LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

An opportunity to reflect and meditate...
“Do you have courage for whatever comes in life—everything lies in that.”
St. Teresa of Avila

“Mary and Joseph taught Jesus primarily by their example: in his parents he came to know the full beauty of faith, of love for God and for God’s law; as well as the demands of justice, which is fulfilled in love.” Pope Benedict XVI

“Be still, and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10

“In every human being has been sown the seed of the ability to love. Welcome this seed, cultivate it carefully, nourish it attentively and foster its growth by going to the school of God’s commandments with the help of God’s grace.” St. Basil the Great

“The as you can throughout the day, recall your mind into the presence of God. Consider what God is doing and what you are doing. You will always find God’s eyes fixed upon you with unchanging love.” St. Francis de Sales

“Heroes are those who kindle a great light in the world, who set up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for people to see. Saints are those who walk through the dark paths of the world, themselves a light.” Felix Adler

“By your grace, O God, you can expand the capacity of my heart to contain the ocean of your love.” Ven. Emmanuel D’Alzon

“I have to be a saint in my own way; you have to be a saint in your own way.” St. Teresa of Calcutta

You can help as St. Lucy’s Parish is updating Parishioner Records. To help, all you need to do is either email (staffoffice@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 847-6153 ext. 201 to provide up-to-date information for your household. Changes/updates 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.

*Change in marital status.

Support for the Parish...
Re: Maintaining Budgets and Making Donations.
Those who have been making donations and maintaining their budgets during this time have been a godsend. Thank you!!! There are basically 4 ways for all to do so.

**Attend** Mass and put your donation in the collection basket.
**Pay** your envelopes to the Parish Office: 909 West Main St., Middletown, RI 02842
**Donate** your envelopes and donations off by putting them in the black lockbox at the front door of the Rectory
**Go Online** to our Website stlucy.org, click the Giving link, then click on Parish Giving, and follow the prompts to make a one-time gift or a recurring donation.

And don’t forget our Parish YouTube Channel for our live-streamed Sunday Mass. Subscribe at YouTube videos St. Lucy’s Catholic Church, Middletown, RI (also available on Parish Facebook Page and Website (www.stlucy.org).

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1841, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence. Happy Independence Day!

Message from Bishop Tobin
As our nation celebrates its Independence Day, we do well to rejoice in and thank God for all the blessings of freedom, justice, peace, and prosperity He has bestowed upon us. Indeed, our country is “America the Beautiful.” But it will be even more beautiful when “God mends our every flaw” and the American dream becomes a reality for all of our brothers and sister. Perhaps individuals or families could pause for a few moments of silence this 4th of July to pray for those who have suffered and died because of racial injustice. Ask the Lord to bestow upon our land the gifts of justice, peace, and racial harmony.

Give us your strength, Lord: For sometimes things get tough, and we are ready to quit.

Give us your love, Lord. Because sometimes people reject us, and we are tempted to hate.

Give us your eyes, Lord. Because sometimes life gets dark, and we lose our way.

Give us courage, Lord. Because often we are put under pressure, and it’s hard to do what is right.

Give us yourself, Lord. Because our hearts were made for you, and we will not rest until we rest in you.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

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