**Saint Lucy Catholic Faith Community (401-847-6153) Middletown, RI**

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

We have a pretty busy week ahead of us – in our Church and in our community. This week we enter into the second week of Ordinary Time which also starts a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On Monday we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Wednesday we in the United States observe a Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children. During this time we also observe the Feast Days of Sts. Agnes (virgin and martyr; Jan 19); Sts. Francis de Sales (Bishop and doctor of the church; Jan 24) and on January 25 we remember The Conversion of St. Paul (this is just the “short” list of Saints). This season of Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary, meaning commonplace, everyday, run of the mill. Ordinary Time calls each one of us to discipleship as we follow Jesus in His public ministry and look to Him to lead and guide us in all that we do and say. This upcoming week challenges us to live out our baptism by calling us out of ourselves to unite in prayer – in mind – in action – within our Church and our community, as members/parts that together make up the Body of Christ. From Martin Luther King to Paul’s famous summons: “Now is the time to make justice reality for all God’s people...I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...’ I have a dream that one day (from the book of the Prophet Isaiah – that we heard in our Advent readings) ‘every valley shall be exalted and every hill and mountain made low, the rough places will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.’ When we let freedom ring...from every mountain and valley, the red hill and the low plain, when we let freedom ring...I have a dream today! I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

**A Thank You letter was received from the Martin Luther King Community Center for all the donations of warm clothing from our Giving Tree to our friends in need. These gifts were presented to our friends this past week at the Soup Kitchen and to local island organizations. We were unable to serve meals in December due to weather. However, all food donations were taken to a local shelter. Thank you for your generosity!**

**Right to Life Month observations include:**

- *March for Life Bus Trip to DC* which will leave Providence on Thursday, January 23 for the *March of Life Mass/Rally* on Friday, January 24. For more information and to reserve a seat on the bus, contact the Respect for Life Office at Call 278-2518 or email gw gwasn@dioceseoflincoln.org.

**BUS TRIP TO DC**

- **February 2:** Event includes: 8:00 am Mass at St. Mary’s Church, 10:00 am band – 2:00 pm lunch at the Bible Museum, 4:00 pm visit to the Newseum, 4:30 pm visit to the Supreme Court and 6:00 pm bus back to Providence. Price: $35.00. Contact: Rev. O’Neill at 510-8371 ext. 0. 

**Letter to a Suffering Church** by Bishop Robert Barron is a book about the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. Bishop Barron is “speaking in his own name, as a Catholic, as a priest, and as a priest. His prayer is that these reflections might encourage Catholics who are attempting to navigate today in very choppy waters.” Copies of this book are available (one per household to Parishioners at the entrance to the Church). A follow-up discussion group will be offered in a few weeks; stay tuned for further details.

There are many programs being offered for Caregivers to adults with dementia and cognitive impairment. The times, places and topics (Understanding Challenging Behaviors, Tools for Caregivers, Understanding Depression) are available at https://www.communitysourcefinder.org.

**Formed: Have you made a New Year’s Resolution? Are you having a hard time keeping it already? In 1965, an accident confined him to a wheel chair. Tragedy gave way to an incredible journey. This is the story of how Bill Atkinson’s faith touched countless lives and led him to become the first quadriplegic priest in the 200-year history of the Catholic Church. This 27-minute video, *Step of Faith: The Bill Atkinson Story* will strengthen your resolve to live the life God is asking you to live no matter the struggle. Haven’t signed up yet? Use the free parish code B84KHM at www.formed.org.**

**Unusual Christmas and all occasion cards are being collected by the Community Action Committee for distribution to the inmates at the Adult Correction facility and juvenile offenders at the Rhode Island School for the Blind.**

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

- **Jan. 11/12, 2020**
  - Weekly Collection .......... $4517.00
  - Electronic Giving .......... $1210.00
  - Building and Maintenance Fund .......... $2295.00

**An Open House at All Saints STEAM Academy will be held on Wednesday, January 29 from 10am to 12pm and Saturday, February 1 from 9am to 12pm. All Saints is a certified STEAM school by Roger Williams University. It is an affordable Catholic education for children in grades Preschool to 8. For more information call 848-4300.**

**SCRIPTRUTES READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday, January 20**
  - 1 Sm 15:1-2/30: 2: 18-22
  - Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/3: 2: 23-28
  - Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51: 3: 1-6
  - Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9: 4-5: 3: 7-12
  - Friday: 1 Sm 24-3: 21 ML 3: 13-19
  - Saturday: Acts 23:21-16/16: 15-18

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