



Let us be glad and rejoice
in God's salvation.
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MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14
5:00pm (O) Arthur Leonard (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, October 15
8:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
5:00pm (O) Aurelio D. "Amang" Villacorta (Birthday Remembrance)

Monday, October 16
9:00am Peter and Maria Paterno and Family (living)

Tuesday, October 17
9:00am The Galkowski Family (living)

Wednesday, October 18
9:00am The Betty and Spooner Families

Thursday, October 19
9:00am Communion Service

Friday, October 20
9:00am (S) Norberto Anloague
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, October 21
2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown Nursing Home
5:00pm (O) Joseph and Mary Macedo

Sunday, October 22
8:00am (S) Edward Carey
10:30am (O) Deacon Bob Sheeley, Michael Sheeley Francisco Lopez
5:00pm (O) Margaret McCabe

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

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 10:30 Mass this Sunday and will be offered again on 10/29.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Recall, if you will, having received an invitation in the mail. What were you being invited to? The list of possibilities may include: a wedding, birthday, anniversary, bridal or baby shower, to name a few. These invites represent milestone or momentous events that we recognize and honor by celebrating with people who are important to us. Let me share my routine with you each time my mailbox holds such a *prized* invitation. I hold the invitation in my hand – it's especially "fun" when I don't know the return name and/or address – and I then proceed to the game of asking the 5 W's of journalism: *Who? What? When? Where?* and (I can't believe I'm admitting to this...please don't judge me too harshly), I then ask *Why? WHY? WHY? WHY* am I being invited to this? I quickly look at my busy calendar to see if there may be an excuse or a REASON as to why I am unable to attend. Then, most times, I give myself the proverbial slap-upside-the-head and momentarily acquiesce to the heartfelt sentiment of the person(s) doing the inviting. (I can't believe that I actually told you this about me; that this true confession is actually in print!) I do want to include in this column that I normally have a great time being a guest at these celebrations and am thankful that I was invited – and that I said "yes." In the parable of today's Gospel, Jesus acknowledges that some of those invited to the Great Banquet of God found excuses to not go: family obligations, work, sporting events, or lack of interest took priority. This parable challenges each one of us to see where we stand in our responses to the many invitations we receive from God. Some of those invitations are standing ones that invite us to gather on a regular basis, like...liturgy – when we are fed spiritually and physically and then are sent forth to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Do we "enthusiastically" accept the invitation to worship at the Lord's Table? Do we "eagerly and happily" accept God's invitation to love and serve (everyone)? God's invitations come through other ways too; through various people, known and yet-to-be-known to us, but our God-antennae need to be connected. We can't recognize God's invitation if we're not plugged-in to God or in a relationship with Him. When we receive our personal invitation from God – hopefully our individual response won't be like my example, but rather, one that is eager and anxiously blurts out a firm "yes, God, you can count on me to be the first to R.S.V.P. to your request!" May we have the heart to say yes and the strength to live out those yes's, as we heard, "all are invited but few are chosen."

Written by: Colette Savaria (LIFE Coordinator)

First Reconciliation classes start meeting on Thurs., Oct. 19 at 3:30pm (snack) with class time from 3:45-4:45pm. A parent (or pre-designated adult) must sign child in at drop-off and out at pick-up inside the Parish Center.

LIFE celebrations continue next Sunday, October 22 from 11:30-2pm or Monday, October 23 from 5:30-8pm in the Parish Center. We will continue to develop our theme "Living the Liturgical Year" through faith-sharing, prayer, and age-appropriate classes. If you've never participated in LIFE, why not? Feel free to come to one of our celebrations next week!

Helping Hearts♥♥♥

The Annual Memorial *Mass of Remembrance* for deceased members of St. Lucy's Parish Family will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 10:30am. This special Mass is for all Parishioners who died from October 16, 2016 through October 15, 2017. If anyone has a loved one who passed away during this period and is not from St. Lucy's, please contact Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) with the name and date of death of your loved one by Wednesday, Nov. 1. We will be happy to include them in this Memorial Mass.

Father Gene McKenna, Pastor Emeritus of St. Lucy's, along with six others will receive the honor of **HEROES OF FAITH** at a breakfast celebration at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet on Nov. 2. All are welcome to attend. For further information and tickets go to www.councilofchurchesri.org Heroes of Faith.

Community Action Committee (CAC)

Pennies for Prescriptions continues throughout the month of October. All money/pennies collected support the parents and children at Lucy's Hearth who need essential medication and do not yet have health insurance. Containers are in the Foyer of the Church for your donations.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand: Oct. 16 is the feast of St. Gall. Recommended reading for children and adults: *Twenty Tales of Irish Saints*. It's never too late to register for FORMED, It's easy and it's free! Go to formed.org, put in the parish code **B84KHM**, and read a great book or watch a movie today.

**Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017**

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc)
4 bottles pasta sauce 6 bags oranges
100 paper plates (heavy duty dinner size)
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 Tuesday, Oct. 17. Thank you all for your support.

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.

Are you or someone you know a victim of verbal, psychological for physical abuse? The Diocesan Office of Life and Family wants to raise awareness and provide support, information and resources for those struggling from abuse. Please call 421-7833, ext. 218 or ext. 217.

CHURCH SUPPORT – October 7/8, 2017

Weekly Collection \$6234.00
Seminarians' Education Fund. \$2383.00
Electronic Giving total for Sept. 2017 \$3956.46

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Reduction of the Parish Debt. Next weekend will be for World Mission Sunday. *Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

Reminder: St. Lucy's will hold its annual Fall Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, October 28 in the Parish Center from 6:15 to 8:30pm. See flyer in Narthex for details and to RSVP.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to residents of Grand Islander. Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) if you can help with this ministry.

Would you like to become a Catholic or do you know someone who does? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun, but it is not too late to join. 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.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held at St. Lucy's this Sunday, Oct. 15th from 9am to noon. No charge for BCBS, Medicare Part B, Neighborhood Health, Tufts or Tufts Carelink, Consolidated. Different or no insurance - \$25. To register: Log on to www.thewellcomp.com, scroll down to Register Now, click Flu, click Community, Select RI, Select Middletown, Click on event to register. **Registration forms are also available in the Narthex.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/I Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Hope and Cope is a faith-based support group intended for those struggling with or supporting a family member or a friend struggling with alcohol or drug addictions or mental distress. This ministry is open to everyone. The Hope and Cope Group is held in the Chapel Meeting Room at St. Barnabas Church, 1697 East Main Rd., Portsmouth. The next meeting is Sunday, Oct. 22 at 5pm. The next Mass for Recovery will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 5pm in St. Barnabas Church. All are welcome.

The Diocese of Providence will have a **special Mass on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 10am in the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul.** Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will celebrate the Mass for all those who are suffering from the recent hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the earthquake in Mexico, and the Las Vegas shooting spree.