



*I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty. John 15:1, 5*



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

As I was writing this column, my thoughts kept moving towards the teenagers who would be Confirmed on Wednesday evening as well as our young parishioners who would receive their

First Holy Communion on Sunday. Such exciting and celebratory days for our young Parishioners and Parish! Our First Communicants are *very excited* and so looking forward to receiving Jesus in such a special way, that they can hardly contain themselves when we practice! I know, deep in the hearts of our teens, they too are both eager and hopeful as their Confirmation day approaches. The difference between these two sacramental preparation groups is that the older ones try to not let their faces reveal their inner feelings!☺ Our Gospel of the vine and branches is a very timely one for our young people as they continue to grow in their relationship with Our Lord, but also for each one of us as we're told how to grow stronger in our relationship with Jesus to bear fruit. Jesus chose the image of a vine because they were plentiful in the area and something that his followers could understand. Perhaps we've never seen a vineyard up close (even though there are some on the island), but we've all seen a tree. We know that a tree's roots spread underground at the trunk's base, and it has plenty of branches that extend outward from the trunk which supports and nourishes them. If the branches are well-nourished, we'll see buds begin to appear (as they are now in this blessed season of spring), and these buds will break open and grow into leaves – or even blossoms, flowers, or fruit. When we (branches) remain connected to Jesus (vine) through prayer, and reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on a regular basis, we are nourished by this connection and grow to bear fruit. Joy, happiness, and peace will grow within us and extend outward to others and the fruits of growth in our relationship with Our Lord will be revealed by how we show our care, concern, and love for all of God's creation: people and things. May we always approach the Table of the Lord with humble and hopeful expectation, with an openness and desire to grow in Jesus' love, and in a spirit of gratitude! Please join me in continuing to pray for our young Parishioners that they remain connected to Jesus this day and always.

(written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

**First Communion:** This 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 received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00pm at Jesus Saviour Parish. Please 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.*

**CHURCH SUPPORT - April 21/22, 2018**

Weekly Collection \$5625.00

**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)**

\*In the Gospel today, Jesus says *Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.* Indeed, by helping the poor we can *bear much fruit* and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul showed that you are indeed disciples of Jesus as it brought your love by assisting over 60 families, providing more than \$9,000.00 for food, utilities, rent and other bills. God bless you! Thanks to all of you that were able to spend a few minutes with us after masses last weekend. It was lovely to meet you all and share information about the work we do. If you were not able to attend, but would like more information, please call our office at 847-6153 (x222) and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

\*St. Lucy's Parish has partnered with St. Vincent de Paul Society of RI and will soon have a **clothing collection bin at St. Lucy's.** This is a great place to put all the clothing and shoes you clear out during spring cleaning. This clothing will be given to families and individuals in need. SVDP thanks you for supporting them in their mission to assist the neediest among us. Call the above number for more information.

**Clements' Market Friends' Fund Contribution Report:** We recently received \$150.85 from Clements' Market. This amount included credit for their double receipts program in January. Thank you all for your participation in the program!!

**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 was 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.

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

**Hope Recovery Center** of Newport County will hold a grand opening event on May 9 beginning at 2:30pm at 50 Washington Sq. in Newport. At 5pm "Four Legs to Stand On" will be presented by Codac at the Jane Pickens Theater. For more information and/or to RSVP call 889-3112.

**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).

**The Community Action Committee (CAC)** is sponsoring a collection of baby items for **St. Gabriels' Call**, a program of the Diocesan Office of Life and Family. Suggested donations include clothing, diapers (larger sizes greatly needed), toiletries (no powder), blankets, sheets, and gently used furniture (no car seats). Please place items in/near the blue bin in the Church entrance. Thank you for your support!!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

**A National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 3** at Crosspoint Church, 14 RI Ave., from 10am to 12pm and/or 6-8pm. *Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace* (Ephesians 4:3). All are invited to pray for unity in the areas of church, family, government, education, business, military and media and their influences on us as a community, state and nation. For any questions contact Linda Schwemin at [Leschwem@gmail.com](mailto:Leschwem@gmail.com).

**A Discernment Retreat For Middle School Boys** will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 9am to 3pm at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Mass, games & food, Tour of Seminary, Talks on Priesthood, Meet our Diocesan Seminarians. *"Do not say, 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go."* (Jeremiah 1:7). Please call Fr. John or Colette (847-6153) to register.

**St. Clare's Nursing Facility in Newport** will present a respite program on Sunday, May 6. It is 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).

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 28
  - 5:00pm (O) Charlene McClanahan
- Sunday, April 29
  - 8:am (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
  - 10:30am (O) **First Communion**
  - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Monday, April 30
  - 9:00am Grace and Joseph Sullivan (living) (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
- Tuesday, May 1
  - 9:00am Sean MacDonnell (living)
- Wednesday, May 2
  - 9:00am Kelsey O'Connor
- Thursday, May 3
  - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, May 4
  - 9:00am (S) Myrna Mangsat, Flordeliza M. Ganzon
  - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
  - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, May 5
  - 5:00pm (O) Don Winters (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
- Sunday, May 6
  - 8:00am (O) Josephine Fisher
  - 10:30am (O) Mario Dosouto
  - 5:00pm (O'N) James and Catherine Reynolds

In the above celebrations:

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

**Reminder:** There will be a meeting of the Property and Finance Committee on Monday, April 30 at the Rectory at 4pm. Financial packets are available in the Sacristy.

**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.