



Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." LK 17:19



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

In today's Gospel we hear the parable story of the ten lepers who met Jesus as he was traveling through Samaria and Galilee. Because of their ostracizing illness, these ten stood at a distance from Jesus and yelled out to him asking for his pity. Jesus was moved by the sight of these ten, not moved with pity but rather: mercy. Jesus instructed them to show themselves to the priests and as they were going, the ten were cleansed. One of the ten who realized he'd been healed praised God and rather than going to the priest as instructed, returned to Jesus. Upon finding Jesus he fell at Jesus' feet, humbly thanking him. Jesus asked him where the other nine were who'd been healed, and then told this one Samaritan (not a follower, who actually disobeyed Jesus) to stand up and go as his faith – expressed by praise and thanksgiving – saved him. There are two thoughts swirling around in my mind as I ponder this passage. Firstly, Jesus' generous mercy goes beyond human comprehension. Pope Francis said this of mercy: "God's mercy is a gift that is so overabundant it may even seem unfair in our eyes. But the nature of God's mercy is its excess; it balances nothing, it is required by nothing, it is not deserved. It is 'the divine attitude which embraces,' the how of God's forgiveness, but not forgiveness itself. It's a feeling, one that moves God and His beloved humankind. It is the sinew that binds God to humanity and humanity to God." My other thought from this passage is that there were ten lepers and only one returned to humbly thank Jesus. This one person was beyond thankful; he was appreciative and grateful, he recognized that being healed was a gift that Jesus gave to him because he believed and because he was grateful. Afterwards, Jesus sends him on his way telling him that his faith saved him – how do you suppose he lived the rest of his life? By his display of thankfulness, appreciation, and respect for Jesus I say that this returning Samaritan man shows us what an "attitude of gratitude" is all about! The nine others that Jesus asked about – what happened to them? Did they have faith? Did they feel entitled - by their very asking they expected and "deserved" to be cured to go on their merry way without looking back? Who would you say that you are more like in this parable – the man who returned to thank Jesus with a grateful heart, or like one of the nine who never looked back?

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LIFE celebrations will be held on Sunday, October 23 (11:30-2:00pm) or Monday, October 24 (5:30-8pm) in the Parish Center where we will focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation while developing our overall theme: *Sacraments...transforming everyday life*. Please call the Rectory if you haven't yet signed up to participate in this on-going Faith Formation opportunity that's open to ALL parishioners! **Note: If you have a child(ren) in grades K-10, this is the Parish Religious Education program.

First Reconciliation classes start on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 3:30 to 4:45 for previously registered children.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

CHURCH SUPPORT – October 1/2, 2016

Weekly Collection \$6057.00
Seminary Education Collection \$1982.00
Electronic Giving (September) \$3447.00
The Second Collection next weekend is for the Reduction of the Parish Debt.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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

Community Action Committee

Pennies for Prescriptions – Each October, the Community Action Committee collects "Pennies" for the prescription needs of the residents of Lucy's Hearth. We are again asking for your continued support. All money collected supports the moms and children who need essential medications and do not yet have health insurance. Containers will be set out at the entrance of the Church for you to deposit your pennies. So....check your pockets and raid your piggy banks! **Many thanks for your past and present generosity.**

**Soup Kitchen Needs
 Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016**

4 bags oranges 4 loaves bread
 100 paper plates (heavy duty, 10inch)
 4 cans powdered juice (lemonade)
 6 cans whole kernel corn
 Assorted finger dessert (cookies, cupcakes, brownies)
 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 Tues., Oct. 18.
We served 93 meals in Sept. thanks to your generosity.

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.

Helping Hearts♥♥♥

The Annual Memorial *Mass of Remembrance* for deceased members of St. Lucy's Parish Family will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 10:30am. This special Mass is for all Parishioners who died from October 15, 2015 through October 15, 2016. If anyone has a loved one who passed away during this period and is not from St. Lucy's, please contact Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x 205) with the name and date of death of your loved one by Wednesday, Nov. 2. We will be happy to include them in this Memorial Mass.

Local Catholic High Schools – Open House

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.

Tuition assistance is available to qualified applicants for students attending a **Catholic elementary school**. Please call Colleen at the Rectory for details at 847-6153 (x 206).

The RI Catholic Medical Society invites all Physicians, Health Care Professionals and Workers, Their Families and Patients to **The 2016 White Mass to ask the Lord's blessings upon those called to share His work of healing** on Wednesday, October 19 at 7pm at the Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Chapel, 200 High Service Ave., No. Providence.

Open Door: Ongoing Grief Support. is available every week on Wednesdays, 12:30pm-2:30pm at Hambly Brick House, 30 Red Cross, Newport. Community Connections events are free of charge. A Program of Memorial Funeral Homes.

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, October 8
 5:00pm (O) Juliet and Leo Bernier
 Sunday, October 9, **Vocation Awareness Sunday**
 8:00am (O) W. Wallace Mathison
 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 12:00pm Baptisms
 5:00pm (O'N) William Collins (6th Anniversary)
 Monday, October 10
 9:00am (O) Sgt. John Almeida
 Tuesday, October 11
 9:00am (O) Fr. Casey, Ann Casey, and Fr. Carnevale
 Wednesday October 12
 9:00am (O) Arthur Leonard
 Thursday, October 13
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, October 14
 9:00am (S) Marie Hines (2nd Anniversary)
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Devotions
 8:00pm Benediction
 Saturday, October 15
 2:00pm Mass at Forest Farm
 5:00pm (O) Aurelio (Amang) Villacorta (Birthday Remembrance)
 Sunday, October 16,
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
 10:30am (O) Mauricio and Maria Machado
 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 Rectory Offices are closed on Monday, October 10 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

A Children's Homily will be offered today, Sunday, October 9 at the 10:30am Mass as well as Oct. 16 and 30.

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.