



Walk by faith,  
not by sight. **2 Cor 5:7**



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

I enjoy hearing stories that Jesus tells involving gardening. With that being said there's also, at the same time, a simultaneous sense of frustration about the Gospel story because (we all know) it takes soooooo L – O – N – G for a seed to germinate and grow to maturity. The story is nice and pointed, but runs contradictory to how we live in today's society. We live in an age where everything needs to be "immediate." We are used to having contact with our friends (even people who aren't in our "friend" category), entertainment, work, and information – at our fingertips and over multiple platforms. We are used to eating in the car on our way to the next utterly important event/function after having picked up our food at the drive-through. Jesus uses the parable of the mustard seed, the smallest seed, to explain the Kingdom of God because planting was something that his "audience" could relate to. The seeds of faith must be sown. Today, we need to be reminded that it takes time for the seed to germinate and grow in order to bear fruit; today we need to be reminded that growth occurs slowly but surely, bit by bit. Jesus talked about how the smallest seed can grow into the largest of plants, but that it takes time to mature. The seeds of faith have been planted within each one of us, and little by little our faith grows stronger and matures because we have been nurtured and cared for – until we "put forth branches so the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Jesus came to start the Kingdom of God on earth. He planted and nurtured the seeds of the Kingdom by choosing and teaching the disciples. The Kingdom is present in the Church today, but is still in process. We, as Church, have the responsibility of continuing the work of Jesus and the disciples by living Christ-like lives, by reaching out to others, by inviting others into the Kingdom. How appropriate to hear this reading on Father's Day weekend! Our Dad's, or those who are like Dad's to us, have planted and nurtured the seed of faith (yes, Mom's too, but after all, today is Father's Day) by bringing us to Baptism and into the Kingdom of God. Just as small seeds grow over time, so our small acts of kindness have the possibility of making a major difference today and in the future. By faith we have a hand in the building of God's Kingdom here on earth. What will your hands do to build the Kingdom of God?

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**FORMED:** Catholic Faith On Demand. In honor of Father's Day our recommendation is the audio presentation: **How to Apply Our Faith to Families**. You can register for FORMED anytime by going to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and using the Parish code B84KHM. It's FREE and open to all.

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, June 16,  
5:00pm (O) Robert and Kathleen Griffin
- Sunday, June 17, **Father's Day**  
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
- Monday, June 18  
9:00am Celeste and Manuel Mitchell  
Larry Settle
- Tuesday, June 19  
9:00am Soares Family
- Wednesday, June 20  
9:00am Deacon Robert Sheeley,  
Michael Sheeley, and  
The Sheeley and Carroll Families
- Thursday, June 21  
9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, June 22  
9:00am (S) Timothy Murphy (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
Litany to Mary
- 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, June 23  
5:00pm (O) Francis E. Carroll and  
Katherine L. Carroll
- Sunday, June 24  
8:00am (O) Amelia Edward-Corbett  
10:30am (O) Betty and Spooner Families  
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

**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 the monetary donations deposited in 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?** Training and certification will be held on Tuesday, June 19 in the Parish Center from 6 to 9pm for those who have pre-registered. This is a very basic CPR and AED class consisting of video and demonstration training. Thank you to all who have responded to this request!

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: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:48-42  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34  
Sunday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

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

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

A Parishioner is looking for a 2 bedroom apartment with handicapped accessibility and an electric hospital bed. Please call 207-9160 if you can help with these needs.

**CHURCH SUPPORT – June 2/3, 2018**  
**Weekly Collection** \$5549.00  
**Catholic Communication Campaign.** \$1693.00  
**Weekly Electronic Giving** \$1070.00  
**The Second Collection this 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!!**

**This month marks the Anniversary of Ordination for both 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.

**The St. Barnabas Parish Festival** will be held Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24. The Festival includes a live auction, raffles, food booth, bake table, line dancing and much more. For more information call 683-3147.

**St. Clare Adult Day Health** is offering adults a day program that focuses on the whole person in a safe and secure environment. Call 849-3204 (x 719 or 734) for more information or to schedule a visit.

**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) holds its **Annual Polish Festival** on June 22 & 23 (5 to 10pm), and June 24 (noon to 4pm). Enjoy entertainment, Polish & American foods, games, raffles, & more! Call 821-7991 for more information.

**Gabriel's Trumpet Store** in Coventry is looking for volunteers to help staff this store and assist with management. This store is an evangelistic outreach facility for spreading the Catholic faith. Proceeds from all sales benefit SVdP. Contact Jan at 823-2740 for more information.

**Prayer for Fathers' Day**  
  
God, our Heavenly Father,  
Bless all the fathers and father figures in the world.  
Guide them to be good role models  
and loving to all their children.  
Help them to be a Father like You are.  
Give them grace and patience to handle  
situations in a loving way.  
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen