



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

When you think of Halloween, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. Halloween's true origins lie with the ancient Celtic tribes when they would celebrate a new year and winter's coming with the festival of the dead on the evening before November 1. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires. In 1835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all martyrs (later all saints) to November 1. The eve of this day later became known as All Hallow's Eve or Halloween. So yes, we celebrate by trick-or-treating and by decorating with our goblins and having parties, but it's a prelude to the days that follow. At our LIFE celebrations last weekend, our theme was "Models and Heroes" and we focused on saints and the celebrations of the Feast of All Saints Day (November 1, a holy day of obligation) and the Feast of All Souls Day (November 2, a holy day of opportunity). The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as canonized saints or not. It is a celebration of the communion of saints. As part of our closing prayer service at LIFE we remembered our deceased loved ones in a special way by bringing and placing pictures of them on our prayer table. Take time this week to remember those people in your life who are no longer living, who also are models and heroes to us, and recall how these people impacted your life. Remembering is truly a gift. Share those memories and remembrances of those who have gone before you with your loved ones, family, and extended family. Perhaps you may have a special and prominent place in your home to post a picture of this person (my space is the refrigerator door or bedroom mirror). Each time you pass by this deceased loved one can be a reminder to pray in thanksgiving for his/her life and for his/her continued guidance. ***On your way out of Mass today, please take a Saints handout given out at LIFE: "Remembering All the Saints Family Activity" or "We are All Called To Be Saints" and enjoy!

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

First Reconciliation Class continues on Th., November 2 from 3:30-4:45pm in PC. Bring text book!

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 10:30 Mass **this Sunday**, 10/29 and Sunday, 11/5.

Pumpkin Carving Prayer (Activity)

Dear God, As I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer: *Open my mind so I can learn about You* (cut the top of the pumpkin). *Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do* (clean out the inside). *Open my eyes so Your Love I will see* (cut out eyes). *I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me* (cut out a nose). *Open my ears so Your Word I will hear* (cut out ears). *Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near* (cut mouth). *Let Your Light shine in all I say and do! Amen.* (place a candle and light.)

Helping Hearts♥♥♥

The Annual Memorial *Mass of Remembrance* for deceased members of St. Lucy's Parish Family will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 10:30am. This special Mass is for all Parishioners who died from October 16, 2016 through October 15, 2017. 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. 1. We will be happy to include them in this Memorial Mass.

Father Gene McKenna, Pastor Emeritus of St. Lucy's, along with six others will receive the honor of **HEROES OF FAITH** at a breakfast celebration at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet on Nov. 2. All are welcome to attend. For further information and tickets go to www.councilofchurchesri.org Heroes of Faith.

Swanhurst Chorus presents *Give Our Regards To Broadway* on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7pm at Fenner Hall (Vasco de Gama Club), 15 Fenner Ave. in Newport. This is an evening of show tunes from Broadway musicals, and cabaret numbers, performed by members and friends. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids, \$50 for a family. For tickets call 324-9820 or online www.swanhurst.org or ask a member. Appetizers and cash bar available.

Community Action Committee (CAC)

Thanksgiving Baskets: St. Lucy's will be participating once again in the annual effort to provide a healthy delicious Thanksgiving meal for our brothers and sisters in need. Collections will be taken to the Salvation Army on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 5pm. The food our Parish collects will be used for the meal that the Salvation Army will cook for those in need in our community on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Therefore, the Salvation Army is in need of 16-17 fresh (or defrosted frozen) turkeys in the 10-12 lb range. We are asking that the fresh/defrosted turkeys be brought to the Parish Center on Thursday, Nov. 16 anytime before 5pm. Non-perishable items may be placed in the containers in the foyer of the Church. Money donations, (checks payable to St. Lucy's) or gift certificates to a grocery store marked "Thanksgiving Food Donation" may be put in the collection basket or left at the Rectory. Suggested items: turkey, dressing, vegetables, pie fillings, cranberry sauce and juice, fresh fruit nuts, roll mix, onions, and pie crust. St. Lucy's has worked with the Salvation Army for the past few years and has found this to be the most effective in reaching those in need. Any leftover food is stored and used for their Christmas Baskets. Thank you!

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT – October 21/22, 2017

Weekly Collection \$5576.00
World Mission Sunday. \$2309.00
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY: The Liturgy Committee wants to thank the presenters from the last two weekends who shared how they are involved in our ministries here at St. Lucy's. Special thanks go to Pat Mott, Sheila Brennan, Carol Wilcox, Barbara Ames, Natalie Johnson, Cheryl Grove, and Debbie Shepherd for their wonderful inspiring talk. May their challenge to each of us be just what inspires us to get involved at St. Lucy's.

Medical Equipment: A hospital bed (motorized and hand lift) and an electric chair lift for stairs are available. If you are interested, please call Deacon John or Marianna at 845-2558.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/I Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12

Hope and Cope is a **faith-based support group** intended for those struggling with or supporting a family member or a friend struggling with alcohol or drug addictions or mental distress. The next Mass for Recovery will be held this Sunday, Oct. 29 at 5pm in St. Barnabas Church. All are welcome.

A Penny Social will be held at **Jesus Saviour Church Hall** on **Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1 to 5pm.** Tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) may be purchased the day of the event. Free refreshments.

Harvest Fairs/Festivals

St. Joseph's Church (Broadway/Mann) - Nov. 4 (9:30am to 3pm) in Parish Hall. Call 847-0065 for more information.
Holy Ghost Church in Tiverton - Nov. 4 (9:30am to 7pm) and Nov. 5 (8am to 1pm). Call 624-8131 for more information.
St. Clare-Newport (309 Spring St.) - Nov. 11 (10am to 4pm).
Immaculate Conception (Cranston) – Nov. 10 (5 to 9pm) and Nov. 11(9am to 6pm).

Catholic School Open Houses

St. Raphael Academy: College prep High School, Sunday, Nov. 5 from 12 to 3pm. (www.saintrays.org)
Bishop Stang: College prep High School, Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1-3pm. (www.bishopstang.org)
Prout: Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6 to 8pm. IB, college prep, honors, and AP classes. www.theproutschool.org.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 28
 5:00pm (O) Robert and Kathleen Griffin
 Sunday, October 29
 8:00am (O) Albert A. Fisher and Family
 10:30am (O) The Byrnes, Carroll, and Sheeley Families
 Communal Anointing of the Sick
 5:00pm (O'N) Manuel Alves (2nd Anniversary)
 Monday, October 30
 9:00am Frederic Caswell
 Tuesday, October 31
 9:00am Leah Katherine Bell
No Vigil Mass
 Wednesday, November 1, **All Saints Day**
 9:00am Lena (37th Anniversary) and John Spillane (50th Anniversary)
 6:00pm Albert A. Fisher
 Thursday, November 2
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, November 3
 9:00am (S) Aurelio D. "Amang" Villacorta (Anniversary) Manuel Alves Mary Farias
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 7:50pm Benediction
 Saturday, November 4
 5:00pm (O) Mary Jane Graf
 Sunday, November 5
 8:00am (O) Harry Steele
 10:30am (O) **Mass of Remembrance** Mary Farias (Birthday Remembrance)
 5:00pm (O'N) Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino (7th Anniversary)

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

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