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and began to send
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MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 14
5:00pm (O’N) Domenico Salveti
Sunday, July 15
8:00am (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
10:30am (M) Kevin McCabe (10th Anniversary)
4:00pm Marriage of Joe Andrade and Rosemarie Guzman
7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Monday, July 16
9:00am (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Tuesday, July 17
9:00am (O’N) Jay Patrick Thorpe (8th Anniversary)
Jim Thorpe (Birthday Remembrance)
Wednesday, July 18
9:00am (O’N) Manuel J. Mello, Jr.
Thursday, July 19
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, July 20
9:00am (O’N) Marianna R. Freese
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction
Saturday, July 21
2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown
5:00pm (O) Evelyn, Joe and Joseph Corey
Sunday, July 22
8:00am (O) George and Helen Leeber
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
- M = Rev. Eugene McKenna

Fr. John will be away on vacation this week and will return on Saturday, July 21. Other area clergy will be available to take care of the spiritual needs of the Parish.

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



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

In today’s Gospel Jesus summoned the Twelve and sent them out, giving them authority. When I think about those twelve men, I picture a rag-tag group of regular, ordinary people – like you and me - who were trying to make their way in the world. Yet, Jesus SAW in each one of those people: their giftedness, desire, thirst, *faith*. These ordinary individuals, and the many evangelizers who have come before us, are like you and me: real people, not fictional characters made up for a story. Jesus chose people immersed in the world to bring and live his message to the world. In our second reading from Ephesians we hear that “God chose us in him, before the foundation of the world.” God chose me; God chose you! [In “The Word Among Us” a suggested exercise in pondering the truth of this reading from Ephesians is by substituting your name whenever you see the word “us.” Re-read the passage slowly a few times and proclaim it aloud. Let God expand your understanding of how much you are loved by God.] You and I have a foundation built on God’s love, and have been strengthened through the grace of the sacrament of baptism into the Family of God. It is this Spirit given to us at baptism that empowers us – gives us the authority – to go out into OUR everyday world to be the hands and feet of Christ that bring the healing love through touch and powerful word to others. Our everyday world is the world of our **home**, office, classroom, commuter rail/bus or school bus, doctor’s office, sports arena/field, beach, market/store – wherever it is that we go. **WE are the disciples of today!** Like the first disciples, we are to travel light and rely on the power of God rather than ourselves, and to journey with another. I find that journeying with someone makes the journey more fun and increases the gifts we share with others, and at the same time creates a balance. In my experience, the people I’ve worked/journeyed with have had different gifts that offset mine. If I might leave you with this quote from Saint Teresa of Calcutta [Mother Teresa, Her Essential Wisdom c 2006] to pray with during the week “*When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, you often see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive, all lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God. We have the power to let the current pass through us, use us, produce the light of the world. Or we can refuse to be used and allow darkness to spread.*”

Written by: Colette Savaria, (LIFE Coordinator)

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand. Enjoy a delightful summer “pick-me-up” as you watch *The Reluctant Saint*. Maximilian Schell stars as the “flying friar,” St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this heartwarming and amazing true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally “rose” to sainthood. Anyone can access FORMED anytime using the Parish code **B84KHM**. It’s FREE!

As an adult, **do you want to become Catholic?** Do you know someone who does? Do you want to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church with Confirmation? It’s never too late to begin a new journey! For information or to ask questions, contact Jane Parrillo at jjparrillo@yahoo.com.

Soup Kitchen Needs for Tuesday, July 17
Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies)
6 bags oranges 4 loaves bread
100 plastic forks 100 plastic spoons
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 Tues., July 17. Thank you all for your support. We served 87 meals in June.

Congratulations to Rev. Philip Dufour of our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Bristol who was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on June 30 at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Providence. Fr. Philip will be a valuable and needed shepherd among his brother priests in the Diocese of Providence. **Ad Multos Annos!!**

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** also 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.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)
Thank you for your donations to the clothing bin located on the side of the Parish Center. Monetary donations to help feed the hungry and assist those with social service needs can be left in the Collection Box on the wall behind the SVdP banner in the Narthex. Last month donations totaled \$365. If you would like more information on becoming a member of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, please call our office at 847-6153 (x222) and someone will contact you as soon as possible. **Many thanks for remembering others.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

CHURCH SUPPORT – July 7/8, 2018
Weekly Collection \$5970.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$ 978.00
The second collection this weekend will be for the reduction of the Parish Debt (balance as of 6/18/18 is \$34,807.41).
Thank you for your support!!

Needs for our Parish Food Pantry include: jam/jelly, crackers, cans of Chef Boyardee and Spaghetti O’s, Pasta Sauce, Cereals (Rice Krispies, Corn Flakes, Cheerios) snack foods, and cans of Tuna. Please leave your donations in the Narthex. *Thank you for your assistance!*

ON THE HUNT: If you’ve borrowed a (or some) 6-foot, white, cloth, table-cloth(s) from the Parish Center and have yet to return them – please drop them off at the Rectory before 3pm, Monday-Friday. Thank you!!

A Parishioner is relocating and wants to give away a one year old washer and dryer. For contact information, please call the Rectory at 847-6153.

All Parishioners are encouraged to take part in the process of lobbying their US Senators to conduct a fair and swift confirmation process for Judge Brett Kavanaugh – a process based on his qualifications, not on politics. Parishioners are invited to visit the web site www.SupremeCourtVictory.com which includes a national prayer campaign and an action alert to call your US Senators.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Strengthen your relationship and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on September 15-16 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.memea.org>.

You are Invited to
St. Lucy’s Annual Parish Picnic
on Tuesday, Aug. 7th (5:30pm-dusk), rain or shine.



The picnic menu will include hot dogs, potato and pasta salads, and beverages (lemonade, water, and juice). There will be face painting, games, and much more! If you are planning to attend, please fill out the form below and place it in the designated basket in the back of the Church by August 1. Please bring a ready-to-serve, plated dessert or cut-up fruit to share that will serve 4 people. In addition, please bring a blanket or chair. For more information and/or to help, please contact Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) or Jane Parillo (x 209) if you can help.

Family Name: _____

Attending: Adults _____ Children _____

Ages of Children _____

Telephone # _____

I will bring _____