



But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. Mal. 3:20a



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

During this just ended Presidential campaign season there have been many stances, views, and opinions shared that brought with it a great divide between people. At many parties, homes, and social gatherings the topic of politics and the Presidential Campaign race was “banned” from conversations. In this election, no matter which candidate got elected, it was obvious that many people would feel upset, hurt, and fear with the results. Votes have been cast and America has a President-elect and yet, this morning – the day after – the sun still rose and the birds were still singing! While pondering current events and today’s Scriptures I read a great reflection from *Living Faith* (written by Aileen O’Donoghue) that I’d like to share. I found it timely and fitting to us today as a reminder to always look for the good and hopefully find Jesus in ourselves and others. *There is a story about a monastery that had fallen onto hard times. Only a few monks lived there, few visitors came, and the community was falling into disrepair. One day a visitor arrived, told them that Jesus lived among them and left. The monks were shocked. Everyone looked at each other, and each was looked at by all the others. ‘Who was Jesus among them?’ they wondered. Everything the monks did after that was done with more care and love because they were doing it for Jesus. Their prayers became more sincere, and they treated one another, and themselves, with more gentle good humor. The community began to thrive again. In truth, Jesus is in every one of our parishes because the Spirit of God dwells in each one of us, particularly after Communion. Our task is to recognize and revere Jesus in those around us – and in ourselves – so that our communities can more fully bring the Spirit of God into the world as those mythical monks did to their community. May we be ever vigilant and focused on looking for (and finding) Jesus in the situations, circumstances, and people we meet each day. May we continue to pray for all of our elected leaders in our communities, in our Nation and leaders throughout the world, remembering that the United States motto is “In God We Trust.”*

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LIFE for the month of November is upon us as we gather once again on the 20th (11:30-2pm) or 21st (5:30-8pm) as we move further into our theme: *Sacraments...transforming everyday life* focusing on the *Sacrament of the Eucharist*. **LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)** is our Religious Education that welcomes every parishioner to celebrate and grow in faith. Have you participated in **LIFE** yet? Feel free to join with other parishioners - check it out!

First Reconciliation Classes continue on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

Save the Date: The conferral of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7pm at St. Lucy’s Church for our candidates as well as candidates from Jesus Saviour Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48/Mt 14:22-33
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

CHURCH SUPPORT – November 5/6, 2016

Weekly Collection \$7984.00
All Saints/All Souls Day \$1879.00
Archdiocese for Military Service, USA \$1157.00
The second collection this weekend is for the reduction of the Parish Debt.
The second collection next weekend will be for the Campaign for Human Development.
Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**Soup Kitchen Needs
 Tuesday, November 15**

4 Bags oranges
 Assorted finger desserts(cupcakes, cookies, brownies)
 3 (1 lb.) boxes butter (sticks only)
 3 rolls paper towels
 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 Tuesday, November 15. We served 97 meals on October. Thank you all for your generosity.

Community Action Committee (CAC)

Thanksgiving Meal at the Salvation Army: All the food which our Parish donates will be used for the meal that the Salvation Army serves on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Suggested donations include non-perishable items which may be placed in the containers in the Church entrance or monetary donations/grocery cards (clearly marked for Salvation Army Thanksgiving donation). Fresh or defrosted turkeys (10 to 12 lbs) can be brought to Parish Center on Thursday, Nov. 17 anytime before 4:30pm. All food donations will be taken to the Salvation Army on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 4:30pm. Any left over food is stored and used for the Salvation Army Christmas baskets.
Thanksgiving Baskets: St. Lucy’s will also be accepting grocery cards to assist the needs in our Parish Community. Please mark donations specifically for “St. Lucy’s Parish.”
Many thanks for your past and present generosity.

Bible Study is held every Tuesday morning beginning at 9:45 in the Family Room led by Jane Parrillo.

The Sisters of St. Joseph have served in our Diocese since 1889. Sisters have taught at the Newport County Catholic Regional School (now All Saints Academy) and St. Catherine High School. This weekend some of the Sisters, including Sr. Sheila Murphy, will be handing out brochures relating to their financial challenges. Please join in “Support Our Sisters” with your donation.

Holiday Events

Family Festival and Craft Show at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, Nov. 12 (9 to 6) and Sunday, Nov. 13 (9 to 1) at 237 Garden Hills Drive, Cranston.
“A Christmas Pudding” will be presented by the Portsmouth Community Theater at St. Lucy’s Parish Center Nov. 30 through Dec. 4. Wednesday –Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 1pm. This is a holiday sampling of seasonal stories and songs. For more information/reservations, call Cindy Killavey at 847-5148.
The Sounds of the Season. On Sunday, Dec. 11th at 3pm, the Gregorian Concert Choir, the Prout High School Chorus and Festival Orchestra will present a concert in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin’s **“Keep the Heat On” Campaign.** Proceeds raised from this concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert.

Thank you for collecting Box Tops for Education. St. Lucy’s has donated \$50 to All Saints Academy which is the result of the 500 box tops collected. Please continue to put your box tops in the appropriate basket located in the Connector.

Community Connections, a program of Memorial Funeral Homes, is offering many healing events during the months of November and December. These events include **Portsmouth General Grief Support** (Thursday, Nov. 10 at 1:30), **Yoga** (Monday, Nov. 14 and 21 at 11am), **Loss of Spouse** (Tuesdays, Nov. 15 – Dec. 5 at 4pm), **Hope for the Holidays** (Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 6pm), and **Open Door: Holiday Edition** (Wednesdays, Nov. 30 – Dec. 21 at 12:30). For more details and to reserve a space, call 846-0698 or go to www.communityconnectionsri.com or.

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, November 12
 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton and Nancy Moitoza
 Sunday, November 13
 8:00am (O) Manuel Alves (Birthday Remembrance)
 10:30am (O) George and Helen Leeber
 5:00pm (O’N) Robert Blass, Sr. (25th Anniversary)
 Monday, November 14
 9:00am (O) William C. Cella
 Tuesday, November 15
 9:00am (S) Henry Lombardi
 Wednesday November 16
 9:00am (S) Fred Gauch
 Thursday, November 17
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, November 18
 9:00am (S) Mrs. Quinn
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Devotions
 8:00pm Benediction
 Saturday, November 19
 2:00pm Mass at Forest Farm
 5:00pm (S) Mary Lou Rogers and John E. Rogers
 Sunday, November 20
 8:00am (S) F. Donald Renehan (10th Anniversary)
 10:30am (H) Joan Arnold (Birthday Remembrance)
 5:00pm (ON) Eric Sjoblom (Birthday Remembrance)

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

A Children’s Homily will be offered at the 10:30am Mass this Sunday, Nov. 13.

Marian Prayer Cards are available at the entrance to the Church. “The Lady of All National Prayer” is written on the card. People are encouraged to pray this prayer for the benefit of the world.