



“Rather, when you hold a banquet invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Lk 14:13-14

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

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  
 Monday, August 29  
 9:00am (S) Clyde Cofield  
 Tuesday, August 30  
 9:00am (O’N) Dorothy C. Arruda  
 Wednesday August 31  
 9:00am (Mc) John and Margaret Hopf  
 Thursday, September 1  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 Friday, September 2  
 9:00am (Mc) Jeanne StPierre  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Devotions  
 8:00pm Benediction  
 Saturday, September 3  
 5:00pm (O) Albert J. Belise  
 Sunday, September 4  
 8:00am (O) Todd Dupont  
 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber  
 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)**

Next weekend in our Catholic faith and Church we have a wondrous celebration and event taking place: the **Canonization of Mother Teresa!** How fitting and appropriate that the canonization of Mother Teresa is taking place during the *Jubilee Year of Mercy!* No matter what age, faith, race, economic situation – the overwhelming majority of people in our world know of Blessed Mother Teresa and at one time or another, have been moved by her words, insight, faith, and/or actions. She was a woman of our generation who walked with all people: from royalty, presidents, popes and bishops, to living among and serving the poorest of the poor and the dying. I am humbled to say that I was blessed by the opportunity to have been in the same building and hear her speak. Mother Teresa’s words (at WYD, 1984) challenged the youth of America to “follow where your heart and prayer leads you, no matter how difficult or uncomfortable, for you will be led to Jesus.” Less than two years after her death on September 5, 1997, Pope John Paul II, now a canonized saint himself, waived the waiting period for her cause to start. Father Brian Kolodiejchuk of the Missionaries of Charity Fathers, postulator of Mother Teresa’s cause of canonization shared this about her beatification miracle (connects with Legion of Mary insert!). “A woman named Monica Besra in West Bengal had a huge abdominal tumor. Her family brought her to the Missionaries of Charity, the congregation founded by Mother Teresa in 1950. The sisters first took her to their doctors who did not have a medical solution. Then, on Sept. 5, 1998, the first anniversary of Mother Teresa’s death, the superior took a Miraculous Medal that had been touched by Mother Teresa’s body during her funeral and prayed a simple prayer: ‘Mother, today is your day. You love the poor. Please do something for Monica.’ It was simple and direct. At 1:00am on Sept. 6, Monica got up and found that her stomach was normal. She could not stand upright before, but that Sunday morning, Monica was standing up straight.” Mother Teresa’s canonization miracle was also dramatic and involved a 42 year old man from Brazil who had a bacterial infection that led to multiple abscesses of the brain. Fr. Brian said “by Dec. 9, 2008, the man was dying. Doctors had tried different medicines and treatments. By 2am, the man was in extreme pain and went into a coma, near death. At 6:10pm he was taken into the operating room where his neurosurgeon would attempt a last-ditch surgery, but it wasn’t do-able. However, since that March, the patient’s wife continuously asked for Mother Teresa’s intercession for her husband. Her relatives, friends and parish priest were also praying for a miraculous cure through Mother Teresa’s intercession. On that December day from 6:10-6:40pm the wife went to the church for very intense prayer with the pastor, seeking the intercession of Mother Teresa for the cure of her husband. The surgeon came out of the operating room at 6:40pm. The man was inexplicably awake, in no pain, and asked, ‘What am I doing here?’ Not one doctor could give a medical explanation.” Next weekend we honor Blessed Mother Teresa and welcome her into the Communion of Saints! She is an awesome and down-to-earth, concrete model and patron saint for workers of mercy and the perfect example of mercy that Pope Francis speaks of and challenges us to live by. When Fr. Brian tells of how Mother Teresa when speaking in public,

would often refer to Matthew 25, and would offer a lesson with her famous five finger ‘catechism.’ She would take one hand and with the other point to each finger saying, “You-Did-It-To-Me.” Sometimes she’d say that one needn’t go to Calcutta to find the poor, and then she’d tell them to look around in their own homes, schools, places of work, reminding all people that acts of mercy are little things: a smile, a word of consolation, reading the newspaper for someone, doing the shopping, spending time speaking to someone...small things done with great love; ordinary things done with great love! What a wonderful model of faith and charity, Mother Teresa is; she’s a mentor and hero of our day. We are truly blessed!

[stories taken from [www.ncregister.com/article47881](http://www.ncregister.com/article47881)]

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

**BIBLE STUDY** for the summer which focuses on the upcoming Sunday readings concludes this Tuesday (August 30) from 9:45-10:30 in the Family Room of the Church. All are welcome. Future sessions TBD.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mk 6:17-29  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5  
 Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**From the Pastor’s Desk:**

I am presently enjoying some vacation time, August 22 through Friday, September 2 taking in all that Mother Nature offers to us during this marvelous 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 20/21, 2016**

**Weekly Collection \$4762.00**  
**Debt Collection \$3292.00**  
 Rev. Patrick Geo, coordinator of the Mission Appeal for the Archdiocese of Madras (India), spoke at all Masses last weekend. **However, the collection for this Mission Appeal will be held this 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.

**Back to School Blessing**

God of all knowledge and wisdom, remind us that a new school year has begun. We pray your blessing on all students, young and old, as they begin a new year. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given them. And as they grow in knowledge, help them also grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect for themselves and for others. We ask your blessing on parents, teachers, and all those who care for students. Strengthen them to surround our students with encouragement, support, and love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Once again, **thanks and appreciation** go out to our Parish Community for continued prayerful support for Duncan Quinn and the Quinn family. People continue to ask what can be done for the family, and the immediate response is always PRAYERS. There is also a link for Parishioners and friends who may be able to provide and deliver a meal to the Quinn residence, coordinated by one of their neighbors. If you might be available to assist, please go to <http://takethemameal.com>. Once there you’ll just have to type in their last name and #6956.

**The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry** will host a “National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children” (and for all babies who have died due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or illness) on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10am at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Riverside. For more information, call Carol Owens at 421-7833, ext. 218.

**Divorced? Separated? The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry** will offer the “Finding Hope” Program at St. Catherine Church in Warwick (upper back entrance) on Tuesdays 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Sept. 20 through November 15. 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 begins on Sept. 13 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.

**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, support, and pray for police officers who serve and protect us.

**The Diocesan Office of Vocations** will be kicking off the monthly discernment meetings with the 3rd annual **Pizza on the Patio** night at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence on Friday, Sept. 16 at 6:00pm. For more information or to RSVP if you plan to attend, please contact Fr. Chris Murphy, Assistant Vocation Director at 331-1316 or FatherCJM@gmail.com.