



Forgive your brother or sister from your heart."
Mt 18:35



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
“The Fall season is “slowly” (wishful thinking on my part) creeping up on us, making its appearance felt in various ways; through the nip in the morning air, the hours of daylight decreasing and the sun setting before 7pm, seasonal sports running full steam ahead, leaves beginning to change their hue, and lastly...school/classes and our “regular” schedules resume. That means, for many of us working in Ministry, we have been kicking it up into high gear making the necessary preparations for on-going Faith Formation in Parishes. As I’m counting down the days to the start of our **LIFE** celebrations, I’m thinking back to a portion of Tuesday’s Gospel passage that went like this: *Jesus, after having gone out alone to spend the night in prayer, came down from the mountain where he called his disciples and chose twelve. Jesus came down with them, a **great crowd** of his disciples and a **large number of people** gathered around him to be with him – to be healed and touched by him.* A great crowd gathered around Him. If Jesus were with us in our midst today, would there be crowds gathering around him? Our sports figures, movie & TV celebrities, etc. have throngs of people who adore/follow/live by their schedules. A prime example of this: some peoples’ weekend choices are based solely around the Red Sox, Yankees (sorry), Patriots, or Giants game schedules which **INCLUDE** tail-gating – everything and everyone else takes a back seat. How can/does Jesus and the Catholic Church compete with these types of societal values? This leads me to question why there continues to be a decline at Mass and Faith Formation (Religious Education/CCD). Granted there are always rises and falls in population that are taken into account, but...why is it that people tend to find that on-going education in our spiritual lives is optional? “*Catechesis is integral to Christian formation – it strengthens faith and develops a life in harmony with Jesus.*” [NDC] Catechesis helps us into a deeper understanding and experience of liturgy, prayer, social teaching, sacraments, scripture, church, (among other themes) and reinforces convictions, opens new perspectives and encourages perseverance in prayer and in following Jesus. If we claim to be followers of Jesus, how – exactly, are we following him? As Coordinator of our all-ages Faith Formation program, I would like to **INVITE** you to participate in this years’ on-going Faith Formation celebrations at St. Lucy’s Parish called **LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**! Pick up the white “*Living the Liturgical Year*” brochure from the table in the Narthex with information and dates, and fill out the bright lime colored Registration Form and get it into the Rectory office a.s.a.p. as it begins on 9/24 and 9/25. **Although **LIFE** celebrations are open to everyone in the Parish, it **is** our religious education program for children in Grades K-high school, with participation as a family. Call me in the office if you’ve got any questions or concerns about **LIFE** (the celebration, not the journey!).

Written by: Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

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, September 16
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
- Monday, September 18
9:00am Afife and Joseph Menassa
- Tuesday, September 19
9:00am Andrew and Loretta Calise
- Wednesday, September 20
9:00am Paula Sheahan Karlson
ASA School Year Opening
- Thursday, September 21
9:00am (S) Deacon Bob Sheeley and Michael Sheeley
- Friday, September 22
9:00am (S) John Kinsella (6th Anniversary)
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, September 23
2:30pm Wedding: Jackie Cavanaugh and Adam Pipzynski
5:00pm (O) Vidal Tremor Llacuna
- Sunday, September 24
8:00am (O) Robert and Catherine Edward
10:30am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
5:00pm (O’N) Vincent Jacavone (24th Anniversary)

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O’Brien
- O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill
- S = Rev. Saji Joseph

New schedules for Lectors, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers are available in the Sacristy. **Deep gratitude** is extended to Debbie and Paul Barandiaran for their dedication in preparing these schedules for the last 10 years.

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.

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.

The Diocese of Providence will host a **Blue Mass for Police, Fire and First Responders on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10am** in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans will be the main celebrant of the Mass with other priests of the diocese concelebrating. Everyone is invited to come together to honor these men and women for their courageous service and pray for their safety. **No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.** John 15:13

CHURCH SUPPORT – September 9/10, 2017
Weekly Collection **\$5842.00**
Debt Collection **\$3543.00**
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Sr. Priest Retirement Fund: This week’s second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years – years so many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

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: Do you ever doubt your Catholic faith? Listen to an audio presentation by Dr. Scott Hahn – *Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic* – and doubt no more. You will realize what a precious gift the Catholic faith is and learn to love it even more. Register for **FORMED** by going to formed.org and register using the parish code **B84KHM**. It’s easy and it’s **FREE!** Email Jane at jiparrillo@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.

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. The schedule of ministry presentations is: **Worship and Spirituality** (Sept. 16/17), **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 – how can I serve?”

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 /Lk 8:1-13
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-6a

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.
The 13th Annual Human Life Guild Day will be held on **Sept. 30th** at SS. Rose & Clement Parish in Warwick from 9am to 2:30pm. All are invited to attend the Mass but pre-registration is required for the conference that will follow the Mass and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Deadline to register is Sept. 25 – call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.

Amateur Radio License Class will be offered at St. Lucy’s Church starting Oct. 5. Sign up with the link in the NEWS section at www.wlsye.com. Lots of information on amateur radio in our area is on the web site.

Town Howlers Square Dance Club is having an “Open House” evening of dancing Sunday, 9/17 and 9/24 from 6 to 8pm at the Portsmouth Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 110 Bristol Ferry Rd. No experience necessary. Families, couples and youth are welcome. Square dancing is a wholesome non-alcohol activity. Questions? Call 849-6266 or visit: townhowlers.org.