



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Is it just me, or do you experience this too? When you've got something you're considering, thinking about, preparing for, or praying about - do you ever notice that this "thing" continuously pops up in

different places in your life? Like, really, this "thing" keeps jumping right out in front of me shouting "Ta-Da! Here I am, just like what you're asking for!" Why I ask these questions and make such statements is that I'm working on planning and lessons for our Parish-wide upcoming LIFE celebrations on the theme of *Catholic Social Teaching* and, God is "bombarding" me with opportunity after opportunity of ways that I may better see, better understand, and better share the message of our Church's *CST*'s. For instance, the other day while reading, I came across this quote of St. Mother Teresa (whose feast day we remembered on 9/5): "If our poor die of hunger, it is not because God does not care for them. Rather, it is because neither you nor I are generous enough. It is because we are not instruments of love in the hands of God. We do not recognize Christ when once again he appears to us in the hungry man, in the lonely woman, in the child who is looking for a place to get warm." In our second reading today we are asked to consider where we stand in our beliefs. Would I have helped that hungry man, lonely woman, or child looking for warmth? Would I have seen Jesus in these people? Do I discriminate based on looks, income, status, age, sexual orientation, gender, political party? I have the choice in front of me to either build a wall to keep people out, separating people or I can refuse to be prejudicial showing respect, support, and compassion to all (or at least try to be that way to most) people. To be open and welcoming isn't the easy path, but it's the path that Jesus shows us and guides our footsteps in each day - if we allow his guidance in our lives. Writer Deborah A Meister shared this thought based on today's Psalm: "Gratitude gives birth to justice. We praise God's faithfulness and thank God for the gift of life. A grateful heart holds no resentment, anger or fear of being cast aside. When we can let go of selfishness, God's justice will reign. The oppressed will be free and the poor will be fed. We can become instruments of peace and justice in the world." Perhaps God may be calling you to continue to grow in and share your faith with others by participating in this year's LIFE celebrations? Parishioners of all ages are welcome to LIFE, which IS also our Parish Religious Education Program for children in Grades K-high school. LIFE Brochures, Registration Forms, and Sacramental Preparation Brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. LIFE celebrations begin on 9/23 or 9/24, it's not too early to register.

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Formed: Catholic Faith on Demand. How many times do we ask St. Anthony to find what we've lost? Take some time this week to find him. The 50 minute documentary "*Finding St. Anthony*" tells us about a young man who felt lost and finally let God find him and lead him to become the great saint he is. If you are not yet registered for Formed, you can do so at any time at formed.org using the parish code **B84KHM**. It's open to all and it is free.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, September 8
 - 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 St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Monday, September 10
 - 9:00am The Soares Family
- Tuesday, September 11
 - 9:00am Paul Brown (Anniversary)
- Wednesday, September 12
 - 9:00am Frederick W. Freese
- Thursday, September 13
 - 9:00am Communion Service
- Friday, September 14
 - 9:00am (S) Fe Niego (Anniversary)
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, September 15
 - 2:00pm Mass at Royal Middletown
 - 5:00pm (O) Kathleen Walling
- Sunday, September 16
 - 8:00am (O) Robert Edward
 - 10:30am (O) Eleanore Santos (4th Anniversary Remembrance and 100th birthday) Maria DeLurdes
 - 5:00pm Larry and Mary Nunes (Anniversary Remembrance)

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

The Children's Homily will start up for the year during the 10:30 Mass this Sunday (Sept. 9th) and continue on the 16th and the 30th. 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.

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 this Thursday, Sept. 13 and Sept. 27 from 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.

Soup Kitchen Needs
Tuesday, September 18
 Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
 2 bags oranges 2 boxes salt
 2 bottles salad dressing (Italian or Ranch)
 If you would like to help with any of the above, please call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0320. You may drop off your donations at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Thank you all for your support. We served 97 meals in August.

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 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Interested in Amateur Radio? A Technician License class will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:30pm starting on September 18 at St. Lucy's Parish Center. The exam will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13 (no class on Oct. 9 and Nov. 6). The class is free, but there is a \$10 charge for the study guide and a \$15 charge for the multiple choice exam. There is no requirement to learn Morse Code. Sign up for the class with the registration link at: http://w1syc.org/?page_id=151.

Reminder: The Liturgy Committee will meet Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 3pm in the Parish Center.

CHURCH SUPPORT – September 1/2, 2018
Weekly Collection \$6223.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$ 520.50
 The Second Collection this weekend will be for the **Reduction of the Parish Debt. As of 8/15/18 the Parish Debt Balance is \$31,566.81!!**
Thank you for your support!!

Sr. Priest Retirement Fund: Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. **Next weekend's second collection** will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.org.

On Tuesday, Oct. 2 join the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of 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 St. Lucy's SVdP. The cost is \$65 for seniors and \$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. 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.

The Town Howlers Square Dance Club of Portsmouth are holding Free "Open House Evenings" of dancing on Sunday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6pm to 7:30pm. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dancing will be at 110 Bristol Ferry Rd., Portsmouth. Square dancing offers exercise for mind and body. For more information go TownHowlers.org as well as Meetup.com or email townhowlers@townhowlers.org or call Don or Marlene at 849-6266.

Diocese to Host Mass for Public Safety to honor police, fire and first responders, on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 10am in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence. The Mass provides an opportunity for everyone to come together to give thanks to the men and women who risk their lives to protect us and to pray for their continued safety. Everyone is invited to attend.