



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

In all of our readings today we are told of God's love and how it is available for all and given freely to all. It is sometimes very difficult to wrap our minds around the concept of God's love because His love is so vast and unconditional. Our personal experiences of love are varied and come with its share of bumps and bruises, ups and downs, give and take, risk, uncertainty, and also the joy, surprise and depth of emotion. Some people are easy to love, others are not-so-easy; some are very generous in sharing their love, while others seem to withhold love. A role model of love for us to emulate is Jesus. While God, Jesus took on our humanness and experienced all of life – including loving so much that his body was broken and given as sacrifice in order to save us. Through Jesus' ultimate and unconditional sacrifice of love, we know that we too are called to live this same love: *to love until it hurts*. Mary, Jesus' mother, also showed us how to love fully. Mary never gave a thought to herself when the angel invited her to be the Mother of the Messiah; she thought of humanity and put herself second. Mary taught, formed, and shaped Jesus into a loving man. She followed Him in His ministry, to the cross, the tomb, the upper room, and to heaven. When I think about and try to come to somewhat of an understanding of the mystery of how immense, profound and unconditional God's love is – which, of course, is incomprehensible to the human mind...I always seem to come back to the image of a parent(s). A loving parent makes certain that his/her child is loved, cared for, nurtured, and needs met. That loving parent will place his/her child(ren)'s needs before their own and make whatever sacrifices necessary for the good of the child. The loving parent will mold, shape, and guide their child during the easy, difficult, and downright hard times! Take this example of the loving parent and multiply that love by the highest possible number – that still does not equal God's love for you and for me! Jesus' command is that we are to "love one another." How do I embody Jesus' way of love?

(written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

MAY CROWNING and PROCESSION will be held next Sunday, May 13th during the 10:30 liturgy. *All of our young Parishioners are invited to participate* in the procession as we honor Mary, our Mother, in a special way. She will be crowned with a wreath of blossoms to indicate her virtues; virtues that we are called to imitate and live in our daily lives.

In honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary, during the Marian month of May, **The Rosary** for all intentions will be prayed 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.

CHURCH SUPPORT - April 28/29, 2018

Weekly Collection \$6232.00
The Annual Catholic Charity Appeal continues!! We have reached about 90% of our goal. For your convenience, pledge envelopes are still available in the Narthex of the Church. Thank you for your support!!

A Community Mental Health Awareness Forum (at the Newport Hospital on Powell Avenue) is on Thursday, May 10 from 5 to 7pm. From 5 to 6pm: Art Exhibit, Information and Resource Tables in the Hill Courtyard. From 6-7pm Panel Discussion- Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness. This event is free, open to the public and includes Reiki, pet therapy, self-care activities, and light refreshments. To reserve a seat please call 845-1505.

Newport Historical Society Rescheduled Event: "Hidden Presence: God's Little Acre and Beyond". On May 7 at 5:30pm, historian and author Glenn Knoblock will discuss some of the historic burial grounds and cemeteries in which evidence of the history of African Americans in New England can be found, including God's Little Acre in Newport. After the lecture, stay for the Brick Market Book Club (at the Newport Historical Society Resource Center on Touro Street) where we will discuss Glenn Knoblock's book.

**Soup Kitchen Needs
 Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
 2 bags oranges 4 loaves bread
 100 plastic knives(knives only) 2 bottles liquid dish soap
 4 cans powdered juice mix (lemonade)
 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, May 15. Thank you all for your support. We served 83 meals in April.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

*If you would like more information on SVdP membership, 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.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be touring several parishes in the Diocese of Providence. The tour begins on Tuesday, May 15 and concludes on Saturday, May 26. For a complete itinerary of the visits, please call the Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry at 278-2518.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand. 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.

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.

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 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16 / Jn 17:11b-19

A Discernment Retreat For Middle School Boys will be held on Sat., May 12 from 9am to 3pm at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Please call Fr. John or Colette (847-6153) to register.

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, May 5
 - 5:00pm (O) Don Winters (2nd Anniversary)
- Sunday, May 6
 - 8:00am (O) Josephine Fisher (20th Anniversary)
 - 10:30am (O) Mario Dosouto
 - 12 Noon Baptism
 - 5:00pm (O'N) James and Catherine Reynolds
- Monday, May 7
 - 9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Tuesday, May 8
 - 9:00am Cheryl Thorpe
- Wednesday, May 9
 - 9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Thursday, May 10 **Ascension of the Lord**
 - 9:00am Genevieve Mathison (Anniversary Celebration)
 - 6:00pm Albert and Josephine Fisher
- Friday, May 11
 - 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, May 12
 - 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander
 - 5:00pm (O) Michael F. Gallagher (5th Anniversary) Catherine Gray (2nd Anniversary)
- Sunday, May 13 **Mother's Day**
 - 8:am (O) Catherine Edward
 - 10:30am (O) Helen and George Leeber
 - May Procession and Crowning**
 - 5:00pm (O'N) Mary K. Connerton and Eva B. Mello

In the above celebrations:

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

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