



I will give you
the keys of the
kingdom of heaven.

Mt 16:19

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 26
5:00pm (O) Frank P. "Mickey" Mello

Sunday, August 27
8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

Monday, August 28
9:00am Deceased members of the McMahon family
Blessing of ASA teachers

Tuesday, August 29
9:00am Darlene Galkowski – *living* (Birthday)

Wednesday, August 30
9:00am Joyce Smith (7th Anniversary)

Thursday, August 31
9:00am Communion Service

Friday, September 1
9:00am (S) Gina Tartaglino
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, September 2
5:00pm (O) Henry "Hank" Lombardi (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, September 3
8:00am (O) James J. Manning (9th Anniversary)
10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
2:00pm Marriage of Kristina Recchia and Zachary Taylor
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

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



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

While reading this Gospel, I had a flashback of sitting in a high school classroom and the teacher asking us what we thought to be a "trick" question. In my mind's eye, I picture Jesus and his disciples relaxing together and enjoying each other's company and conversing about many different things. When, out of the blue, Jesus stops and looks at each one of them, asking: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Did they perhaps feel as if they were being put on the spot to answer for themselves or maybe they felt they should just give the answers that they heard others talking about at the synagogue or at the city gates? Jesus then continues asking a more direct question: "But who do you say I am?" It was Peter, out of all the disciples (who all were perhaps like those scared classroom students not knowing what to say), who finally spoke up with his **inspired** declaration. If we, when questioned by Jesus as to who He is, are actually able to make as bold a statement as Peter: we show our commitment to our baptismal promise and we (like Peter) also are heirs to the keys of the kingdom. We also share in the vocation to use those 'keys' to open doors to free prisoners, to feed the hungry, to protect the weak, etc. However we respond to Jesus' question, we reveal (to Jesus) the depth of our commitment to Him. It's not so much what our head/brain responds to Jesus' direct question, but rather how we live our daily lives that will reveal our true answer to His question. Will our individual response to the question "Who do you say I am?" reveal a life that is committed and passionate about Jesus and discipleship, or reveal instead a faith that is lukewarm and more "convenient?" Jesus' question may make us uncomfortable, but is it discomfoting because it is also asking us who we say that we are too? Here's yet another question to reflect upon: Who am I in my relationship with Jesus?

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

FOCUS: MINISTRY

Stay tuned for upcoming events which will show you how to be good stewards of your time and talents here at St. Lucy's.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand: Book recommendation for this week *Understanding "Our Father": Biblical Reflections on the Lord's Prayer* by Scott Hahn. Registering is easy and FREE! Go to formed.org and register using the parish code **B84KHM**. Email Jane at jjparrillo@yahoo.com if you need any help.

CHURCH SUPPORT – August 19/20, 2017

Weekly Collection \$4391.00
Reduction of the Parish Debt. \$3039.00
Balance of Parish Debt as of 7/25/17 is \$72,929.28
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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: St. Lucy Parish is joining the St. Vincent de Paul 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 or 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. The officers for our SVdP Conference include: President: Patty Mott, Vice-President: Kathy Leonard, Treasurer: Eileen Lloyd, Secretary: Anna Hallett, and Spirituality: Natalie Johnson.

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.

Ladies Lunch: On the Wednesdays in August, Bible Study of the Ladies of the New Testament in the Parish Center at noon continues. Bring your lunch if you wish. Cold drinks are 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 Parish Center. Please contact Jane Parrillo at jjparrillo@yahoo.com to register or for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Help discover the keys to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME weekends are Sept. 16-17 in Medway, MA and Oct. 21-22 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit <https://www.mema.org>.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Save the Date: Stonehill College, Easton, MA will host an **Our Lady of Fatima Conference** on Saturday, October 7. The **Promise & Our Part in the Plan** will focus on the integral message of Fatima, Our Lady's invitation to live the Gospel today. This is a full-day Fatima event: 8am to 5pm and 6pm to 9 pm. Tickets will be sold separately – full package \$89; Day Program \$49; Evening Program \$59. Tickets can be obtained at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3052076>.

A Day of Remembrance: Please join with others on Sept. 9 from 10 to 11am at the Guardian Angel Plot – Baby Land at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 550 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside, for this special and prayerful event dedicated to all babies that have died from an abortion, a miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant death. It will include reflections, the Rosary and other prayers for all the babies. This event is being held simultaneously with the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. For more information, contact Carol Owens at 421-7833 x218 or email cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is leading a **Pilgrimage to Ireland following the footsteps of St. Patrick and visiting Our Lady of Knock Shrine over St. Patrick's Day, March 14 - 22, 2018**. The cost of \$2699.00 per person includes air travel from Providence and breakfast and dinner. Mass will be celebrated every day. For a flyer or more detailed info please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.