



“For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Mark 3:35



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

As I sit in front of the computer attempting to finish up this column, apparently it’s one of those days when I can’t decide between possibilities. As I’m struggling to choose between the two, I’m going with writing a little about both (yes, I can actually write a short column!), here goes. \*As we’ve entered into graduation season, many of our children are graduating...from Pre-K, elementary, high school, college, and even post-graduate schools. It’s an exciting time as these graduates move onto another school, military service, or even into the work force. Graduating is a time of great excitement, but also a time of experiencing fear and apprehension as it’s also a time of transition. These ceremonies are called “graduations” but at nearly every graduation is what’s called a “commencement,” which technically means “the beginning.” As our children graduate, they also commence something new, something fresh. **Congratulations graduates!** Please know of the prayerful support of this Parish Community as you commence onward to the next part of your adventure! \*Our first reading is the story about Adam and Eve having eaten the fruit from the tree of Knowledge after having been told not to by God. I’m not very fond of that reading because, from my childhood my parents have always reminded me that whenever I was told “No, don’t do...!” I’d just “have to do it!” So feeling “shamed and having been banished from the Garden” I’m slowly learning my lesson and I instead leave you with the wisdom from part of the Collect (opening prayer) today: *“O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it.”*

Written by: Colette Savaria, (LIFE Coordinator)

**FORMED:** Catholic Faith On Demand. Everyone, young and old, needs to make a 7-minute “retreat” by watching **The Suitcase**. Watch it today with family and friends. If you have not yet registered for FORMED you can do it now using the Parish code B84KHM. It’s FREE and open to all.

**Soup Kitchen Needs  
Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)  
6 bags oranges                      6 loaves bread  
2 large 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, June 19. Thank you all for your support. We served 97 meals in May.

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

**Thank you** for your donations to the clothing bin located on the side of the Parish Center and donations to the Collection Box in the Narthex. If you would like more information on becoming a member of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, please call our office at 847-6153 (x 222) and someone will contact you as soon as possible. *Many thanks for remembering others.*

**Have you seen our new defibrillator?** St. Lucy’s is looking for volunteers who would be willing to go through 3 hours of training to use the defibrillator when needed. This training will be held on Tuesday, June 19 in the Parish Center from 6 to 9pm. This is a very basic CPR and AED class consisting of video and demonstration training. Participants can get certified if they desire. Please call Sheila Collins at 848-5525 or the Rectory at 847-6153 to sign up and/or for more information.

**A Security Assistance Committee** is being formed at St. Lucy’s Church, chaired by Paul Graf, a Parishioner and a retired NCIS Special Agent. The purpose of this committee will be to develop a Parish Emergency Action Plan to be followed in the event of a disturbance within the Church and/or Parish Center. The Committee is searching for Parish volunteers who are or were active law enforcement officers or were in a law enforcement capacity while serving in the Military. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours of your time to St. Lucy’s Parish Community, please contact Paul Graf (265-0240) or Fr. John at the Rectory (847-6153).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3/Mt 5:1-12  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26  
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37  
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

**An Interfaith recovery event, “Fight the Opioid Epidemic and Support Recovery,”** will be held on June 18 from 6 to 7:30pm (registration 5:30pm), at the Joseph A. Doorley Jr. Municipal Building, 444 Westminster St., Providence. The St. Matthias Ministry of the Diocese of Providence along with many other Faith Communities and Faith Based Organizations will participate in this special event that will include how to address the opioid epidemic, in which over 1,250 Rhode Islander have died from overdoses over the last 5 years. There will be presentations, resource information, and panel discussions. The event is designed to develop ways to better educate, coordinate, and support prevention and recovery within and between our faith communities and parishes, including our clergy ministries, individuals and families. This event is free and will also include light refreshments. If you have any questions about this event, please contact deaconjohn@jsilvia.com.

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.

**CHURCH SUPPORT – June 2/3, 2018**

**Weekly Collection \$6110.00**  
**\*The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign. (see next article)**  
**The Second Collection next weekend will be for the reduction of the Parish Debt.**  
**St. Lucy’s contribution to the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal totals \$61,561.00 – almost at our goal of \$63,000!!**  
For your convenience, pledge envelopes are still available in the Narthex of the Church. **Thank you for your support!!**

\*The mission of the **Catholic Communication Campaign** is to spread the Good News of the Catholic Church both here in the Diocese of Providence and throughout the world. Through these initiatives supported by this collection, the Diocesan Office of Communications is able to provide to you: Website (dioceseofprovidence.org) offering news, information and faith; Twitter(@dioprovidence) and Facebook Page (Diocese of Providence); Free electronic newsletter; Catholic programming on cable TV; Local news in RI Catholic newspaper and online (www.thercatholic.com); Public relations support for parishes, schools, and agencies; Mobile App. Your generous donations will help us to continue to spread the Gospel message.

**Farewell** to those Parishioners (military and others who are passing through) whose presence has added to the life of our Faith Community. As we have been blessed by your presence, it is our hope that you as well have been blessed by us. Be assured of our continued thoughts and prayers.

**This month marks the Anniversary of Ordination for Rev. Eugene McKenna (55 years) and Rev. Thomas O’Neill (50 years).** If you would like their contact information, please call the Rectory. It is with deep gratitude that we remember these priests with our continuing prayers.

**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Lucy’s Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 7 (5:30 to dusk). More information will follow.

**A Summer Festival** will be held at **St. Francis de Sales** (No. Kingstown) on Friday, June 15 (5-10pm), Saturday, June 16 (12-10pm) and Sunday, June 17 (12-9pm). There will be amusement rides, games for kids of all ages, live entertainment, beer and wine and food. All are welcome!

**Our Lady of Czenstochowa** (in Coventry) will hold a **Polish Festival** on Friday, June 22 (5 to 10pm), Saturday, June 23 (5 to 10pm), and Sunday, June 24 (noon to 4pm). This event will include entertainment, Polish and American food, games, raffles, and more. Call 821-7991 for more information,

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, June 9,  
5:00pm (O) Jared Toussaint  
Daniel Lussier
- Sunday, June 10,  
8:00am (O) George and Helen Leeber  
10:30am (O) Stanley Hillman, Jr.  
12:00pm Baptism  
7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Monday, June 11  
9:00am Deo Velasco
- Tuesday, June 12  
9:00am Charles St. Denis
- Wednesday, June 13  
9:00am Christopher Grant (living)  
6:30pm **Healing Mass: Fr Andre Patenenaude of LaSalette**
- Thursday, June 14  
9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, June 15  
9:00am (S) The Soares Family  
5-6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm ASA Graduation Mass and reception
- Saturday, June 16  
2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown  
2:30pm Wedding: Melissa Previte & John Riester  
5:00pm (O) Robert and Kathleen Griffin
- Sunday, June 17  
8:00am (O) Frederick and Helen Glynn  
(living – 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
Mary Wicks (Birthday Remembrance)  
10:30am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
7:00pm (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

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