



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

There are a good number of people who feel/think that the scripture readings don't apply to "today." Well, how about this Sunday's Gospel? Jesus is teaching us a very important life lesson: conflict resolution! There are people in HR who deal with these issues day in and day out, there are some young people who may be involved in their school's peer mediation program. Today, Jesus offers the Church a plan for resolving conflict. (Good thing, too as this topic is timely...is Jesus looking at me while he's teaching today?) Isn't it true that we often look to other people to provide repairs when something breaks down? As a homeowner, I feel as if my radar is always at work and on the look-out for people who have the ability to do all sorts of jobs that I simply don't have the skill set for. Just recently I was searching for an electrician, then I needed a licensed contractor! I called family and friends for referrals. We seek out certain people to do repairs because they're good at what they do – they have the skills, patience, and qualifications. What types of things might you need "repairing" for which you may need to ask another person (with expertise) to help you with? Of course, I'm thinking more in the realm of non-material objects that might need repairing such as feelings, confidence, friendships, etc. Jesus' advice to us, whether faced with conflict, problems, and repairing relationships is to go directly to the source. Another possible remedy that Jesus offers in making amends is to speak with someone who can offer advice as to how you can face the problem and try to resolve it. No matter which option is chosen, the ultimate way to begin to resolve conflict is through prayer. Jesus promises that he will guide the decisions of those who pray to him. When faced with problems (situational or with another person), we are to pray that God will help bring peace to the situation and that God will be with us as we work toward this peace. The words of the Prayer of St. Francis are being sung in my head: *Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. Where there's doubt, true faith in you. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, where there is sadness, ever joy. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.* Written by Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief – What can I do to help?
At the request of the USSCB, Bishop Tobin has requested that parishes consider an emergency special collection. St. Lucy's will have a special collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey at the weekend Masses on **September 23-24**. Our prayers and material support are urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, September 9
 - 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton
 - Eva B. Mello
- Sunday, September 10
 - 8:00am (O) Robert Edward
 - 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 - Paul R. Brown (20th Anniversary)
 - Robert Brown (30th Anniversary)
 - 12:00 noon Baptism
 - 5:00pm (O'N) Louise S. Mancini
- Monday, September 11
 - 9:00am Funeral: Evelyn Santos
- Tuesday, September 12
 - 9:00am Terrance Gallant
- Wednesday, September 13
 - 9:00am Frederick W/ Freese
- Thursday, September 14
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, September 15
 - 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, September 16
 - 2:00 Mass at Royal Middletown (Forest Farm)
 - 5:00pm (O) Josephine Marie Mare (2nd Anniversary)
- Sunday, September 17
 - 8:00am (O) Eleanore Santos (Birthday Remembrance 3rd Anniversary)
 - 10:30am (O) Lurdes Costa (Birthday Remembrance)
 - 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O'Brien
- O'N = Rev. Tom 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.

Reminder: Property and Finance Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 11 at 4pm at the Rectory. Financial packets are available in the Sacristy.

LIFE is here! Now that we're all getting back into our September and back-to-school routines, it's the time to gather up your **LIFE** materials that were mailed to you and REGISTER today! Our first celebrations will be here before you know it: September 24th (11:30-2pm) or September 25th (5:30-8pm) as we jump into our theme: "Living the Liturgical Year." **LIFE** IS the religious education/CCD program for all children and their parents, but is more than that: it is an on-going Faith Formation opportunity for all parishioners. **LIFE** consists of a meal together, shared prayer, and class time (yes, adults also have a separate educational component!). Come and see what you can bring to **LIFE** and also receive from it! Pick up registration materials on the table in the Narthex or download them from our website www.stlucy.org. If you have questions, contact Colette at 847-6153 ext. 201.

CHURCH SUPPORT – September 2/3, 2017
Weekly Collection \$6421.00
Electronic Giving for August 2017 was \$3358.77.
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Sr. Priest Retirement Fund: Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. **Next weekend's second collection** will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.org.

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
 Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
 2 spray bottles (disinfectant cleaner)
 2 loaves bread 6 bags oranges
 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, Sept. 19. We served 87 meals in August. Thank you all.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand: On August 28 we celebrated the feast of one of our greatest saints – St. Augustine of Hippo. Watch a movie of his life this week: **Restless Heart**. Registering is easy and FREE! Go to formed.org and register using the parish code **B84KHM**. Email Jane at jjparrillo@yahoo.com with questions or help registering.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: St. Lucy Parish is part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Our conference is in the beginning stages and we are looking for new members! Visit www.svdpusa.org or www.svdpri.org for more information. An orientation is being offered on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8:30 to 3:30 at St. Joseph's Church in Hope Valley and is open to us potential St. Vincent de Paul conference members of St. Lucy parish! If interested in 9/16 Orientation, call 847-6153 ext. 222, leaving your name and phone number.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10) Is God calling you to share your time and talent with our Faith Community? Beginning this week and in the coming weeks, you will be hearing representatives of various ministries within our Parish talk about their experiences in ministry. The schedule of ministry presentations is: **Christian Education** (Sept. 9/10) **Worship and Spirituality** (Sept. 17/18), **Parish Life** (Sept. 30/Oct 1), and **Social Justice and Peace** (Oct. 14/15). Will you consider your time and talent and ask yourself, "what can I do?"

Would you like to become a Catholic or do you know someone who does? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin in September. Classes are every Wednesday evening from 7-8pm in the Parish Center. Please contact Jane Parrillo at jjparrillo@yahoo.com to register or for more information.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 /Jn 19:25-27
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

RESPECT LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS:
40 Days for Life begins its Fall Campaign on Wednesday, Sept 27 and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 5. Go to the website at 40daysforlife.com/providence to sign up or for further information.

Music Notes: Rehearsal for **St. Lucy's Music Ministry** will begin Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7pm in the church. We are always looking for new members and presently have a need for male voices. Basic requirements are to have a pleasing voice for singing and/or some experience playing an instrument, be able to attend weekly rehearsals, and sing at one Mass on the weekend. Christmas and Easter may require more participation. Contact Helen Glynn at 847-6153 x 218.