



Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

Jn 6:35



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

While away from the office, I thought I would “re-run” a previous food-for-thought column - hope you enjoy it! Do you ever come across a quote that strikes a nerve or a chord with you, and as a result find yourself returning to over and over again, mulling it over? On at least three separate occasions, in a matter of perhaps a two-day time span, I’ve come across these gems that I’d like to share with you - perhaps imposing them upon your thoughts in the week ahead. The first thing that I’d like to share is this quote by Mahatma Gandhi: “I like your Christ, but I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” (I know this sounds strong and can take one aback, but...just be with it...Hmmm, *am I included* in that “grouping” of Christians? What do my words and actions suggest to others who don’t know me?) This next idea emerged from a Christian song that I heard on the radio the other day entitled: Leaving Eden. The gist of the song had to do with all of the pain, struggles, and difficult circumstances (most man-made) that we face in our everyday world – and how far we’ve come since the harmony and peace of the “Garden of Eden.” (So...why is it that we struggle so in living with God’s gifts of beauty and love? Isn’t it easier to live in love rather than live with hate?) Lastly, as I was driving in to work this morning and scanning through the radio stations, my eyes glanced down to the screen showing the title of a song called Love Is a Verb. Unfortunately it was ending so I didn’t hear the words of the song. (I’m thinking...it may not be necessary to have heard the words, because we can each write our own words in as to how love is – or should be - a verb in each of our lives.) In today’s scriptures we know of how Jesus’ love is active and all-inclusive; he took care of people’s needs. Take time to look at and name the gifts that God has given to you and the ways God works within your life, as well as all that God accomplishes in our world. Observe all of these things and then STOP to count these blessings! The most profound way that Jesus shares his love with us is in bread – the Eucharist that nourishes us in our journey of faith. The more we come to Jesus in the Eucharist, the more we recognize God’s LOVE within our heart, family, community and world. Just some “food” for thought (LOL)!

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**Judges, Prophets, and Kings** Bible Study continues. August 8 - United Monarchy and August 15 - Divided Kingdom. Place: Parish Center. Time: 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome.

**St. Barnabas Annual Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25 (rain date -Sept. 1) from 9am to 1:30pm. Tables and/or spaces can be reserved by calling 683-1343.

**St. Pius V Church**, 240 Eaton St., Providence, invites you to come and hear guest speaker, Dr. Peter Kreeft, on Wednesday, August 8 at 7pm in the Main Church. His topic will be **Unconscious Atheism: The Dangers of Living A Nominal Catholic Life**. Pre-Registration is requested by calling Kathy Lilla at 351-9784. Suggested Offering: \$20.

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family is offering an on-going bereavement support group at St. Lucy Church Parish Center. It will begin on Thursday, August 9 and continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. This group provides a peaceful place to share and journey through grief together with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith. It is most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. There is no cost to attend! For registration/information, contact: Peter Magnotta of the Office of Life and Family at 421-7833, ext. 217.

**FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand.** Why would anyone become Catholic? Watch *Convinced* and find out! Anyone can register at any time. The Parish code is B84KHM at formed.org. Check it out today and enrich your spiritual life!

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 jpparrillo@yahoo.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* 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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10  
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36  
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26  
 Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

**CHURCH SUPPORT – July 28/29, 2018**

**Weekly Collection \$5810.00**  
**Weekly Electronic Giving \$ 733.00**

**The second collection this weekend will be Holy Father/Peter’s Pence.** This collection helps support the charitable works of Pope Francis.

*Thank you for your support!!*

**Community Action Committee:** The CAC “Back to School” supplies collection continues. Items needed: Backpacks - good and sturdy (new or gently used), calculators, 3 ring binders (new or gently used), spiral notebooks, pencils, pens and paper, highlighters, rulers, etc. Any of the above would be greatly appreciated by C&F as they strive to meet the needs of their families and our neighbors. Please place items in the bin marked “School Supplies for Child & Family in the Church narthex. *As always, thank you for your generosity!*

**“ENFLAMED”**

**Diocesan Youth Day**  
**Sat., September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-9pm**  
**Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Cumberland**

**Diocesan Youth Day 2018 - “Enflamed”** - is for high school aged youth who wish to grow in their faith. **“Enflamed”** (using Pope Francis’ words) signifies a call to youth *“to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people.”* The day includes Music (both local & national musicians), speakers, opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, workshops that address vital life issues, experiences of prayer, two meals, interactive activities, a bonfire, a T-shirt, and much more – all for only \$20 per youth. Any St. Lucy’s high school young person who might be interested in DYD 2018 should email Colette at stlucycolette@gmail.com.

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring **the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence** who will be observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2018. The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Providence and will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate, and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant. \*Reservations to attend this Celebration by a St. Lucy’s couple must be made by 8/10. Please speak with Fr. John.

**Save the Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018. St. Lucy’s Dinner Dance, 6:00-11:00pm. Advance tickets will be available at the picnic.**



**Last Call! St. Lucy’s Annual Parish Picnic** will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 7** (5:30pm-dusk), rain or shine. Please bring a ready to serve plated dessert or cut fruit to share which 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 Parrillo (x 209).

**Thank You!** To all those who participated in the CPR AED Training program here and to those previously certified. We thank you for your willingness to be available in the event of a medical emergency at St. Lucy’s Church.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 4  
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 Sunday, August 5  
 8:00am (O) George and Helen Leeber  
 10:30am (O) Mary and George Costa (Anniversary Remembrance)  
 7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 Monday, August 6  
 9:00am Ian Hart  
 Tuesday, August 7  
 9:00am Deacon John and Marianna Croy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (living)  
 Wednesday, August 8  
 9:00am Vincenzo Paterno  
 Thursday, August 9  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 Friday, August 10  
 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, August 11  
 2:30pm Wedding: Kristin Agustsson and Charles Valenza  
 1:30pm Grand Islander Mass  
 5:00pm (O) Kathie Walling  
 Sunday, August 12  
 8:00am (O) Evan Michael Nesby (Birthday Remembrance)  
 10:30am (O) Mary Mello Silvia  
 12:00 Noon Baptism  
 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.