



I am the bread of life. John 6:48



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Regardless of whether you are the person who does the food shopping in your family, or someone who benefits from the grocery shopping, you know that bread is a staple of our diets. Bread was also a staple for the people in Jesus' time (it just wasn't readily available and varied as it is in our day). We've been hearing about the bread that Jesus gives to us over these past weeks, but today we hear something different. We hear Jesus tell us that he gives us *living bread*. Jesus loves us so much that he gives us bread from heaven that will bring eternal life. In this Gospel reading, Jesus is telling us about the special gift he gives to us of *himself* in the Eucharist. During Mass, at the consecration, the simple elements of bread and wine are transformed into Jesus' Body and Blood and freely given to each one of us. When we share in this Eucharist, Jesus makes his home in us. This communion (common union) with Jesus makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us out to be and bring Jesus into the world. While on the topic of bringing Jesus into the world and also of being fed, have you ever considered participating in celebrations offered within our Parish that feed our person and our soul? The celebrations that I'm writing about, and that I'm inviting you to seriously consider being a part of, are called **LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**. **LIFE** is an on-going, all-ages, faith formation opportunity open to *all members of our Parish family!* **LIFE** is held 7 times per year (Sept-April), for 2.5 hours and each gathering includes a meal, fun, prayer, and learning component. St. Lucy's Parish began this program twelve years ago, as a result of the very successful "Family Time" and Middle School (CCD) programs with the desire to grow it into a much larger and all-encompassing faith formation/religious education program. **LIFE** is for you: yes, YOU: young, "seasoned," single, widowed, separated, married, and everyone in-between! A **LIFE** mailing has recently gone out to Parishioners; watch your mailbox, or take a brochure off the table in the Narthex – don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for you to celebrate **LIFE!**

Written by: Colette Savaria, (LIFE Coordinator)

Feast of the Assumption of Mary Holy Day is observed on Wednesday, August 15. On this day we celebrate Mary's journey as God's most humble and faithful servant. The Church proclaims and celebrates that in Mary there is no obstacle to deny her immediate passing through death and becoming the first after her Son to be raised body and soul to fullness of life with God.

Judges, Prophets, and Kings Bible Study continues on August 15 (Divided Kingdom) in the Parish Center from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome.

The Rectory offices will be closed on Monday, August 13, in observance of this Rhode Island holiday.

**Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, August 21**

Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc)
6 bags oranges 4 loaves bread
200 paper plates (heavy duty, dinner size 10 in.)
6 bottles hand sanitizer
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, Aug. 21. Thank you all for your support. We served 91 meals in July.

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.

All welcome to join the feast day celebration of St. Therese of Lisieux at the Shrine of the Little Flower on Aug. 19. Events begin at 11am. For more info visit their website at www.burrilvillecatholic.org/about-our-shrine.

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family is offering an on-going bereavement support group at **St. Lucy Church Parish Center**. The next meeting is Thursday, August 23 and will continue on the 2nd and 4th 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. August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our suggestion for this week is the movie: **Mary of Nazareth**. Anyone can register at any time. The Parish code is B84KHM at formed.org. 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.

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.

Save the Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018. St. Lucy's Dinner Dance, 6:00-11:00pm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/1Cor 15:20-17/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

CHURCH SUPPORT – August 4/5, 2018

Weekly Collection \$6127.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$ 903.00
The Holy Father/Peter's Pence \$2087.00
The Second Collection next weekend will be for the reduction of the Parish Debt.
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!*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Put God in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Sept. 15-16 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.wma.org>.

St. Gabriel's Call is a Diocesan Outreach Ministry for women and families during and beyond pregnancy. You can be part of this essential life-affirming work by becoming a Gabriel Angel volunteer. Put your faith and compassion in action and walk with an expectant mother through difficult decisions and challenges. In a spirit of Christian love and friendship, Gabriel Angel volunteers accept the mother's fears and worries in deepest confidence and find ways to alleviate them. Our help can include material items for babies and children up to 4 years of age, referrals to services, and access to social services available within the Diocese of Providence. Volunteers are needed at the local office at Jesus Saviour Church in Newport on various days for 2 to 3 hours, one day a week. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry and how you can share your God-given time and talent, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 (x 218).

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 11
5:00pm (O) Kathie Walling
Sunday, August 12
8:00am (O) Evan Michael Nesby (Birthday Remembrance)
10:30am (O) Mary Mello Silvia (7th Anniversary)
12:00 Noon Baptism
7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
Monday, August 13
9:00am Maria DeGiamomo
Tuesday, August 14
9:00am Paul W. Sullivan
No Vigil Mass
Wednesday, August 15, **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00am Trinidad Augero
6:00pm Arthur Hines
Thursday, August 16
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, August 17
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 18
2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown
5:00pm (O) William H. and Mary K. Connerton (Anniversary Remembrance)
Sunday, August 19
8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
10:30am (O) Betty and Spooner Families
Mary Jane Graf (1st Anniversary)
Dr. Charles H. Graf (20th Anniversary)
First Communion and Confirmation:
Raymond Kosak
7:00pm (O'N) Kathie Walling

In the above celebrations:

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

There will be a meeting of the **Property and Finance Committee on Monday, August 27 at 4pm** in the Rectory to discuss the Annual Report and other Parish business.