



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Lk 17:6

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, October 1
  - 5:00pm (O) Concetta "Connie" Falbo
- Sunday, October 2, **Respect Life Sunday and World Communion Day**
  - 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
  - 10:30am (O) Rev. Mr. Joseph A. Sullivan, Frances Sullivan, Mark Sullivan
  - 2:00pm Marriage of Jessica Flood and Kevin Kiefer
  - 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Monday, October 3
  - 9:00am (O) Katherine Hellendrung-living 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings
- Tuesday, October 4
  - 9:00am (O) Maurice Sheley
- Wednesday October 5
  - 9:00am (O) Deacon Robert and Michael Sheely
- Thursday, October 6
  - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, October 7
  - 9:00am (S) In honor of Mary, Mother of Mercy, dedicated by Pope Francis
  - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 7:00pm Devotions
  - 8:00pm Benediction
- Saturday, October 8
  - 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander
  - 5:00pm (O) Juliet and Leo Bernier
- Sunday, October 9, **Vocation Awareness Sunday**
  - 8:00am (O) W. Wallace Mathison
  - 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
  - 12:00pm Baptisms
  - 5:00pm William Collins (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

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

**A Children's Homily will be offered today, Sunday, October 2 at the 10:30am Mass as well as Oct. 9, 16, and 30.**

**In honor of Our Lady, The Rosary** for all intentions will be prayed directly after the 8 and 10:30am Masses each Sunday for the month of October. Cindy Killavey will lead the Rosary after the 8am Mass and Denise Betz will lead the Rosary after the 10:30am Mass.

**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**  
 Each time I hear the sentence about the mustard seed in today's Gospel I'm reminded of Pepper, the little boy in the movie LITTLE BOY that some of us were able to watch together back in June at our "Year of Mercy Family Movie Night." At the start of the movie we see Pepper's very deep bond with his father, and that much of their shared fun is based on an inspirational comic book hero/magician. In a further scene Pepper is attending Mass with his mother, and the priest is reading the Gospel passage we hear today and preaching on it. Pepper takes the part about the mustard seed at face-value and finds himself making a poor choice, and as a result his mother brings him in for a face-to-face, sit-down, let's- make-this-situation-right meeting with the priest. The priest and Pepper talk about the reading, and why his understanding of it led him to this day of reckoning. The priest helped Pepper move from his childish wish-fulfillment to a "childlike" trust and faith in God by providing him with a list of the Corporal Works of Mercy for him to work through, as a means of these actions becoming tangible expressions of his love and devotion for his father and God. Pepper's acts of mercy weren't very merciful – at first, they were done rather grudgingly in the beginning. Through Peppers actions (and with the steadfast guidance and support of certain individuals) in completing these works of mercy, Pepper's faith grew and he began to truly learn what love, hope, and faith were all about. Pepper's actions also led other people to believe, to have faith. Faith isn't something vague, or something that requires us to have a blind allegiance; it's the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, constant, truthful, and real. To have faith is to believe in someone or something. We believe in the power of the wind even though we can't see it with the naked eye (although we can see the effects of it). Faith in God is the same: we can't see God, but we believe in God (we see the effects of God)! Faith is a gift freely given to us by God to help us know God personally. We can do more with God than we could ever think to do by ourselves (yes, even move a mountain). That is why Jesus gave us the gift and the power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow stronger in our faith. Also in today's Gospel Jesus used the parable of the dutiful servant; WE are God's servants. One can be made to do service for one's country and one's family when the need comes up. However, by virtue of our baptism – we should already *willingly* be serving God by caring for the needs of others, living the corporal works of mercy in our daily living. Did you know that Pope Francis, during this *Year of Mercy*, makes use of his Friday afternoons (whenever possible) as his Corporal Works of Mercy Day? He doesn't just talk the talk, he walks the talk! May we, too, walk the same talk! By the way, if you haven't yet seen the movie LITTLE BOY, the DVD is available in the rectory office for viewing (invite family, neighbors, or friends for a viewing party!). Just give me a call or shoot-off an email to make arrangements for a 1-week loan of this *remarkably moving and inspirational movie*.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator  
**Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center: **Mandatory Parent Meeting** (for parent/s only) of children already enrolled in the Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation program for this year.

