



“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 19  
 5:00pm Judith Green  
 Sunday, September 20  
 8:00am (B) Felicidad Balmaceda Guya  
 Eleanor Santos (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and  
 Birthday Remembrance)  
 10:30am (O) Paula Sheahan Karlson  
 5:00pm (O) Michelle Kathleen Cole  
 Monday, September 21  
 9:00am Michael and Deacon Robert Sheeley  
 Tuesday, September 22  
 9:00am Julia Jordan Finn  
 Wednesday, September 23  
 9:00am Andrew and Loretta Calise  
 Thursday, September 24  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 Friday, September 25  
 9:00am Joseph Lyons (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 Joseph Petrarca  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Devotions  
 7:50pm Benediction  
 Saturday, September 26  
 5:00pm Frank P. (Mickey) Mello  
 Sunday, September 27  
 8:00am (O) Robert and Catherine Edward  
 10:30am (B) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
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In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O’Brien  
 B = Rev. George Behan

The Property and Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 29 at 7pm in the Rectory. Packets of information are available in the Sacristy for pickup.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, September 27 at the 10:30am Liturgy and will also be held on October 4 and 25.



**LIFE** (Learning In Faith Experiences) *Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person* is the theme of today’s observance of Catechetical Sunday in Churches all across the United States. On this weekend many parishes will call forth to highlight and pray for the individuals who serve in this ministry. But I think that this Sunday offers a wonderful opportunity for each of us to reflect on the role that we each play, by virtue of our Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us (catechists yes, but all people: parents, children, young adults, grandparents) to re-dedicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. May we each take the time to pray this *Catechist’s Prayer* (for ourselves who minister in the Domestic Church of our homes, and for our Catechetical Leaders who minister in our Faith Community) as we begin a new year. *Almighty and Merciful God, Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit, I place myself in your care as I begin my commitment to serve you with dedication and dignity. Enlighten me that I may understand that dignity does not come from the work we do, but from the persons we are. Give me the ability to communicate that a person’s dignity is realized in community with others. Help me become aware of numerous insults to human dignity and to share that knowledge with others. Grant that I may act with courage and hope against anything that insults human dignity. Almighty and Merciful God, Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit, I ask for the grace to be patient and merciful in your service, for your mercy endures forever. Bless me, as I am missioned by the Church to announce your mercy. Aid me in teaching and applying the works of mercy in my life and in the lives of those I teach. Grant me an understanding of Mercy: the bridge that connects God and all God’s children, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever. May this upcoming “Year of Mercy” enrich me and all who journey with me in faith, hope and love. Amen.* [JPPII Resources, 2015]

This weekend starts our first 2015-16 **LIFE** celebrations! On Sunday (11:30-2pm\**time change*) and Monday (5:30-8pm) we’ll hit the ground running with this year’s theme “*Gifts for Christian Living.*” If you haven’t signed up yet, please stop in at the Parish Center and join us! **LIFE** is for every Parishioner: child, youth, adults, and our “seasoned” adults, as well as everyone in-between! Pope Francis arrives in the U.S. this week – follow him on TV, radio and twitter!! (Written by: Colette M. Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator)



**Scripture Study** led by Jane Parrillo is held on Tuesdays from 9:45 to 10:30am in the Child Care/Meeting Room in the Church. The Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday are discussed.

*St. Lucy’s Circle of Friends is seeking volunteers/stewards to assist* parishioners Elizabeth and Ryan Tremblay with their overwhelmed yet joyful feelings of being new parents of triplets: all boys, and now all at home. You may know the grandparents: Jane and John Parrillo! A sign-up sheet may be found on the table near the main doors of the Church if you have availability. Thank you very much.



The 2015 November/Fall Dinner Dance to benefit **St. Lucy’s Church** will be held on Sat. November 14 from 6-11pm in the Parish Center. Dance to the music of DJ Fogg Sound and enjoy a dinner of Prime Rib, Cornish Hen and Scrumptious Desserts (just to name a few menu items). Entertainment includes raffles and so much more! This has become such a fun and anticipated event that it is an annual tradition on the St. Lucy calendar, thanks to the hard work of chairperson Fely Budziszek and her dedicated committee! **Tickets are selling quickly** so purchase them today by calling the Rectory Office at 847-6153 (x 206). Prices: \$25.00/Adults; \$10/Children 6-12 years; Children 5 years and under free. Raffle donations are gratefully appreciated and may be dropped off at the Rectory.

