



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

A funny scenario jumped into my head as I read a section of today's Gospel (well, I think it's funny): The disciples were jibber-jabbering among themselves, of course thinking they were out of the earshot of Jesus, and were arguing about which of them really was Jesus' "right-hand-man." Here are some of the sentiments that I imagine being bantered about: I'm the strongest...I'm the one that Jesus relies on the most...I've got the most charisma...Jesus trusts me with the money, Jesus called me first...etc. And they got caught: Jesus questioned them on what they were arguing about! The disciples are just so... (What's the word I'm looking for?)...real (?)..human (?). Can you picture yourself having this same argument or discussion about who is most important or "greatest" with your co-workers or with your classmates? Each one of us wants to make a good impression on others and we're also concerned with our rank/status. Jesus, always the compassionate, forgiving, loving teacher knew what the Apostles were doing and, just like a loving, patient parent teaching their wayward child(ren) a lesson – Jesus does that for the twelve (and for us). Jesus sits the men down and tells them "If any of you wishes to be first, you shall be the least of all and the servant of all." Jesus then placed a child in their midst, and putting his arms around the child, said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." In Jesus' day, children were insignificant; they were on the margins of life, unlike in this day and age. Jesus' point: the most unimportant or irrelevant in the community are to have the same standing and privileges as those persons considered to be the most important in society. Do I look at myself and others through the eyes of Jesus – or through the eyes of the world? I invite you to join with fellow Parishioners in the Parish Center on Sunday, 11:30-2pm or Monday, 5:30-8pm to share in our first LIFE celebration (installment) of the year, which may help each one of us grow, stretch, and improve our vision – the vision that Jesus asks us – to look at others with, and upon this world with. Our LIFE theme for the year is: "How can we live out the Catholic Social Teachings?"

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Formed: Catholic Faith on Demand. For teens and parents of teens: **Living Life By Design Not By Default.** With so much technology at our fingertips, it's tough not to be swept away in all the noise and clutter. In our society, there's often a tendency to live passively by simply "going with the flow." In this talk given at a FOCUS national conference for teens, Fr. Mike Schmitz explains how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within a technological age. Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading speakers to young people in the Church today, serving as both the director of youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Duluth and the Chaplain for the Newman Catholic Ministry at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Not registered for **Formed** yet? Simply go to formed.org and use the Parish code **B84KHM** to start listening, watching, and reading today.

Reminder: Last Call for Annual Fall Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday September 29th in the Parish Center from 6:15 to 8:30pm. See flyer in Narthex and RSVP by Monday, September 24th. See you there!

A Bereavement Support Group offered through the Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family continues at St. Lucy Church Parish Center with the next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27 from 7:00-8:30pm. The Diocese also offers the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Program at St. Thomas More Church, in Narragansett on Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:00pm, from Oct. 10 through Dec. 12 (not meeting Oct. 31 and Nov. 21). For registration/information about either of these Bereavement programs, contact Peter Magnotta of the Office of Life and Family at 421-7833 (x217).

CHURCH SUPPORT – September 15/16, 2018

Weekly Collection	\$5271.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$ 935.00
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$2938.00

Thank you for your support!!

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.

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:	Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Ecc 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Ecc 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Saturday, September 22
 - 5:00pm (O) Nina Marie Gawalt Smith
- Sunday, September 23
 - 8:00am (S) Robert and Catherine Edward
 - 10:30am (O) Michelle Cole
 - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Monday, September 24
 - 9:00am Mary and Joseph Morris
- Tuesday, September 25
 - 9:00am Paul W. Sullivan
- Wednesday, September 26
 - 9:00am Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
- Thursday, September 27
 - 9:00am (S) St. Lucy's Parishioners
- Friday, September 28
 - 9:00am (S) In Memory of Vincent F. McMahon, Sr. and Family
 - 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 - 7:50pm Benediction
- Saturday, September 29
 - 5:00pm (O) Leslie Peter Munn (15th Anniversary)
 - Joseph Lyons (7th Anniversary)
- Sunday, September 30
 - 8:00am (S) James J. Manning (10th Anniversary)
 - 10:30am (O) Hilaria Villacorta
 - 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners

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

The Children's Homily is offered for our young Parishioners during the 10:30 Mass on the following Sundays: 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, and 10/21. At the start of the Liturgy of the Word, the children are called forward to the Altar to receive a blessing, after which they proceed to the Parish Center where they learn about the Sunday Scriptures with their Catechist. The children rejoin their families to worship together.

The Town Howlers Square Dance Club of Portsmouth is holding free "Open House Evenings" of dancing on Sunday, Sept. 23, and 30 from 6pm to 7:30pm. at 110 Bristol Ferry Rd., Portsmouth. For more information go TownHowlers.org as well as Meetup.com or email townhowlers@townhowlers.org or call Don or Marlene at 849-6266.

The Diocese of Providence will host a 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, Prov. This is an opportunity 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.

The SVdP RI 11th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30 and will include music, food, and family fun. Registration as a group or an individual starts at 10am in the Gazebo in Garden City Center followed by the walk kick-off at 11am. Mass will be offered at St. Mark, Cranston, at 9:30am. Register online or call 490-822 (x113) for more information.

Prout School Open House on Sunday, October 14 from 1-4pm. *Discover the Prout Advantage!* Prout welcomes prospective students interested in a Catholic, co-educational learning experience. Prout is the **only** high school in Rhode Island to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program! Prout provides Catholic identity, Catholic education and spiritual formation, rigorous academics, amazing theatre, music and dance programs, competitive athletic teams, numerous clubs and extracurricular activities. For information, call Admissions Director Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, Ext. 514 or go to www.theproutschool.org.

There will not be a **Flu Clinic** held at St. Lucy's this year, but there are two scheduled **in Middletown at the Gaudet School**, 1113 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown on Wednesdays Oct. 17 and Nov. 14 from 4 to 7pm. Register online at www.schoolflu.com. Registration is recommended but not required. No out-of-pocket cost for anyone. For more clinic dates and locations go to www.health.ri.gov/flu.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to the sick and aged. Eucharistic Ministers of St. Lucy's would be part of a team to bring communion on a Sunday (usually once/month rotation) to residents of **Grand Islander Nursing Home**. For more info contact Sr. Sheila Murphy at 847-6153 (x205). Volunteers are also needed at **Newport Hospital** to help distribute communion to some patients. For more info please contact the Jesus Saviour Church at 847-1267.

A Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 8am to 2pm featuring Kelly Nieto and Danielle Bean. The event includes Mass by Bishop Tobin, dynamic and encouraging talks, live music, prayer, swag bags, morning coffee and lunch at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. For more information or to register, call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 278-4646.