



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

This weekend marks the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11 attacks on U.S. soil, a day that forever changed our nation. Over these years memorials, vigils and tributes are held as a way to remember and to heal. Annalise Knudson reporting for [www.silive.com](http://www.silive.com) shares that *A Ceremony will be held at the 9/11 Memorial Plaza at the World Trade Center (8:30am-12noon) marking the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary beginning at 8:39am. It will include six moments of silence: \*8:46am: AA #11 strikes the North Tower (1 WTC), \*9:03am: UA # 175 strikes South Tower (2 WTC), \*9:37am: AA # 77 strikes the Pentagon, \*9:59am: South Tower (2 WTC) collapses, \*10:03am: UA # 93 crashes in Somerset County, PA, \*10:28am: North Tower (1 WTC) collapses. Closer to home, right here in Rhode Island, there are two separate opportunities to participate in and remember. The Rhode Island State Police will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the State House on Sunday at 8:30am, attended by members of the RI Department of Public Safety, first responders from police and fire departments from throughout the state along with military personnel from the Rhode Island Army and National Guard. The public is invited to attend this ceremony to honor those families that lost loved ones on September 11, 2001 and to also honor the RI National Guard members who were killed in the line of duty while serving their country in support of the Global War on Terror. The second local event: The 9/11 Community Planning Committee hosts the Annual Remembrance Ceremony marking the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of those who lost their lives and survivors while honoring our first-responders in the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Riverpoint Community Park, 110 Hay Street in West Warwick starting at 5:30pm. As I remember back to this day 15 years ago, a day that's forever engrained in our hearts and minds, one of the many things that I recall is how filled our churches were that day and the days that followed. People sought comfort and solace in Church, seeking the consolation that only God can provide. May the words from a reflection on today's Gospel passage by Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, IHM, also offer us comfort and consolation as we remember those events and loved ones lost on 9/11. "To the well-known parable of the straying sheep, Luke adds two other images of searching for the lost: the story of the missing coin and the story of the errant child. Might this be his way of emphasizing that God never gives up on us? That our God is not simply the God of the lost, but the lost and found? In the description of the father – catching sight of the wayward child, filled with compassion for the wondering child, we see a God who knows our frailty and shortcomings yet actively waits and yearns for our return. No matter how off course our lives may be at times, this is a God who searches for us. A God who waits for us. A God who longs for the fullness of homecoming for us and for all people." May we at all times and during all circumstances, turn to our merciful, compassionate God who is always waiting and wanting to be with each one of us.*

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;  
I no longer deserve to be called your son.  
But his father ordered, "let us celebrate with a feast  
because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;  
he was lost, and has been found." Lk 1:5:21, 23-24

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, September 10
  - 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton
  - Eva B. Mello
- Sunday, September 11
  - 8:00am (O) Robert Edward
  - 10:30am (B) Paul Brown (Anniversary)
  - 5:00pm (O'N) Bennie Lee Youngblood, Jr.
- Monday, September 12
  - 9:00am (O) Jack Tomlin
- Tuesday, September 13
  - 9:00am (O) Frederick W. Freese
- Wednesday September 14
  - 9:00am (O) Deacon Robert Sheeley
  - Michael Sheeley
- Thursday, September 15
  - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, September 16
  - 9:00am (S) Andrew and Loretta Calise
  - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 7:00pm Devotions
  - 8:00pm Benediction
- Saturday, September 17
  - 2:00pm Mass at Forest Farm
  - 5:00pm (O) Josephine Marie Mare (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
- Sunday, September 18
  - 8:00am (O'N) Eleanor Santos (Birthday Remembrance and 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
  - 10:30am (O) Mary Lou Rogers and John E. Rogers
  - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:  
O = Rev. John O'Brien  
O'N = Rev. Tom O'Neill  
S = Rev. Saji Joseph  
B = Rev. Gerald Beirne

**Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic?**  
The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Please email Jane Parrillo ([jjparrillo@yahoo.com](mailto:jjparrillo@yahoo.com)) for more information.

**Confirmation I/II Parent/Candidate Orientation meeting** will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 6:15pm in the Parish Center. This is a mandatory meeting for parents and youths, (grades 9/10) who will be participating in our Confirmation Preparation Program.

The 2016/17 Religious Education information was mailed out during mid-August, and should have found its way to your home! The mailing consisted of a LIFE Brochure, LIFE/Sacraments Registration Form, and Sacraments Brochure. LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences) is an intergenerational program open to everyone in the Parish – and at the same time – IS ALSO our Parish Religious Education Program for children and their families. Further information about LIFE/Religious Education may be found on the Parish website ([www.stlucy.org](http://www.stlucy.org)), on the information table located in the Narthex just before you enter the main body of the Church, or by contacting Colette in the Rectory (847-6153 ext. 201). Opening dates for LIFE are Sunday, September 25 from 11:30am-2:00pm OR Monday, September 26 from 5:30-8pm in the Parish Center. Please be certain to pre-register (for either the Sunday of Monday) before our first celebrations! Don't hesitate to call Colette if you have questions or need assistance!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11 /Jn 19:25-27
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37/Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

**CHURCH SUPPORT – September 3-4, 2016**

**Weekly Collection \$7039.00**  
**The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Reduction of the Parish Debt.**  
*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**Save the Date: Pot Luck Dinner** will be held on October 15 in the Parish Center from 6:15-8:30pm. Anyone willing to help is invited to attend the meeting on September 13 at 10am in the Parish Center

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.

**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 an online donation, please visit [www.srpriest.org](http://www.srpriest.org). We welcome Rev. Gerald Beirne, a familiar face to St. Lucy Parishioners, who will make the presentation.

The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus is inviting all people of good will to join us for a **Prayer for Peace** on Sunday, September 11 at St Augustine's Church, 639 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence at 7pm. This one-hour program will bring together members of religious and minority communities, the military, law enforcement and first responders to pray for an end of the unrest and loss of life in our neighborhoods and around the world. Please join us as we observe this tragic day in America's history to pray that love for one another will always defeat hatred, and make our world a better place. Go to <http://www.kofcri.org> for more details.

**MUSIC NOTES: St. Lucy's Music Ministry** is composed of dedicated people whose ministry is to sing, pray, and play together while enhancing the prayer life of our community. We are fortunate that, although we do not rehearse during the summer, we have music ministers singing at all our liturgies. I am so proud of them, and thank them so much for their continued service. Rehearsals will be starting up again on Thursday Sept. 15 at 7pm in the Church. If you are interested in this ministry, please **contact Helen Glynn (847-6153 ext. 218)** or speak to a Music Minister.

The **NEWPORT NAVY CHORISTERS** are looking for singers to join the Chorus! The Choristers are a non-profit organization whose purpose is to raise money for charitable organizations and to provide both chorus members and audiences with enjoyable choral experiences. Membership is open to active duty, reserve, and retired military personnel (both officer and enlisted) of ALL the armed services and their dependents age 16 or over, as well as Department of Defense civilian employees and their dependents. For information on rehearsal days and times, please contact Pat McGue at 849-1135 or email [info@newportnavychoristers.org](mailto:info@newportnavychoristers.org)

The **Diocesan Office of Catholic Charities and Social Ministry** invites everyone to **An Evening of Education, Discussion and Reflection: Risks, Prevention and Moral Imperatives of a New Global Nuclear Arms Race.** This event will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7pm in Bishop McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence. The evening will feature Stephen Colecchi, Director, (Office of International Justice and Peace, US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Lisbeth Gronlund) and Co-Director, (Global Security Program, Union of Concerned Scientists).