LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Although the following reflection is not one from this weekend, it is timely and may surely resound in your heart at this time in particular. Fr. Kenneth E. Graber, CSC, in his article, "Living Faith," on June 12th wrote the following based on Psalms 27:14: “Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.” Sometimes things happen in our life that seem not to make much sense to us. Wouldn’t it be great if we could clearly understand why things happen as they do? In this life, though, there are occurrences we will never completely understand. For example, why does God sometimes seem to be absent, when actually God is always with us? Or why are some of our prayers not answered in ways we think they should be? There are reasons, but we cannot always see them. That’s why sacred Scripture so often counsels us to be patient and to have faith. But can we do that without a lot of silent, trusting prayer? Maybe that’s what it means to be stouthearted and wait for the Lord. I just know that this has worked for me, and I have seen it work in the lives of others. God does get us through the darkness if we have patience and a lot of trust.” On another note, Happy safe, social-distancing Father’s Day!

St. Lucy’s Parish is Updating Parishioner Records...YES, YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS!! Please assist us by either emailing (stlucyoffice@gmail.com) or calling (847-6153 ext. 201) the rectory office to provide up-to-date information for the members of your household. Needed info that may require changes/update may include:
* School, grade, age of each child (for 2020-21 year);
* Phone # – perhaps you no longer have a landline, or now have multiple cell phone #’s;
* Email address;
* Adult children 18+ years of age residing with you and working; what is his/her occupation;
* Adult child 18+ residing with you while attending college; provide name of college/university and level.
* Adult child is no longer living locally;
* Recent additions to your household, i.e., births, adoptions, relative(s) living with you.

Parish Support Envelopes. Would you like to give green, go paper-less? To sign up for St. Lucy Parish’s online giving program, just go to www.stlucy.org and follow the directions. Parish Giving offers secure online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations using a credit card or bank transfer. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Happy Father’s Day! Why not give your husband a gift of a gift certificate to attend a special weekend away with each other. Learn how to have a great marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Sept. 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org.

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

CHURCH SUPPORT
June 13/14, 2020
Weekly Collection $2457.00
Electronic Giving $1187.00
Catholic Communication Campaign $558.00
Thank you for your generosity!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Lucy’s anticipates a surge in requests for help with requests for help with rent and utility payments from our neediest neighbors. This is due to continued economic hardships and the end of financial safety nets that have been in place since the Covid-19 crisis. SVPD relies on the generosity of donors and talents of its members to be able to help meet the basic needs of people in this area. We also provide referrals to community, medical and dental services, as well as support to area food pantries. You can support St. Vincent de Paul’s work with your cash or check donation in the collection box in the Church Narthex entrance, or by becoming an SVPD benefactor with a tax-deductible donation given directly to the Conference. To learn more about giving and membership opportunities, contact us at stlucysvdp@gmail.com.

“Since Christ willed to be born poor...He went so far as to say that he would consider every deed either helps or harms the poor as done for or against Himself.” St. Vincent de Paul.

Mass Intentions and Church Schedule

Saturday, June 20
5:00pm (O) Anthony Marzola
Sunday, June 21, Father’s Day
8:00am (O) George and Helen Leebert
10:30am (O) John Carroll
7:00pm (O’N) William Wicks, Ann Wicks, Mary Wicks, Ron Wicks

Monday, June 22
9:00am (O) Bert and Marilyn Villacorta (living – 46th Wedding Anniversary)
Tuesday, June 23
9:00am Casper “Kip” Schenck
Wednesday, June 24
9:00am Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
Thursday, June 25
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, June 26
9:00am (O’N) Katherine L. (Bell) Croy
Roger Lees
Ann Glynn
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction
Sunday, June 27
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Sunday, June 28
8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
10:30am (O) Larry Zareck (12th Anniversary)
Judy Doyle (17th Anniversary)
7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O’Brien
O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill

During this time the Rectory Office prefers to accept visitors by appointment. Thank you for your understanding.

The praise and respect given to these frontline workers, their capacities have been protecting the rest of us from Covid-19 with at times fatal consequences. Terms like war, invasion, combat etc. have been used to describe engagement in this pandemic, with no certainty as to when it will be completely over. I hope and pray that the people of our country will engage in a serious conversation about these and other concrete ways to help all who have served, are presently serving and will serve so sacrificially and so faithfully.” If you would like to contact me, I may be reached at thomasdennisnoell@gmail.com.

JUNETEENTH

Also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day, is an American holiday celebrated annually on June 19. It commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, that all previously enslaved people in Texas were free. Although the Emancipation Proclamation had formally freed them almost two and a half years earlier, and the American Civil War had largely ended with the defeat of the Confederate States in April, Texas was the most remote of the slave states, with a low presence of Union troops, so enforcement of the proclamation had been slow and inconsistent.

Observers: Exploration and celebration of African-American history and heritage
Significance: Emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy

Although June 19th has passed, we may still continue to offer our prayers for common unity and an end to racism, prejudice, and social injustice and stand with our brothers and sisters. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, famous NBA player and life-long fighter against racism, was a guest on Jimmy Fallon’s Tonight Show on June 2nd. When asked what can be done to combat racism and bring people together, Mr. Jabbar replied: “Getting to know and understand the humanity of your fellow American is the way to go. Figure out how to make a friend who doesn’t look like you and understand their humanity. If you can do that, we’re on our way.”

Four Ways to Celebrate Juneteenth
1. Invite a speaker to your community who is actively working to preserve African-American history and culture.
2. Host a debate or oratory contest.
3. Sponsor an anti-racism demonstration.
4. Plan a civil rights field trip.