



For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. 1 Tm 2:5-6



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as “Catechetical Sunday”— a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church’s mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year’s theme is “Prayer: The Faith Prayed.” Today we pray for those persons who serve our Parish Family in this special ministry, those who are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as they deepen their own faith. This call may have been through the invitation of the pastor, a Faith Formation Coordinator or Staff person, or through the role of being a teacher by profession. However each “yes” to serve in this catechetical ministry came about, know that this calling ultimately comes from God whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides you – Catechists in our programs of **LIFE**, Sacramental Preparation classes, and Children’s Liturgy of the Word. However, know that you, parents and grandparents, are much-needed people in our Parish family who also serve as catechists. Yes, you are the catechists in the Domestic Church: our homes. You, parents and grandparents are the first teachers – don’t ever forget or look down upon this tremendous responsibility. As we “kick off” a new year of faith formation, may we pray for each one of us – baptized disciples who share in the mission to go forth and preach the Good News!

*A Prayer for Catechists:*

*Loving God, Creator of all things, you call us to be in relationship with you and others. Thank you for calling me to be a catechist, for the opportunity to share with others what you have given to me. May all those with whom I share the gift of faith discover how you are present in all things. May they come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips, so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you. May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth. May all my words and actions reflect your love. Amen.*

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

Have you heard? **LIFE celebrations begin next week on September 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>!** If you have not yet heard about **LIFE**, which is our on-going Faith Formation (Religious Education opportunity filled with learning, sharing, and other parishioners) that’s open to everyone in the Parish and meets once a month - where have you been hiding? Come to the Parish Center to join with others as we dive into our year-long theme “*Sacraments...transforming everyday life.*” The Sunday celebration is from 11:30am-2pm; the Monday celebration is from 5:30-8pm. Each celebration begins with a light meal (provided). **LIFE** brochures Registration Forms are on the table at the doors of the church. Register today and all week by stopping in to the Rectory office or mailing your form. Call Colette at 847-6153 ext 201 for info or questions about registering.

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the Family Room in the Church. Please email Jane Parrillo (jpparrillo@yahoo.com ) for more information.

**Confirmation I/II Parent/Candidate Orientation mandatory meeting** will be held this Sunday, September 18 at 6:15pm in the Parish Center.

**Reminder:** There is a Property and Finance Committee meeting on this Monday, Sept. 19 at **4pm** in the Rectory. Financial packets are ready for pick-up in the Sacristy.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:9-31

**CHURCH SUPPORT – September 10-11, 2016**

**Weekly Collection \$5370.00**  
**Debt Collection \$3220.00**

**FYI: Debt Balance as of 9/9/16 = \$109,497.08.**

**There will be an Emergency Special Collection next weekend requested by Bishop Tobin to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods.**

*Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**This week’s second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund.** If you forgot your envelope and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit [www.srpriest.org](http://www.srpriest.org) to make an online donation using a secure server. You can also mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship and 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 many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

**Soup Kitchen Needs  
 Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

6 bags oranges 4 loaves bread  
 4 bottles pasta sauce 4 shaker bottles Parmesan cheese  
 Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies)  
 If you would like to help with any of the above items, please call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0320. You may drop off you donations at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tues., Sept. 20. We served 93 meals in July. Thank you all for your generosity.

**The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent** for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Michael Lehman, 921-4834, Michael.lehman@kofc.org.

**Save the Date: Pot Luck Dinner** will be held on October 15 in the Parish Center from 6:15-8:30pm.

**Community Action Committee: Please Help!** The Martin Luther King Center is reaching out to the community for donations for the Arroyo-Morales family who needs our help. The family lost their 7 year old son, Ramon, in a terrible house fire on Sept. 9. His two sisters were injured. The family has also lost their home and all belongings. For more info, please contact Heather at [hstrout@mlkccenter.org](mailto:hstrout@mlkccenter.org) (846-4828 x 121) or Alyson at [anovick@mlkccenter.org](mailto:anovick@mlkccenter.org) (846-4828 x 102).

**40 Days for Life Fall Campaign:** The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry and RI Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the fall campaign beginning Wednesday, Sept. 28 through Sunday, Nov. 6. They are requesting Parishes to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point St., Providence or the Women’s Medical Clinic, 1725 Broad St., Cranston during this 40 day period. If you are interested in learning more about this campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community outreach and the Diocesan pregnancy outreach and post-abortion ministries, contact: Carol Owens 421-7833 x 218.

**The Annual Pet Blessing** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, will be held on Oct. 2 at noon at the Gazebo in King Park in Newport. Fr. Tom O’Neill will preside. All pets must be properly restrained and accompanied by at least on adult. No exotic animals, please. For more information, contact Pat Healy at 619-2459.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Garden City Shopping Center in Cranston. All are invited to start the day by attending the 9:30am Mass at St. Mark Church in Garden City. All money raised from this walk is reinvested back into the community. This fundraiser needs assistance with participants, volunteers, and donations. For more info, call 490-0822.

**Annual Human Life Guild Day** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9am to 2:30pm at SS. Rose & Clement Church in Warwick. Bishop Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist for the 9am Mass. Following Mass there will be a brunch and a speaker agenda focusing on Amoris Laititia “The Joy of Love, an overview of public policy and guide into the world of Down Syndrome. Pre-registration is required for the brunch and speaking program. The cost is \$25 per person. To register call Carol Owens at 421-7833-218.

**Gabriel’s Call**, an outreach to Pregnant Women, is located at Jesus Saviour Church, Newport, and is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12. Call 278-4508 for more information.

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 17  
 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)  
 Assunta Nisi  
 10:30am (O) Mary Lou Rogers and John E. Rogers  
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
 Monday, September 19  
 9:00am (O) Steven Leite  
 Tuesday, September 20  
 9:00am (O) Felicidad Balmacedo Guya (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
 Wednesday September 21  
 9:00am (O) Paula Sheahan-Karlson  
 Thursday, September 22  
 9:00am (S) Justin Moran  
 Friday, September 23  
 9:00am (S) Vincent Jacavone (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
 Shelly Cole  
 John Almeida  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Devotions  
 8:00pm Benediction  
 Saturday, September 24  
 2:30pm Marriage of Kerin Horgan and Ryan Norton  
 5:00pm (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello  
 Sunday, September 25  
 8:00am (O) Robert and Catherine Edward  
 10:30am (O) John J. Kinsella (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 Lillian Peterson  
 George Cudworth (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 Francis and Dorothy Silveira  
 5:00pm St. Lucy’s Parishioners

In the above celebrations:  
 O = Rev. John O’Brien  
 O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill  
 S = Rev. Saji Joseph

There will be a **Children’s Homily this weekend** and Oct. 2 at the 10:30am Mass.