



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

I went to PA with my parents last weekend to visit my sister and her boys, and to celebrate her 50th Birthday. I'd first like to say that I have great difficulty in wrapping my mind around that fact that one of my "baby" sisters is 50! How can that possibly be, and where did these years that *flew* by actually go? Her boys are now 14 and 12, with their own birthdays coming up shortly (have I yet declared: "YIKES!"). At Sunday's Mass, the Gospel reading continued with the "Bread of Life" discourses. Fr. Charlie (at my sister's parish), in his homily, shared a tagline from a commercial about pasta sauce from the *olden days* that was "it's in there." When the cook was asked if the tomatoes were in the pot, the response was: "it's in there;" when asked if the garlic was added: "it's in there." Basically, the response to each question of whether the necessary ingredients for the perfect recipe were included was always: "it's in there." Fr. Charlie continued his homily focusing on the Eucharist offering thoughts like: Peace – "is it in there?" (and pointing to the altar with each question) Yes! Forgiveness – "is it in there?" Yes! Hope – "is it in there?" Yes! Whatever we ask the Father for, "is in there." As I keep thinking back over Fr. Charlie's words, my prayer is to always remember the simplicity yet abundance of God's love and presence in the Holy Eucharist, feeding and strengthening me with the gifts that I need in my life because, what I need (including eternal life) "is in there." God is providing each one of us with the Bread of Life for our journey; everything we need "is in there."

Written by: Colette Savaria, (LIFE Coordinator)

**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.

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family continues to offer 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. Do you have a few minutes in your busy day? Watch *Catholic Answers: Ready Reasons*. The short clips (less than 3 minutes) cover a variety of interesting topics that people have questions about. If you are not registered yet, it only takes a moment. Go to formed.org and use the free parish code B84KHM.

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 in St. Lucy's Parish Center

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rev 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/
Jn 6:60-69

The Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux will be held this Sat., Aug. 19 at St. Theresa's Shrine in Harrisville, RI. Events begin at 11am. Visit their website at www.burrillvillecatholic.org/about-our-shrine for more information,

CHURCH SUPPORT – August 11/12, 2018

Weekly Collection \$5327.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$ 773.00
The Second Collection this weekend will be for the reduction of the Parish Debt.

Thank you for your support!!

PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU. Our Parish Picnic was, once again, a HUGE success! Many thanks to everyone who attended our Picnic. It was truly a wonderful gathering with great food and great weather. Deep gratitude is extended to all who helped make this event possible: the Parish Picnic Committee, food suppliers, pastry makers, the cooks, grounds crew, face painters, petting zoo, The Middletown Fire engine crew, prize donators, etc. It was a wonderful fun-filled event for our Parish Community!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Put Christ's love into your relationship 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.wmema.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).

Tolton: From Slave to Priest is a new live theater production based on the life of Sr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American Catholic priest. Currently on national tour, this is the only RI performance and will be held **Sunday, Sept. 9 at 3pm**. Tickets at www.mcvinneyauditorium.com or the McVinney Box Office 401-278-4588. This family friendly production is recommended for ages 10+. This even is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry.

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 18
 - 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
- Monday, August 20
 - 9:00am Joseph B. Going
- Tuesday, August 21
 - 9:00am The Warburg Family (living)
- Wednesday, August 22
 - 9:00am Nicholas Gavalakis (Birthday Remembrance)
Merlina Gavalakis (living)
- Thursday, August 23
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, August 24
 - 9:00am (S) Helen MacClain
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany to Mary
 - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, August 25
 - 5:00pm (O) Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
- Sunday, August 26
 - 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 - 10:30am (O) Richard Sheldon (Birthday Remembrance)
 - 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

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.