**FYI:** The make-up session for Confirmation I/II Orientation will held this Sunday, Oct. 2 at 5:45pm in the Parish Center.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-27  
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28  
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

**CHURCH SUPPORT – September 24-25, 2016**  
**Weekly Collection \$5789.00**  
**Emergency Special Collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. \$1565.00**  
**The Second Collection today is for Seminarians' Education**  
*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**Wanted:** New members for the **St. Lucy's Spiritual and Liturgical Committee**. If you would like to work together with others to help our community to develop a deeper prayerful relationship with God, and improve the liturgical life of our community, you are most welcome to join this committee. The next **monthly** meeting is **Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 3pm in the Parish Center Library**. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Sheila Murphy at 847-6153 x 205. Previous experience is not required but helpful.

**Community Action Committee**  
**Thank You** to all who responded to the request for school supplies for middle and high school students to begin their school year. The response was great – backpacks, binders, calculators, notebooks and paper, and a large assortment of pens, pencils, crayons, markers, etc. which were delivered to Child and Family, who were very appreciative for all received.  
**Pennies for Prescriptions** – Each October, the Community Action Committee collects "Pennies" for the prescription needs of the residents of Lucy's Hearth. We are again asking for your continued support. All money collected supports the moms and children who need essential medications and do not yet have health insurance. Containers will be set out at the entrance of the Church for you to deposit your pennies. So....check your pockets and raid your piggy banks! **Many thanks for your past and present generosity.**

**Life Chain Sunday:** The first Sunday in October is **Respect for Life Sunday**. On Oct. 2 from 2 to 3pm there will be Life Chains (a peaceful prayer vigil) in various areas of Providence and locally at **Jesus Saviour Church** in Newport. For more info call Terry (624-2253), Patty (847-4999) or Jean (847-7940).

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the Family Room in the Church. Please email Jane Parrillo (jpparrillo@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Soup Kitchen Needs**

**Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016**  
 4 bags oranges 4 loaves bread  
 100 paper plates (heavy duty, 10inch)  
 4 cans powdered juice (lemonade)  
 6 cans whole kernel corn  
 Assorted finger dessert (cookies, cupcakes, 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 Tues., Oct. 18.  
**We served 93 meals in Sept. thanks to your generosity.**

**The Annual Pet Blessing** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, will be held on this Sunday, Oct 2 at noon at the Gazebo in King Park in Newport. Fr. Tom O'Neill will preside. All pets must be properly restrained and accompanied by at least on adult. No exotic animals, please. For more information, contact Pat Healy at 619-2459.

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.

**East Bay Skills Alliance announces Certified Nursing Assistant(CNA) free training classes.** Must attend one mandatory information and testing session which begin on Oct. 3 from 9am to Noon; Oct. 4 from 10:30am to 1pm; Oct. 5 from 9am to Noon; Oct 6 from 10:30am to 1pm. Held at East Bay Community Action Program, 19 Broadway, Newport. Latecomers will not be admitted. For more information, please call 848-6697.

**Pot Luck Supper:** Join with other St. Lucy Parishioners to celebrate and give thanks for a bountiful harvest on Saturday, Oct. 15 after the 5pm Mass. Doors to the celebration will open at 6:00. Every household is asked to bring either a main dish enough to feed 4+ people. Coffee, tea, soda 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 below, indicating how many are attending and what you would like to bring, and leave it in the basket on the table in the Narthex (our new entry way!) before October 12. Tables will be reserved for parties of six or more. All other seating will be first come, first served. Let's make this an evening of good food, good cheer and lots of laughs!

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

We will bring \_\_\_\_\_