



This great nation is a wise and discerning people!  
Deut 4:6



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

Our 2018-19 year of LIFE an acronym for *Learning In Faith Experiences*, which IS our Religious Education (Faith Formation for ALL-AGES; open to all parishioners) will soon begin!

When will it start, you might be asking? Sunday, September 23 (11:30am-2pm) and Monday, September 24 (5:30-8pm) in the Parish Center – Brochures & Registration Forms for everyone are on the table in the Narthex. The theme that we'll learn about throughout the year is "How can we live out the Catholic Social Teachings?" Catholic Social Teaching (CST) proclaims that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Because God is the Father of us all, we are one human family and have a responsibility to care for one another and for all of creation. One of the CST's is The Dignity of Work. This being Labor Day weekend, I thought it appropriate to begin our parish-wide CST of *Learning In Faith Experiences*: please join with me! It's sometimes hard to remember that Labor Day wasn't created to be a holiday to celebrate cookouts or to have an extra day for our end-to-summer beach visits. Labor Day was formed in 1894 to recognize the importance of labor in the Industrial Revolution and to celebrate the value and the rights of the working class within American society. Labor Day is closely intertwined with the struggles of the unions to uphold workers' rights: which came about as a result of unfair, unsafe working conditions. On this Labor Day, try something different: **1)** Read one of these Children's Books to your child(ren) and/or grandchild(ren) to help them better understand and better-appreciate Labor Day... Side by Side: The Story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez (Monica Brown and Jo Cepeda); Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968 (Alice Faye Duncan and R. Gregory Christie); Brave Girl (Michelle Markel and Melissa Sweet); Joelito's Big Decision (Ann Berlak and Daniel Camacho); Si, Se Puede! Yes, We Can! Janitor Strike in LA (Ciana Cohn and Francisco Delgado); On Our Way to Oyster Bay: Mother Jones on Her March for Children's Rights (Monica Kulling and Felicity Sala). **2)** Pray this, or another prayer for Labor Day. This prayer comes from *Bread for the World Institute and the Alliance to End Hunger* (A collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad; by changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, they provide help and opportunity.)

Almighty God, Creator of the world, we give you thanks for the gift of stewardship and work.

Deliver us, in our various occupations

that we may do our work in truth and beauty for the common good.

God of justice, we pray for all workers,

That they receive fair compensation and treatment for their labor.

For those who seek work, provide jobs – both citizen and immigrant alike.

For those who cannot work, provide sustenance.

Make those who lead the industries and commerce of this country responsive to your will.

Build up in the leaders of our country a respect for all labors.

Lord Jesus, may we lead lives of holiness in service to you and our neighbors.

We ask all these things for our good and your glory.

Amen!

Written by: Colette Savaria, (LIFE Coordinator)

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family continues to offer an on-going bereavement support group at **St. Lucy Church Parish Center**. The meetings for September are Thursday, Sept. 13 and 7:00-8:30pm. For information, contact: Peter Magnotta of the Office of Life and Family at 421-7833 (x217).

As an adult, **do you want to become Catholic?** Do you know someone who does? Do you want to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church with Confirmation? It's never too late to begin a new journey! For information or to ask questions, contact Jane Parrillo at [jjparrillo@yahoo.com](mailto:jjparrillo@yahoo.com).

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** also 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.

**Save the Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018. St. Lucy's Dinner Dance, 6:00-11:00pm in St. Lucy's Parish Center** and will include a prime rib dinner, music, dancing, raffles, and surprises. Tickets are available by calling Sr. Sheila Murphy at 847-6153 (x205) or Fely at 849-1692. Don't miss out!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39  
 Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a /Mt 1:1-16,18-23  
 Sunday: Is 5:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**CHURCH SUPPORT – August 25/26, 2018**

**Weekly Collection \$5105.00**

**Weekly Electronic Giving \$ 773.00**

The second collection next weekend will be for the **Reduction of the Parish Debt**

**Thank you for your support!!**

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages. **To Love and To Cherish** is a free program designed to enrich/strengthen the sacramental journey of marriage, providing pertinent topics/discussions in a sharing group environment. The program will be held on Tuesdays, Sept. 18 through Oct. 16, 7pm to 8:30pm at St. Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Ln, Warwick. For registration/information, contact Peter Magnotta 421-7833, ext 217. (Please note that this program is not for people who need marriage counseling.)

**St. Lucy's Rectory and Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.**

On Tuesday, Oct. 2 join the St. Vincent DePaul Conference at St. Lucy's Church for a one-day trip to see "**Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination**" at the Metropolitan Museum, NYC. This exhibit includes over 40 Papal Vestments on Public display for the first time. Tickets include admission, transportation and a donation to the SVDP at St. Lucy's and cost \$65 for seniors, \$72 for adults. There is an option for transportation and donation for \$50. Registration and payment deadline is Sept. 22. for more info please call or email the St. Lucy's SVDP at: 847-6153 ext. 222 or [stlucysvdp@gmail.com](mailto:stlucysvdp@gmail.com). Members of SVDP will be available in the Church entrance to answer questions and accept registrations and payments following Mass on Sept. 8, 9, 15 and 16.

**Help wanted:** Part-time cook, Newport. Fifth Ward. Main meal only. Days/times negotiable. Call 847-5124 (5 and 7pm).

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

**Ministry Notes**

This is the time of year, in the waning days of summer, that we start making plans for the "new year." It's a good time to evaluate our present life and our "time and talent" and ask if there is anything different we could do. Here are several opportunities to think about sharing your time and talents.

**Music Ministry:** Music is such an integral part of our life and especially our liturgies. New voices are always welcome. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Our new season begins Thursday, Sept. 13 in the Church. Contact Helen Glynn (x218) or speak to any Music Minister.

**The Spiritual and Liturgical Committee:** The main mission of this committee is to support and promote the spiritual and devotional development of our worshipping community. We are always seeking new members who are interested in working together to provide leadership and guidance in the liturgical life of our parish. Our first meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 3pm in the Parish Center. Contact Helen Glynn (x218) or Sr. Sheila Murphy (x205).

**Eucharistic Ministry:** There is always a need for Eucharistic Ministers to distribute the Holy Communion at our liturgies. Our baptism calls us to service to all in unity and love. Are you interested and available to serve? Training is provided. Contact Sr. Sheila Murphy (x205).

**Altar Servers:** Young people who have made their First Communion are welcome to serve at our Liturgies. If you are interested, please contact Colette (x201) to set up training.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 1  
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 Sunday, September 2  
 8:00am (O) George and Helen Leeber  
 10:30am (O) Hilaria Villacorta  
 7:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 Monday, September 3, **Labor Day**  
 9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 Tuesday, September 4  
 9:00am St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 Wednesday, September 5  
 9:00am William C. Cella  
 Thursday, September 6  
 9:00am Communion Service  
 Friday, September 7  
 9:00am (S) The Betty and Spooner Families  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary  
 7:50pm Benediction  
 Saturday, September 8  
 1:30pm Mass at Grand Islander  
 5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton and Eva B. Mello  
 Sunday, September 9  
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners  
 10:30am (O) Richard James Toner (Birthday Remembrance)  
 12:00noon Baptism  
 5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:

O = Rev. John O'Brien

O'N = Rev. Thomas O'Neill

S = Rev. Saji Joseph

**The Children's Homily** will start up for the year during the 10:30 Mass next Sunday (Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>) and continue on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. Children will be called forth at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word for a blessing at the Altar and then will proceed to the Parish Center to learn about the Sunday Scriptures. They will rejoin their families to continue to worship together.