



“And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.” Lk 13:29

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, August 20
 - 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
- Monday, August 22
 - 9:00am (S) Nicholas Gavalakis (Birthday Remembrance)
- Tuesday, August 23
 - 9:00am (S) William C. Cella
- Wednesday August 24
 - 9:00am (S) Beverly Rader
- Thursday, August 25
 - 10:00am (Mc) Funeral: Sgt. John Almeida
- Friday, August 26
 - 9:00am (S) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
Jack Sheeley (Living)
Merlina Gavalakis (Living 70th Birthday Thanksgiving)
Alfred J. Carpinello
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Devotions
 - 8:00pm Benediction
- Saturday, August 27
 - 5:00pm (S) James E. Moniz (Birthday Remembrance)
- Sunday, August 28
 - 8:00am (S) Wayne F. Morris
 - 10:30am (H) Jaime DeFreitas
 - 7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O’Brien
- S = Rev. Saji Joseph
- O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill
- H = Rev. Joseph Henry
- Mc = Rev. Eugene McKenna

Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Please email Jane Parrillo (jpparrillo@yahoo.com) for more information.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

The Olympics offer many things to legions of people throughout the world, but mostly they offer us a glimpse of what international unity looks like. How marvelous, during the Opening Ceremonies, was it to hear the millions of people in the stands and the athletes cheer fearlessly and in one voice for the Refugee team! Pope Francis shared this prayer intention on August 2/YouTube: “Sports make it possible to build a culture of encounter among everyone for a world of peace. I dream of sports as the practice of human dignity, turned into a vehicle of fraternity. Do we exercise together this prayer intention? That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between people and contribute to world peace.” We immerse our time, energy, and enthusiasm as fans, spectators, athletes, and Olympic-hopefuls rooting for the “underdog” in competitions, but also for “our” Team USA competitors over these past two weeks, with more to come. One of the highlights of these Olympics for me has been being able to see faith-in-action as well as the athletes and their families witnessing to their faith and giving glory to God. Have you noticed the role of faith in these Olympic Games? (Christians aren’t the only ones competing on Team USA at Rio 2016, just as the athletes come from different States and backgrounds, they also represent diverse faith traditions.) 100m Gold Swimmer Simone Manuel, with tears streaming down her face gave all credit for her achievement to God: “All I can say is all glory to God. It’s definitely been a long journey these past four years...I’m just so blessed to have a gold medal...I’m just so blessed.” Simone also tweeted “It is an honor to represent the USA! God is working in me, I am blessed and grateful!” Laurie Hernandez, a member of “The Final Five” Women’s Gymnastics Team had gone through a lot of physical hardships in order to make her way to Rio. Laurie said that she’s able to “handle the pressure that comes with her platform with prayer. Usually before I salute the judge I’m able to grab the event and I pray on it and that really grounds me. Once I do that, I am able to think clearly and I’m able to calm down right before I compete.” Laurie’s faith is reinforced by her Mom, who helps her daughter to make her relationship with God a priority. After Laurie won a silver medal, her parents at an interview shared that “we three huddle in prayer before a competition because faith comes before everything. We are humbled and grateful to God!” David Boudia, Team USA Diver made a conscious decision to honor Jesus Christ with his life in 2012. “In 2008, diving was my god, it as a forced competition. Now it’s more about what I’m doing to share my purpose but not forcing it on people. God is providing this platform so He can reveal Himself.” Simone Biles, age 19 on Team USA Gymnastics – heavy gold medal winner, is no stranger to overcoming obstacles. Before being adopted by her maternal grandparents at age six, she was placed in foster care. Years later, Simone worked to rebuild her relationship with her birth mother who recognizes that God has blessed her daughter. Simone has her own relationship with God and leans on her Catholic faith. “Before an event, I usually go to church and light a candle for St. Sebastian, who is the patron saint of athletes.” Allyson Felix, Team USA Track & Field accepted Jesus into her life at a young age, but wants to make it clear that “I’m still a work in progress. I continually strive to grow in my relationship with God. I was

nowhere near the perfect child. I had my share of difficult times along with disappointing choices that I made, but thankfully God never stops loving me. I hope to exemplify, on and off the track, a Christ-like character for people.” Bubba Watson, Team USA Golf makes his faith stance clear: his twitter bio states: “Christian. Husband. Daddy. Pro Golfer.” Since his baptism in 2004, he says that he’s “getting more in the Word and realizing that golf is just an avenue for Jesus to use me to reach as many people as I can.” Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian, while struggling with fame, substance abuse and family issues in 2014, was led by a Christian friend and fellow athlete to read an inspirational/faith book. Phelps spoke about his gratitude for the book which sparked a newfound faith for him. “It’s turned me into believing there’s a power greater than myself and a purpose for me on this planet.” Gabby Douglas, Team USA Gymnastics doesn’t take credit for the talent God has given her. After overcoming homelessness and a life-threatening illness when young, Gabby “can’t help but praise God. It was definitely important for me to praise God because he’s given me this talent to go out there and represent him and share my faith with everyone. He’s woken me up every single morning and he’s just been so great to me, so I’m going to go and share it with everyone because it’s a part of me and it’s just who I am.” May the determination of these young people to witness for our Lord inspire and move each one of us to also bear witness to our Lord in our daily lives. Sure, our “footprints” of faith may not leave the same marks, but leave marks – they do! (References: The Christian Post, and Religion News Service, The Institute on Religion & Democracy)

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BIBLE STUDY continues Tuesday mornings (August 23 and 30) from 9:45-10:30 in the Family Room of the Church. We will focus on the upcoming Sunday readings. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31 /Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.

From the Pastor’s Desk:

I will be on vacation from Monday, August 22 through Friday, September 2 enjoying all that Mother Nature offers this time of year. During my absence, Rev. Joseph Saji, Rev. Thomas O’Neill, Rev. Joseph Henry, Rev. Eugene McKenna, and Rev. Mr. John Croy will be available. **Fr. John**

CHURCH SUPPORT – August 13/14, 2016

Weekly Collection \$6172.00
Second Collection this weekend is for Parish Debt. Rev. Patrick Geo, coordinator of the Mission Appeal for the Archdiocese of Madras (India), will speak at all Masses this weekend. **However, the collection for this Mission Appeal will be held next weekend.**
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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.

Divorced? Separated? The Diocesan Office of Life and Family will offer the “Finding Hope” Program at St. Catherine Church, 3252 Post Rd., Warwick (upper back entrance) on Tuesdays 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Sept. 20 through November 15. This free support group embraces our Catholic faith, provides a peaceful place for sharing, for healing, and to discuss topics related to separation/divorce. For registration/information, contact Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

Building Bridges is a cooperative bereavement education group sponsored by Memorial Funeral Homes and Hospice at Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol Counties. This six week support group is the foundation for learning about grief and meeting others who have also suffered a loss. The program will be held on Sept. 13, 30, 27 and Oct. 4, 11, and 18 from 4:30 to 6pm at the Visiting Nurse Services in Portsmouth. For more information and to register, call Visiting Nurse Services at 682-2100.

St. Clare-Newport at 309 Spring Street invites Parishioners of St. Lucy’s to a special “Sneak Peek” tour of their beautiful new facility on Sunday, Sept. 11 from noon to 2pm. There is no need to RSVP, just stop by. We will be doing tours and answering questions from noon to 2pm.

The Diocese of Providence will host an inaugural Blue Mass for Police Officers on Sunday, September 18, at 10:00 am in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant of the Mass with other priests concelebrating. Everyone is invited to come together to honor and support police officers who serve and protect our communities in Rhode Island and pray for their safety.