



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

I always enjoy the timeliness of the Good Shepherd making what seems to be a return appearance to the children who will be celebrating their First Communion next week.

The theme of the Shepherd and sheep were learning tools in their sacramental preparation and this same theme comes back to them full circle. The Good Shepherd reminds us of Jesus' guiding presence in our lives. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who gave his life for us - his sheep (not just risking his life for his sheep). Another amazing thing (at least to me) about sheep is that they recognize the voice of their shepherd and will only follow that singular voice. For each one of us, how do we recognize and "know" Jesus' voice? We know it because we spend time with the Shepherd; we know the Shepherd's voice and it finds a home in our hearts. We know Jesus' voice because we "know" love – true love that comes from God. We know that the voice of the Good Shepherd leads his sheep because we see love unfold in our lives: in the way first responders run into chaos and confusion to help victims; we see love unfold in the actions of people who serve the poor and marginalized through various organizations globally, nationally, locally, within our Parish by sharing their time and talents – and also by all those who are able to provide financial and prayerful support to those in need. We see love unfold in those who care for their neighbor who is sick, grieving, lonely. We see love unfold when a parent, exhausted after a tough day at work, takes his/her child to (yet another) activity rather than spend a few moments on him/herself. These examples, and so many more, are actions of service and love as we attempt to follow our Good Shepherd. May we try to follow the Good Shepherd by always choosing to love one another until it hurts – rather than, like the "hired shepherd" choosing to run the other way when things get tough, are different, or find that we're out of our comfort zone.

(written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

**First Communion:** Next Sunday at our 10:30am Liturgy, we will welcome these Parishioners to the Table of the Lord as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time: *Emma Byrd, Joshua Caetano, Cameron Carlisle, Maya Ferris, John Fiske, Wyatt Gauch, Malenniya Lincoln, Jorge Pacheco, Gabriel Pidgeon, Angelise Prieto, Cecilia Raposa, and Layne Stevens.* Please keep our young friends in prayer.

**Confirmation:** Fifteen of our young Parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00pm at Jesus Saviour Parish. Please join us at this celebration and pray for these young people: *Ally Ainsleigh, Michael Bolanos, Caleigh Caruolo, Nick Caruolo, Torey Caruolo, Seamus Corr, Sarah Dosouto, Eireann Evans, Sydney Householder, BJ Jenkins, Brianna Krue, Catherine Levitre, Leahy Mickle, Gabby Moniz, Sofia Tenn.* Rehearsal for Confirmation student and sponsor (parent if sponsor is not available) is on Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at Jesus Saviour Church..

**CHURCH SUPPORT - April 14/15, 2018**

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| Weekly Collection            | \$4598.00 |
| Reduction of the Parish Debt | \$3131.00 |

The current balance of the Debt is \$46,295.00. *Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

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

**St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)**

SVdP relies heavily on revenue from our clothing collections to provide basic human needs to our Rhode Island neighbors. SVDP Rhode Island now has a clothing bin at St. Lucy's. SVDP RI has secured its own warehouse and will be collecting, managing, and maintaining the containers. They are also looking at a centrally-located storefront for an upcoming thrift store. With their new plans, they will have clothing and furniture available for those served, as well as an additional source of funding for our Friends' Fund basic human needs program. In 2016, through our program, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provided close to \$1 million in direct assistance including assistance with heat, utilities, rent, security deposits, etc. and over \$2 million in food to our Rhode Island families in need. Thank you for your support for the Society through all your gifts as Good Shepherds.

**Members of St. Lucy's SVdP** will make a presentation this weekend at all Masses and invite you to join them in the Parish Center after Mass to learn more about SVdP. There will be raffle prizes and light refreshments. Call 847-6153 (x222) for more information.

**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!



**All Saints STEAM Academy is holding its annual Spring Tea** to benefit the school's scholarship fund. Many items from local vendors will be raffled. The tea will be at St. Lucy's Parish Center on Sunday, April 29th at 1pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each. For tickets and information please call All Saints STEAM Academy at 848-4300.

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

**FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand.** April 25 is the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Recommendation: *The Gospel According to Mark*, an exciting dramatized audio presentation Parents, check out *Brother Francis*, *Bible Stories*, and *Cat Chat* with your children. Registering for FORMED is easy and FREE and open to everyone! Simply use the parish code B84KHM. All are welcome to join.

**Wanted:** Two bedroom first floor apartment and part-time personal care assistant. Please call Cindy at 207-9160.

**On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 22, we also celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com), call Fr. Chris Murphy at the Diocese of Providence (331-1316), or speak with Fr. John.

**David The King**, a DVD presentation by Bishop Robert Barron about Israel's great king who foreshadows Jesus the King of Kings, will be shown on Monday, April 23 from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

St. Barnabas Church will present **Financial Peace University** classes through a nine week video by financial expert, David Ramsey. Classes start April 26 (6pm) and April 28 (8:30am). Contact Liza Parr at [parrfamily@cox.net](mailto:parrfamily@cox.net) or 703-785-0217. Learn how to beat debt, save wisely, and give generously.

**The next Mass for the intentions of Those in Recovery** will be held Sunday, April 29 at 5pm at St. Barnabas Church.

**REBOOT**, a life-changing event with Chris Stefanick, will be held at St. Barnabas on Wednesday, May 16 from 7 to 9:30pm. Chris Stefanick is a dynamic and world-renowned Catholic author, speaker and television host. Tickets are \$22 per person and must be purchased in advance at St. Barnabas Parish Office or online at [RealLifeCatholic.com/Reboot](http://RealLifeCatholic.com/Reboot).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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| Monday:    | Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10             |
| Tuesday:   | Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30           |
| Wednesday: | 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20            |
| Thursday:  | Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20           |
| Friday:    | Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6             |
| Saturday:  | Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14            |
| Sunday:    | Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 |

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 21  
 5:00pm (O) Svea Steele

Sunday, April 22  
 8:00am (O) Albert and Josephine Fisher  
 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

Monday, April 23  
 9:00am Frederick Romanus (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
 7:00pm **Confirmation Rehearsal @ Jesus Saviour**

Tuesday, April 24  
 9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners

Wednesday, April 25  
 9:00am Frank P. "Mickey" Mello  
 7:00pm **Confirmation @ Jesus Saviour with Bishop Evans**

Thursday, April 26  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 3:45pm **First Communion Rehearsal (child and parent)**

Friday, April 27  
 9:00am (S) Vincent F. McMahon, Sr. and family  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary

7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, April 28  
 5:00pm (O) Charlene McClanahan

Sunday, April 29  
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 10:30am (O) **First Communion**  
 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O'Brien
- O'N = Rev. Thomas O'Neill
- S = Rev. Saji Joseph

**In honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary**, during the Marian month of May, **The Rosary** for all intentions will be said directly after the Sunday morning Masses. Cindy Killavey will lead the Rosary after the 8am Mass and Denise Betz will lead the Rosary after the 10:30am Mass. Please join with them to lift your intentions and prayers to God, through the intercession of our Mother, Mary.