**CHURCH SUPPORT – September 12/13**

Weekly Collection	\$6083.00
Debt Reduction Collection	\$3791.00
<i>Thank you for your continuing generosity.</i>	

**Senior Priest Retirement Fund:** Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. This weekend’s second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation, and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, or to make a donation online, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org). We thank Fr. Lavin for his presence and speaking with us last weekend. Please pray for him, and all of our retired clergy, *especially those who continue to assist in ministering to the needs of St. Lucy’s Parishioners.*

The Community Action Committee (CAC) in conjunction with Child and Family Services is collecting **Back to School** supplies. Items needed are USB Flash Drives, backpacks, calculators, binders, notebooks, pens, and pencils. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Connector marked “School Supplies.” The CAC also invites you to join a **Walk to End Alzheimer’s** in memory of Bernie Fagan’s mother. Walks will take place in Providence on Sept. 20 and Newport on Sept. 27. For info call Bernie at 846-4053.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Society of **St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk** will take place on September 27 at 11:00 am at the Garden City Shopping Center. Registration is at 10:00a.m. The event includes a food drive, clothing drive, and family fun afternoon. For more information call 490-0822

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Sacramental Preparation Orientation Meetings** in the Parish Center; no walk-in’s please, family must pre-register. Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7:00pm - Confirmation I and II for both Parents and Students. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 6:30pm – Reconciliation/Eucharist for the Parent only (please do not bring child).

“**A Celebration of St. Francis and a Season of Creation**” hosted by the Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6 to 9pm at St. Patrick’s Church in Providence. For more information and to register, contact Carol Owens at 421-7833 (x218).

**Do you want to become Catholic or complete your initiation into the Catholic Church as an adult or know of anyone who does?** Please contact Jane at [jjparrillo@yahoo.com](mailto:jjparrillo@yahoo.com).

**POT LUCK SUPPER:** Join with other St. Lucy Parishioners to celebrate and give thanks for a bountiful harvest on Saturday, September 26 after the 5pm Mass. For every household coming, we ask you to bring either a main dish or a side dish enough to feed four+ people. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided but you may bring your own beer or wine. If you would like to donate a bottle of wine or a gift certificate for the raffle, please drop it off at the Rectory as soon as possible. Please fill out the form on the back table of the Church indicating what you would like to bring and leave in the basket. Let’s make this an evening of good food, good cheer, and lots of laughs!!

**Catholic School Open Houses:**

**Bay View Academy** – Sunday, Oct. 4 at 12pm. To find more information or to pre-register for open house go to [www.bayviewacademy.org](http://www.bayviewacademy.org). Bay View is an independent, Catholic school for girls, Pre-K through Grade 12.  
**St. Philomena School, Pre-K-8.** Thursday, Oct. 8 with a presentation at 9:30am followed by tours of the school and classroom visits. Before and after school care programs. Located at 324 Cory’s Lane, Portsmouth.  
**LaSalle Academy-** Sunday, Oct. 18 at 12pm. All are welcome. No registration needed. Entrance Exam for High School only. Saturday, Dec. 5, 8am. Questions: Call George Aldrich, Director of Admissions 331-7750, ext. 122.  
**The Prout School** – Sunday, Oct. 25 from 1-4pm. A coeducational college-preparatory high school in Southern Rhode Island, find out more by calling Director of Admissions, Sharon DeLuca 789-9262 ext 514 or [www.theproutschool.org](http://www.theproutschool.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 also for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes).

**Join Portsmouth Girl Scouts!** Some of the fun activities are the Annual Camp Out Event every spring, a Mother/daughter dance, Father/Daughter Bowling. Come check the registration event on Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Barnabas Church Hall, 1697 East Main Rd., Contact Debbie Barandiaran at [debbieb956@gmail.com](mailto:debbieb956@gmail.com) or call 626-0270.