



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

All of last week we were invited to join with Jesus and enter into those sacred steps He traveled during this week that we call holy. As humans we saw the suffering that Jesus endured for our sakes and at times, can't help but ask the questions "why?" or "how could he endure this for all of humanity?" Jesus knew that there were some things in life worth living and fighting for, and ultimately dying for – and our salvation was his fight. Jesus' eyes were always on the Kingdom of God. His unbelievable and incredible love for us and for God never wavered and remained focused on the salvation of all people. His unconditional love and determination in ensuring eternal life for all people made him go on. In Jesus' Sacred journey, although we know of his suffering and death, we also KNOW that Jesus' death was not the end! The Scriptures show us that death isn't final: there is life after the Passion. After three days of despair, feeling alone, lost and in the darkness, we move from one kind of human existence to another that brings us to the divine, to new life. The one who has left us now lives among us as our Savior and King! Today, Easter Sunday, like Mary and the others, we find the tomb empty of death! We know the whole truth: death is not the end, and life as we know it is only the beginning of life – Eternal Life. May our hearts and lives joyously proclaim what we celebrate today: *Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!* May our sacred journey with Jesus not end here, but be evident in our lives as we continue to meet the risen Christ in this joyous liturgical season of Easter.

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**First Communion Classes** continue on Thurs., April 5 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center. Please bring your text book.

Our final LIFE celebrations for 2017-18 are next Sun., April 8 (11:30am-2pm) or Mon., April 9 (5:3-8pm) in the Parish Center. Please join us as we conclude "Living the Liturgical Year" focusing on "The Days of Pentecost." This all-ages, life-long Faith Formation is open to all Parishioners (this is our religious education program for children) and consists of a simple meal, prayer, sharing of faith, and age-appropriate learning modules. This is your last chance to join with us if you haven't been able to yet this year...

**Important dates for Confirmation: Rehearsal on Mon., April 23 begins at 7:00pm** at Jesus Saviour Church for year II candidates and their sponsors. **Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation** by Bishop Robert Evans will be held on Wed., **April 25 at 7:00pm** at Jesus Saviour Church.

**CHURCH SUPPORT - March 24/25, 2018**  
 Weekly Collection \$6361.00  
 Catholic Relief Services (Rice Bowl) \$2563.00  
 Envelopes for your Easter Donation, Second Collection are available in the pews. *Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)**  
 Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. **Placing your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (in the collection box in the Church Entrance/Narthex) will show the love of the Risen Christ by bringing your love to those in need of the necessities of life.**  
*Thank your for your prayers and offerings.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15  
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18  
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35  
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48  
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14  
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Acts 4:32 -35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

**The Annual Catholic Charity Appeal** continues!! For your convenience, pledge envelopes are still available in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your support!!

**Catholicism and Islam: Two Faiths in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.** A talk about two of the world's great religions, followed by a discussion on how their practitioners can work together to promote peace and understanding. All are welcome to come on Sunday, April 15, 3pm to 4:30pm at St. Augustine's Church (O'Brien Hall), 20 Old Road, Providence. Presented by Pax Christi Rhode Island

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.

**St. Bridget's Project for Lucy's Hearth.** The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian, Newport, are requesting help for this annual project collecting items for women and children who reside at Lucy's Hearth. This event will take place on **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Lucy's Hearth (19 Valley Rd., Middletown).** Some items needed are baby wipes, lotion, baby shampoo, Q-tips, pacifiers, thermometers, wash cloths and towels, baby manicure sets, bulb syringes, monitors, blankets, car seats, and diapers especially size 4 and 5. Please do not bring stuffed animals. We thank you for your generosity and assistance in helping make this project a success.

**The First Sunday at St. Clare, Newport, April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>** is a respite program designed to support caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's disease and other progressive memory disorders. Pre-registration is required. Call St. Clare's at 849-3204 (x 734).

**EASTER GREETING**  
 On behalf of the entire Parish Staff, we would like to wish you and your loved ones a Joyful and Happy Easter!! May the Joy and the Hope of the Risen Lord be with you this weekend and the weeks ahead.  
 Fr. John O'Brien and Parish Staff

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**All are welcome for a Holy Hour in the Church on this Sunday, April 8 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.** During this time we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as Benediction. In the 1930's Jesus appeared to a young polish nun, Sr. Faustina, and told her, "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy." Jesus requested that she paint an image according to what she saw and asked that the image be venerated throughout the world with the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina and decreed the Second Sunday of Easter be called Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join with us as we pray to direct the hearts of humanity to God's boundless mercy and love manifested in all its richness by Christ, our risen Lord.

**A Bingo Night** will be held on Thursday, April 5 at the Knights of Columbus on Valley Road. Doors will open at 5:30 followed by games at 6:30. A cash food menu and cash bar are available throughout the evening.

**A Pastoral Care Fundraiser** sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 6 to 10pm at St. John Paul II Church (St. Cecilia's) on 1253 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket. The Italian Dinner Buffet tickets are \$30. For more information/purchase tickets, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 (x218). The proceeds from the dinner will help to support the Diocesan pastoral care programs.

**Catholic Men's Conference**  
 Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence  
**"Come Follow Me: Renewed in Christ"**  
 Saturday, April 28, 8am to 2pm  
 Keynote Speakers Jon Leonetti and Damon Owens  
 The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert C. Evans and will include inspiring talks for men, live music, prayer, morning coffee, and a catered lunch. It will be held at the Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul. Early Bird tickets are \$30 until April 8. Regular admission tickets \$40. For more information/registration (deadline is April 23), please visit [www.discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference](http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference), or call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 278-4646.

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