



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer. Luke mentions Jesus at prayer and gives more attention to Jesus' teaching on prayer more than any of the other Gospel writers. We not only hear of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, but a parable on the persistent neighbor, as well as assurances that God hears our prayers. This reading starts off so simply. In the movie being played in my mind, this is how I see today's Gospel story starting out: The disciples surely have seen Jesus praying many times, and, if they're anything like any one of us, can't you just hear this thought ruminating and perhaps being shared amongst themselves: I want that; I want what he has! I want to be able to pray like Jesus. You ask him how he does it, how does he pray like that – so fervently. No, you! No, I said it first. How long did the disciples sit on the question before asking Jesus? Were they intimidated, did they feel "stupid"? On the other hand, how do you think the whole scene played out – a disciple finally stepping forward and saying to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus turned his head, looked at them and with a glint of a smile in his eyes and a smile coming across his lips – Jesus wordlessly prayed "Thank you, God, they've finally asked, it's taken them long enough!" Back to reality now...With the actual question being asked by the disciple, we come to see/know that praying is something that we learn. Just as Jesus had to be taught as a child to talk, walk, and feed himself, so too did he have to be taught by Mary and Joseph how to pray, from their own ways of relating to God and also from the prayers of Scripture. As Jewish parents, Mary and Joseph also brought him to the Synagogue where he learned of Tradition and was taught by the elders. With his disciples, Jesus begins teaching them how to pray by calling God "Father," which shows that he is a child in his relationship with God, Father/parent. Because Jesus is teaching his prayer to his disciples and friends, he lets them (and us) know that we are also God's children and invites us to call God "Father" too. In the next few sentences that follow in Luke's version of this prayer, Jesus' teaching is based on short petitions that draw us into a deeper relationship with God. By contemplating and focusing on each sentence of this prayer, we can see how Jesus himself applied those words in his own life – how he LIVED the words of this prayer. His life teaches us how to truly pray; how to make our lives a prayer. At the end of our Gospel, Jesus goes on to reassure us that God is always with us in our prayer, and that our persistence in prayer helps us to notice our blessings. (Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator)

During this "Year of Mercy," the DVD of **Little Boy** is available to be lent out to Parishioners (within a 1-week timeframe, please). Please call the Rectory Office to make sure that this copy of Little Boy is available.

Yard Sale for a Cause to help raise funds for the poor children in the Philippines will be held at St. Lucy's Church on July 30 from 8am to 4pm. Lots of items for sale (electronics, clothes, books, housewares, jewelries, etc.). Proceeds will go to ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor) charity. For more information go to www.ancopusa.org or contact Vicky Deguzman at 662-9714.

And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Lk 11:9-10

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, July 23
 - 5:00pm (O) Agnes L. Elliott (Birthday Remembrance)
- Sunday, July 24
 - 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 - 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 - 7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Monday, July 25
 - 9:00am Jack Napolitano
Kathy Cicilline
- Tuesday, July 26
 - 9:00am Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
- Wednesday, July 27
 - 9:00am N. J. McGrath Family
- Thursday, July 28
 - 9:00am (M) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Friday, July 29
 - 9:00am (M) Bernadette Thibodeau (8th Anniversary)
Vincent F. McMahon Sr.
(Birthday Remembrance)
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Devotions
 - 8:00pm Benediction
- Saturday, July 30
 - 5:00pm (O) Donald Winters
- Sunday, July 31
 - 8:00am (O) Lillian E. Peterson
 - 10:30am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 - 12:00pm Baptisms
 - 7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
 O = Rev. John O'Brien
 O'N = Rev. Tom O'Neill
 M = Rev. Eugene McKenna

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** 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.

Jesus Saviour Church will hold its Annual Summer Bazaar from 7pm-11pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday July 28-30. Bingo, pull tabs, booths, kiddy land, assorted games and white elephant. Homemade fava, chourico sandwiches and homemade pastries are the specialty of the kitchen every night. Thurs. and Fri. evenings there will be a raffle drawing for \$250. The major raffle drawings totaling \$2,500 (5 @ \$500 each) will be drawn on Saturday evening. Admission is free and open to the public.

Columban Fathers' Festival and Bazaar 2016 will be held at 65 Ferry Road, Bristol on Sunday, July 31st from 12-6pm. Raffles: \$1,500 top prize plus \$500, \$250, \$100 and hourly cash awards. Chicken Bar-B-Q, chowder, clam cakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, chourico & peppers, chicken fingers, French fries, doughboys, and ice cream. Yard Sale, Face Painting, prizes, music, free parking and admission.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ecl 1:2, 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

All Saints STEAM Academy will be holding an **Open House** on **this Sunday, July 24** and on **Sunday, August 14 from 11:00 – 1:00pm**. Tours are also available at any time. All Saints STEAM Academy offers an affordable Catholic education for children in grades Pre-K to 8, and applications are being accepted for all grades. For more information call 848-4300 or visit our website www.allsaintsacademy.org

CHURCH SUPPORT – July 16/17, 2016

Weekly Collection	\$5208.00
Parish Debt Collection	\$3272.00

Friendly Reminder: For your convenience donations may be made electronically. It is simple, secure, and convenient! Detailed instructions are on our web site (www.stlucy.org).
 **If you have been making your donation by EFT and no longer wish to receive bi-monthly envelopes, please contact the office 847-6153 ext. 201. (You would still receive special mailings from St. Lucy's if you opt out of having the collection envelopes mailed to you.)

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

"Ladies" Lunch will be this Wednesday, July 27, from noon - 12:45 in the Parish Center. we will look at **Women of the Exile and Return: Judith, Esther, Susanna, and others**. Bring your lunch, cold drinks will be provided. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY will be held every Tuesday morning from 9:45-10:30 in the Family Room of the Church. We will focus on the upcoming Sunday readings. All are welcome.

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is sponsoring the 10th Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2016. The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence and will include 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. Please contact the Rectory if you would like information in order to participate.

St. Philomena's School in Portsmouth is accepting applications for its early education and primary programs for the 2016-17 school year. There are limited openings in the 2 day pre-school program for 3 year olds, kindergarten, and Grades 1, 2, and 4. Call 683-0268 (x114) for more information.

The Parish recently purchased more CDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media. **The 3 Stages of the Interior Life** is "an easy to understand talk that unveils a deep theological top." Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint. Visit the kiosk at the Church entrance for this CD as well as others.

Thank you for your participation in the Friends' Fund Program of Clements' Market. We recently received \$150.97 bringing our total amount to \$6000.00 since this Program started in 1997. Thank you for all the Clements' Market grocery receipts which can be left in the box on the table at the back of the Church.



St. Lucy's Annual Parish Picnic is less than two weeks away!! It will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 2** (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 this form and place it in the designated basket in the back of the Church by July 27.** 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) if you can help.

Family Name: _____

No. attending: Adults _____ Children _____

Telephone No. _____

I will bring _____