



Live your life
in a manner
worthy of the
gospel of
Christ.

Phil 1:27



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

If the Gospel reading today is one of your favorites, please raise your hand. What, no takers in this crowd? Jesus uses parables to get us to stop and think, to help us to look at life from a different perspective; and this IS a different way of looking at life. Each time that I hear or read this Gospel passage I find myself struggling with the feelings that start bubbling up inside of me. This parable is a doozy – it hits us right where we live: our pockets. I KNOW IN MY HEAD what the right, just, and merciful response to that parable is – the actions and decision of the landowner, of course. Oftentimes, sad to say, in my own life the right, just, and merciful response gets lost somewhere between my head and heart. As human beings, and Americans at that, we KNOW where we stand on the issue presented: we regularly put the interest of money over the good of people. We are hard workers who demand that we earn everything that we get. We are responsible people who believe that everyone should take care of themselves. (Not that we are opposed to, or don't, help others.) So really, how do we relate to such a generous landowner who pays all workers the same? Don't you just want to be happy for all of the workers who received the same pay? Don't you so want to try to be as generous, accepting, and loving as that landowner? Jesus wants us to see, believe, and remember the generous love of the landowner – the unconditional love of our God that is poured out for each one of us despite how many hours we worked/how many days or years we've lived out our faith convictions – or not. God's love is beyond our understanding, beyond our belief. God loves us, gives to us, forgives us not because God wants it, but because God knows that we NEED love, forgiveness, justice and mercy in our lives. God's love is a generous gift to EACH ONE OF US; why do we find it so hard to freely accept and share God's love?

Written by: Colette Savaria (LIFE Coordinator)

LIFE celebrations are here!!! What? You haven't registered for our parish-wide, all-ages opportunity to learn about and share Faith? No problem, it's not too late - come to the Parish Center to join with others as we dive into our year-long theme "Living the Liturgical Year." Our Sunday (9/24) celebration is from 11:30am-2pm, or the Monday (9/25) one runs from 5:30-8pm. Each celebration begins with a light meal. **LIFE** Brochures listing all of the celebration information and Registration Forms are on the table in the Church Narthex. Register today so you don't miss out on an opportunity of a **LIFE**time!

Visiting the Sick: Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x205) when a family member is in the hospital.

New schedules for Lectors, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers are available in the Sacristy.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23
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)

Monday, September 25
9:00am Mary and Joseph Morris
ASA School Year Opening Mass

Tuesday, September 26
9:00am Frank P. "Mickey" Mello

Wednesday, September 27
9:00am John T. Hopf (Anniversary)

Thursday, September 28
9:00am Funeral Service for Mary Reed

Friday, September 29
9:00am (S) Deceased Members of the
McMahon family
Joseph Lyons (6th Anniversary)
Reynaldo DeGuzman (40th Day)
Marie Izzo
Mariah Caldwell (living)

5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany to Mary

7:50pm Benediction

Saturday, September 30
5:00pm (O) Wallace Benjamin Shepherd

Sunday, October 1
8:00am (O) Teresa Warburg, Christopher Grant
10:30am (O) St. Lucy Parishioners
5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

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

In honor of Our Lady, The Rosary for all intentions will be prayed directly after the 8 and 10:30am Masses each Sunday for the month of October. Cindy Killavey will lead the Rosary after the 8am Mass and Denise Betz will lead the Rosary after the 10:30am Mass.

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! The 10th annual St. Vincent de Paul walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Garden City Shopping Center with registration starting at 10am followed by the walk at 11am. Visit www.svdpusa.org or www.svdpri.org for more information.

Hurricane 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 recent hurricanes 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.

CHURCH SUPPORT – September 16/17, 2017

Weekly Collection	\$5380.00
Sr. Priest Retirement Fund	\$3662.00

This week's 2nd Collection will be for Hurricane Disaster Relief.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Sr. 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, you may still make a donation through St. Lucy's. You can also 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!!!

Community Action Committee (CAC)

Thank you to all who responded to the request for school supplies for middle and high school students. The response was **GREAT** and was deeply appreciated by all!!

Pennies for Prescriptions will be held once again throughout the month of October. All money/pennies collected support the mothers and children at Lucy's Hearth who need essential medication and do not yet have health insurance. Containers will be set out in the Foyer of the Church for your donations.

TRIDUUM: Jesus Saviour Church will honor the Blessed Mother on the weekend of Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1 with Masses each day at 8am. On Sunday, Oct. 1 there will be a Candlelight Procession starting at 7pm through the neighborhood and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. All are invited to attend.

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand: A recommended movie to watch is *The Secret of St. Therese*. 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 jjparrillo@yahoo.com with questions or help registering.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY: The Liturgy Committee would like to thank the presenters from the last two weekends who shared how they are involved in the ministries at St. Lucy's. The presenters include Dina Levitre, Joanne Boudreau, Hilda Rodriguez, Teresita Cruz Pagganwala, Diane Macedo, Dr. Christine Gill, Denise Betz, and Chirs Korzeniowski. May their challenge to each of us be just what inspires us to get involved at St. Lucy's.

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.

The Annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Gazebo in King Park at noon. Fr. Tom O'Neill will preside at the blessing service at 12:30pm. All pets must be properly restrained and accompanied by at least one adult. No exotic animals, please. For more information, please contact Patricia Healy at 508-667-7263.

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 jjparrillo@yahoo.com to register or for more information.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez:18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

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 Respect Life Month begins with a Life Chain on Oct. 1.** Contact Carol Owens at the Diocese of Providence at 421-7833(x 218) for more information.

A Catholic Women's Conference ("The Lord is My Strength, In Him My Heart Trusts") will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 beginning at 8:30am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Evans at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. For more information and to register, please call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 278-4646.