



But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. 1 Tim 6:11-12



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

On my drive in to work this morning as I was radio station-hopping, I heard a few beats to an “old-ish” song by Dan Fogelberg called “Leader of the Band.” (I’m dating myself...) Upon hearing those first few notes, I was hoping that the song had just begun so I could sing along with it, yes! I remembered all the words!! Why am I telling you this? This song was the theme for one of many retreats that I was a team member on, years ago and in a previous time in my life. This song and its message brought me back in my mind to that place, time, and the people that I shared the experience with, but mostly this song moved me to remember my “call” from God. After the song ended, the radio was clicked off but my musings continued about how, my faith has been and continues to be nurtured – or at times, goes through a dry spell. This morning’s Gospel reading is the call of Matthew. Pope Francis said this about Matthew’s call in a homily: “*Jesus looks at Matthew and awakens something new within him, something that he did not know. The gaze of Jesus makes him feel an interior wonder and makes him hear the call of Jesus: follow me. It only took a moment to understand that that look had changed his life forever. And it is in this moment that Matthew says yes, leaves everything and goes with the Lord.*” Jesus’ gaze on our face can do this to us too; if we take the time to stop and look. I read an article last week about “Why Catholics are leaving the faith at such a young age...” and was quite disheartened by it. My heart breaks with that thought as I sit in church, worshiping at mass and, week after week look around for young-ish faces. Who are those that are the hands and feet, the eyes, ears, and mouths that bring Christ into the lives of our children, young people, young adults and young families? If not we, those of us who have experienced Jesus alive in our hearts and lives, and share/invite others to experience God’s overwhelming, generous, unconditional and powerful love – who will? I invite you to come experience God’s love within our Faith Community this weekend at LIFE as we Learn In Faith Experiences, one with another, through prayer, sharing, ritual, presentation and activity (after sharing a simple meal together) as we develop our theme “*Sacraments...transforming everyday life.*” I leave you with the final words to Dan Fogelberg’s song: *The leader of the band is tired and his eyes are growing old, but his blood runs through my instrument and his song is in my soul. My life has been a poor attempt to imitate the man, I’m just a living legacy to the leader of the band. I am a living legacy to the leader of the band.* [Housekeeping note: LIFE is from 11:30am-2pm on Sunday and 5:30-8pm on Monday. Both celebrations are held in the Parish Center.]

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

First Reconciliation/Eucharist Parent Orientation Meeting is on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Please note that this meeting is for the parent(s) only, not for the student. Participation is for parents of children who are already registered in the sacramental preparation programs.

FYI: The make-up session for Confirmation I/II Orientation will held on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 5:45pm in the Parish Center.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Mt 9:57-62
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3,5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

CHURCH SUPPORT – September 17-18, 2016

Weekly Collection \$5538.00
Senior Priest Retirement Collection \$3791.00
There will be an Emergency Special Collection this weekend requested by Bishop Tobin to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods.
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. For more information, please contact Michael Lehman, 921-4834, Michael.lehman@kofc.org.

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 (846-4828 x 121) or Alyson at 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. For more info contact: Carol Owens 421-7833 x 218.

Life Chain Sunday: The first Sunday in October is traditionally **Respect for Life Sunday**. On Oct. 2 from 2 to 3pm there will be Life Chains (a peaceful prayer vigil) in various areas of Providence and locally at **Jesus Saviour Church** in Newport. For more info call Terry (624-2253), Patty (847-4999) or Jean (847-7940).

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 an adult. No exotic animals, please. For more information, contact Pat Healy at 619-2459.

Open Houses for Catholic High Schools will be taking place in the upcoming weeks for prospective students. All 7th and 8th graders and their parents are welcome to attend some or all of these opportunities to see which high school might be a “perfect fit” offering Catholic Education, Christian values, and the tools to develop self-esteem knowledge and skills which will influence them for the rest of their lives.

October 2, 12-3pm: St. Raphael High School, Pawtucket. Visit saintrays.org for more info.

October 16, 12-3pm: Bishop Hendricken High School for young men located at 2615 Warwick Avenue, Warwick. Admissions Office: 739-3450 x162. www.hendricken.com.

October 23, 1-4pm: The Prout School at 4640 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield. Admissions Office: 789-9262 x 514 or visit www.theproutschool.org.

October 30, 12noon: La Salle Academy, 612 Academy Avenue, Providence. Admissions Office: 351-7750 x 122.

The Diocesan Office of Life and Ministry will celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** with a prayer service and speaking program on Monday, Oct. 3 from 1:30 to 2:30 at the Cathedral Square in Providence. For info, call 421-7833 x 218.

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.

Rejoice in Hope Youth Center Haunted Labyrinth 2016 opens September 30 and continues every weekend in October. The Haunted Labryinth in Cranston opens at 7pm, rain or shine with waiting available indoors. Admission is \$12. For more information call 943-8686 or go to hauntedlabyrinth.com.

Pot Luck Supper: Join with other St. Lucy Parishioners to celebrate and give thanks for a bountiful harvest on Saturday, Oct. 15 after the 5pm Mass. Doors to the celebration will open at 6:00. Every household is asked to bring either a main dish enough to feed 4+ people. Coffee, tea, soda and juice will be provided but you may bring your own beer or wine. If you would like to donate a bottle of wine or a gift certificate for the raffle, please drop it off at the Rectory as soon as possible. Please fill out the form below, indicating how many are attending and what you would like to bring, and leave it in the basket on the table in the Narthex (our new entry way!) before October 12. Tables will be reserved for parties of six or more. All other seating will be first come, first served. Let’s make this an evening of good food, good cheer and lots of laughs!

Family Name _____ Adults ____ Children ____

We will bring _____

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, September 24
 5:00pm (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
- Sunday, September 25
 8:00am (S) Robert and Catherine Edward
 10:30am (O) John J. Kinsella (5th Anniversary)
 Lillian Peterson
 George Cudworth (5th Anniversary)
 Francis and Dorothy Silveira
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
- Monday, September 26
 9:00am (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
- Tuesday, September 27
 9:00am (O) Mary and Joseph Morris
- Wednesday September 28
 9:00am (O) Michael and Jessica Sheehan (living)
 for a long and happy life together
 All Saints Academy Opening Mass
- Thursday, September 29
 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, September 30
 9:00am (S) Jane F. Benz
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Devotions
 8:00pm Benediction
- Saturday, October 1
 2:00pm Marriage of Jennifer Santos and Sean Collins
 5:00pm (O) Concetta “Connie” Falbo
- Sunday, October 2, **Respect Life Sunday and World Communion Day**
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 10:30am (O) Rev. Mr. Joseph A. Sullivan,
 Frances Sullivan, Mark Sullivan
 2:00pm Marriage of Jessica Flood and Kevin Kiefer
 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

The next **Children’s Homily** will be on Sunday, October 2nd at the 10:30am Mass.