

MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass intention available for July and August. Call the office to have a Mass celebrated for your living Intention or the repose of the soul of a deceased family member, or another specific intention of the Church. Mass intention are published so the entire community may come together and pray at the Lord's table during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since this is a public announcement "special intentions" or "private intention" are not appropriate to be published here but you should bring those to each Mass on you own.

- Saturday, July 17
  - 5:00pm (C) Manuel J. Mello, Jr.
- Sunday, July 18,
  - 8:00am (C) George and Helen Leeber
  - 10:30am (C) Claire Curtis (Birthday Remembrance)
  - 7:00pm (O'N) Paula M. Aldrich
- Monday, July 19
  - 9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Tuesday, July 20
  - 9:00am Frederick W. Freese
- Wednesday, July 21
  - 9:00am Vincent F. McMahon, Sr., Rita McMahon, and deceased family members
- Thursday, July 22
  - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, July 23
  - 9:00am (O'N) Agnes Elliott (Birthday Remembrance)
- Saturday, July 24
  - 5:00pm (C) Rita McMahon
- Sunday, July 25
  - 8:00am (C) St. Lucy's Parishioners
  - 10:30am (C) Sue Zenisek
  - 7:00pm (O'N) Frank P. "Mickey" Mello

Celebrant at above celebrations:  
 C = Rev. John Codega  
 O'N = Rev. Tom O'Neill

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, July 20
  - 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group
  - 9:30-10:30am Bible Study
- Friday, July 23
  - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany
  - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, July 24
  - 4:00pm Confessions



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

At certain times in our lives, it seems as if our ears (or heart) may be attuned to hear certain messages. Like today, as I prepared for the Sunday readings, my eyes fell upon and remained glued to the first verse of our psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd... he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." Then as I read the gospel, the same thing happened. I was caught up in the sentence that Jesus spoke to his apostles, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Surely, you too can relate to the demands of life such as family, work, commitments, etc. Our own experiences, including demands made upon us gives us an inkling or a sense of how Jesus and the twelve apostles may have been feeling. They, like us may have been experiencing exhaustion, weariness, accomplishment, etc. We too hope for times of relaxation and renewal but many times put it off because there are errands, chores, and volunteer commitments to hold up. These commitments are presumably all good things, but sometimes we're left feeling drained and tired. Jesus, our model for ministry knew those feelings all-too-well and saw that His apostles were getting to know it too, so He invited them to rest with Him. I came across this sentence the other day: *How blessed are we to have opportunities to choose how to spend our time.* Yes, what a great blessing that is! We know that we can fit many activities into our days, but when and how often do we choose to create space for God and prayer each day? Or, is quality time with God and prayer time only get carved into our lives when we're in need of something, feeling overwhelmed, or past the point of exhaustion? Time spent with God and in prayer gifts us with being able to bask in God's love and to just "be," rejoicing in God's presence and reminding us that God is always present. Time spent with God allows us to share our concerns, problems, and needs, although God already knows them. From my little book by Patrick Lindsay, Now Is the Time: "Now is the time...to reflect. Find some quiet time and a serene space. Embrace the solitude. Allow your mind to unwind, and your unconscious thoughts to roam free. Follow them as they wander. Surrender to the journey." Perhaps Jesus' invitation to you (and me) to "Come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest a while" will help each of us to be more intentional in meeting God on a regular, daily basis; rather than waiting until exhaustion sets in.

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator



Bible Study is held every Tuesday morning immediately following 9am Mass in the Parish Center. All are welcome. Email Jane at [jjparillo@yahoo.com](mailto:jjparillo@yahoo.com).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

CHURCH SUPPORT

July 10/11, 2021

- Weekly Collection \$4131.00
- Electronic Giving \$1947.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Building and Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your prayerful and financial generosity!!

**Catholic Elementary School Assistance:** Financial assistance for elementary school student families comes directly from fellow parishioners at St. Lucy's Parish. Diocesan policy requires parishes without elementary schools offer approximately 6% of weekly budget collections for this purpose based on previous fiscal year. (Aid to students in Catholic high schools may be offered as an exception based on need.) These funds are from fellow parishioners, therefore recipients must be active, participating members of the parish community by offering time, talent and financial support according to their ability. Please note: Parish assistance is not awarded until the Diocesan FACTS information is received at the parish from the diocese.

**Altar Servers** The ministry of Altar Servers by young parishioners for our weekend Masses are being asked to step up.. Youth and older teens alike teens are invited and most welcome to become a part of this ministry in service of our Lord and our fellow parishioners. Contact the Office of Fr. Codega directly now for more information.



**Teens and Young Adults, Liturgical Ministers:** We are asking young adults and teens to step forward. Your church needs you to assist at Masses as Lectors (any age), proclaiming His Word or as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (you must be Confirmed for this role). Please speak with Fr. Codega after Mass or email him at [FrCodega@aol.com](mailto:FrCodega@aol.com)

**Men's Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday Moring in the church from 6:30-7:30AM. This scripture based group is a casual yet important way for men to start their week and be better husbands to the wives, brothers to each other, sons in the world. In this year of St. Joseph, consider ask9ing his intercession in your life. Just stop in and see what's going on, no commitments necessary



AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** continues virtual experiences on weekends and weekday evenings from 7 to 9:30pm. Couples will learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration and \$100 fee is required. For more information go to [wwmema.org](http://wwmema.org). Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration** is hosted by the Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment. This Annual Celebration is to honor couples of the Diocese who will be observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 50+ years wedding anniversaries in 2021. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence** and includes Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. **Some important points regarding participation in the celebration.** One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church. The celebration is for couples, so if is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be mailed to the couple. Reservations are made by contacting St. Lucy's Parish Office. The Registration Form must be received by the Diocese by **August 27**.

**The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents** Serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. All are welcome to participate in an In-Person Spiritual Retreat on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver, MA. A full weekend In-Person Spiritual Retreat is scheduled for November 5-7, 2021 at Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA. For information or to register, call Diane at 800-919-9332 or go to [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org)