome.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS
Tuesday, August 16

6 bags oranges 200 plastic knives
6 dispenser bottles of hand sanitizer
Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies)
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, August 16. We served 87 meals in July. ***Thank You!***

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rev 11:9a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 18:22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7a /Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

THE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC) is 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. Items needed are backpacks (good and sturdy either new or gently used), calculators, 3 ring binders (new or gently used), spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, paper, highlighters, rulers, etc. Any of the above will 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 Services"*** in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

All Saints STEAM Academy in Middletown will be holding an **Open House** on **Sunday, August 14 from 11:00 – 1:00pm**. For more information call 848-4300

The Parish recently purchased more **CDs** from **Lighthouse Catholic Media** which are available at the kiosk at the Church entrance.

CHURCH SUPPORT – August 6/7, 2016

Weekly Collection $7155.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence Collection) $1995.00

Friendly Reminder: For your convenience donations may be made electronically. It is simple, secure, and convenient! Detailed instructions are on our web site (www.stlucy.org).
**If you have been making your donation by EFT and no longer wish to receive bi-monthly envelopes, please contact the office 847-6153 ext. 201. (You would still receive special mailings from St. Lucy's if you opt out of having the collection envelopes mailed to you.)

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

The Power of Prayer
An Update on Duncan Quinn's Condition

The Quinn Family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers for Duncan and their family. Over the past several days, his condition has been progressing on a positive tract. Please continue to pray for Duncan's total recovery and also for the entire Quinn family. God bless our St. Lucy Faith Community.

Throughout the year the **Diocese of Providence offers several live and online courses** covering the major aspect of our Catholic Faith. These courses are for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism and can also be used for diocesan Catechist Certification. Below is a list of upcoming courses: **The God of Mercy –** A three week online course which begins August 21 – perfect for the Year of Mercy and **Salvation History: Old Testament** – a six week live course that will meet on Tuesdays, August 30 through October 4. For more information or to register, call Ed Trendowski at 278-4646 or register online at www.discovercatholicfaith.org.

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.

Community Connections – A Program of Memorial Funeral Homes: **Loss of Spouse –**In a supportive environment we will explore ways to cope with loss of a spouse. Sponsored and facilitated by Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island. Tuesdays August 16, 23, 30 and September 6 from 4 to 5:30pm. **Portsmouth General Grief Support –** Come share with others in a safe and supportive environment. Grief is hard, we can help. Facilitated by Hope Hospice & Palliative Care. Connors, 55 West Main Rd. Portsmouth. Thursday, Aug. 11 from 1:30 to 3pm. **Open Door: Ongoing Grief Support –** Drop in support for those who are grieving is available every week, Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2:30pm. Community Connections events are free of charge and held at Hambly Brick House, 30 Red Cross, Newport, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited, reserve your place at www.communityconnectionsri.com or call 846-0698.

Dance of the Decades – Get out your dancing shoes!!! This event is sponsored by and held at St. Francis de Sales Church, 381 School St., No. Kingstown, on Saturday, August 27 from 7pm to 11pm in their Parish Center. A DJ and the ED PEPE TRIO live band will be playing music from the 40s through the 80s (song requests will be taken). Included will be line dancing, dance contests, and prizes for the best era dressed attendees. Beer, wine and soda will be available to purchase along with old style root beer floats. Tickets are $15. For more information and/or to purchase tickets, please call St. Francis de Sales Parish office at 884-2105.