LIFE: Learning In Faith Experiences
A merry and blessed Christmas to you and yours. I trust the blessings on this day as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family!
How appropriate that we look to and honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph so soon after celebrating The Nativity because the season of Christmas is filled with “family time,” a blessing, yet stressful as well. At this time of year when we gather with family and those who are like family to us, we’re able to share many heart-warming stories, laughs, and a few quiet reflective moments as well. Some stories may bring tears of laughter, other tearful memories of loved ones, still others may stir up feelings that we’d rather perhaps leave dormant. Regardless, the richness in the mix of our sharing and re-telling of happenings in our lives is our “holy family” story. Our sharing with one another is sacred time, holy time that none of us would ever trade or wish away. We know the ancestral and scriptural stories of Jesus’ family (involving love, concern, pain, loss, etc.), yet I can’t help but try to imagine the day-to-day goings-on within the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, helping with household chores, learning his father’s trade as a carpenter, praying together, going to Temple, sharing the Sabbath meal, laughter, teasing, scrapes, and tears. Prayer + Time Together = quality family life as exemplified and embodied in the Holy Family. May we always look to them for guidance and support as we share in our journey of growing together as a holy family. As we reflect on family today, may we remember and pray for those families who struggle. I must share with you today’s reflection by Sr. Joyce R.
Matthew 2:13 “And when they had passed, the child and his mother, fled to Egypt...” from St. Lucy Catholic Faith Community

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 2019

The 2020 calendars for our Parishioners come from Catholic Extension’s Calendar Ministry which directly supports the growth and development of Catholic communities across the United States and American dioceses. Catholic Extension is the only provider of Catholic calendars that gives 100% of its proceeds to fund grants benefiting these dioceses. These grants help to strengthen ministries, foster leaders, and build churches. Please enjoy the gift of a beautiful calendar from St. Lucy’s.

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT

Dec. 21/25, 2019
Weekly Collection $ 6,020.00
Christmas Collection $15,105.00
Electronic Giving $ 665.00
The Second Collection weekend is for Youth Ministry in our Diocese.

Thank you for your generosity!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:17-18:2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21:1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27:Gal 4:4-7;Luke 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:26-26:1-19:28
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:29-3:6;1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6;Phil 3:2-3;5:6-Mt 5:1-12

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.

St. Gabriels’ Call: A special weekend consisting of an overview of this Diocesan outreach ministry for women during and after pregnancy, is offered on Sat., Jan. 4 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at St. Patrick’s Church in Providence. For more information and to RSVP, please call 268-2548 or 421-7070.

Our Lady of Providence is hosting an annual overnight retreat for young men who are seniors in high school and older. The retreat director is Msgr. Darcy, pastor of St. Margaret’s Church in Rumford. For more information contact Rev. Brian Morris at the Office of Vocations (331-1136), by email at br_finney_morris@gmail.com or visit CatholicPriest.com.

The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State St., New Haven, CT has a new Christmas exhibit, Christmas in Europe. The show which will run through Feb. 2, 2020 and features more than 80 items. The Museum is open 10-5 daily with free admission and parking. More information at 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org.

Prayer for Families
Loving God, during this Holy Season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.
Let Mary’s openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph’s courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus’ life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family inspire us to embrace all families.
For this we pray, Amen.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, “On that, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.” Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next few weekends are March 13-15 in Duxbury, MA and April 18-19 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710.9963.

Grateful for God’s Providence Campaign Update
Thank you to all who donated to this Campaign. St. Lucy’s has reached 62% of our goal for this Campaign for a total amount of $255,047.00. Thank you for all your donations!!

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28
5:00pm (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Melo
Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
10:30am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
5:00pm (O’N) Capt. Stephen J. Belli, US Army
Monday, December 30
9:00am Joseph Palladino (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday, December 31
9:00am Theodore W. Crye
6:00pm The Betty and Spooner Families
Wednesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Day of Prayer For Peace
9:00am (O’N) George E. Silvia (1st Anniversary)
Thursday, January 2
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, January 3
9:00am (O’N) Mary Rooney
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Adoration
7:30pm Benediction
January 4
5:00pm (O) Peter Fitzpatrick
Sunday, January 5, Epiphany of the Lord
8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
10:30am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O’Brian
O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence from Jan. 10 to Feb. 3. A schedule of participating parishes can be obtained by calling 278-2518.

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

Thank you for all your donations!