LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
I feel as if time itself seems to be standing still, yet at the same time here we are nearing the end of the summer season – a season very different than one we’ve ever experienced. Rather than living the same way of summer’s passed, our days are filled with gathering in small circles of friends/family, keeping socially distanced (not hugging/kissing/going family and friends), wearing of facial coverings, and trying to make the safest decisions possible – even with whether it’s “safe” for oneself or loved ones to join with fellow Parishioners at liturgy. These times and ways of living continue to be strange ones…

*Nearing the 6-month mark from when the first case of Covid-19 was diagnosed in RI, and with the global science and medical community coming to better understand how to treat this deadly disease: I just learned that a cousin of mine tested positive for Covid-19. Also, a daughter of a friend is self-isolating as she awaits the results of her test.*

*My nephew, who had to postpone his wedding from the end of June is presently hoping for some sense of normalcy for his wedding at the end of September. (Many prayers are being said that family in RI can celebrate with him at his wedding in MA.)* 

*When and how will students be learning and teachers teaching when school is scheduled to start – and afterwards. My nephews in PA began their year in high school with 2 days in-person/3 virtual one week, and alternating to 2 in-person/3 virtual each week (if all goes well). Family in France are still awaiting how/if school will begin on Monday.*

In our gospel today after Jesus shows his anger with Peter’s lack of faith and understanding what lies ahead, Jesus tells his disciples “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

**From The Word Among Us (WAU):** Peter had been with Jesus long enough to see that being a disciple meant risking people’s scorn and misunderstanding. It meant pouring out his life for God to the sake of the people around him. When Jesus was destined for the cross, then Peter might have to accept a similar fate. It’s tempting to keep Jesus at arm’s length so that he can’t get too close and ask too much of us. Jesus made it very clear: there is a cost to discipleship: it’s not always easy to follow the Lord and obey his commandments. But the glory of knowing Jesus’ love and the joy of sharing his mercy with people far outweigh any sacrifice we might have to make. Peter ultimately learned this and so can we. So take up your cross today. Try your best to follow in Jesus’ path of self-giving love. Hopefully you too can look at the strangeness you are living through and how you can use these things to see how the Lord may be teaching you to carry his cross. Carrying Jesus’ cross could possibly be done by reaching out to someone, faithfully praying each day for others’ needs, helping neighbors or parishioners in ways that perhaps you’ve never done or done before. You and I are called, today, to carry his cross. What does this mean for you? Teach how to give of myself as you did, Jesus. (WAU)

Colette Savarria, L.I.F.E. Coordinator

Hello out there!!! The office is hoping to receive even more parishioner responses. If you have done this already, THANK YOU!!

Please update your information by emailing us at stlucyoffice@gmail.com or call the rectory at 847-6153 ext. 201. Possible changes and/or updates may include:

* School, grade, age of each child (for 2020-21 year)*
* Phone # - delete a landline, or add cell phone #s;*
* Email address;*
* Recent addresses to your household, i.e., births, adoptions, relative(s) living with you;*
* Change in marital status.*

**CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL 2020**

The in-pew solicitation of the Catholic Charity Appeal will be held in 2 weeks on the weekend of Sept. 12-13. At that time Parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge or a one-time donation.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the Catholic Charity Appeal has been extended from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020. Even in the midst of this pandemic St. Lucy Parishioners have been very generous with donations/pledges of $37,430 towards our Parish goal of $62,500.

Your generosity supports many ministries throughout the Diocese of Providence including St. Claire Home, All Saints Academy, Marriage Preparation Programs, and many more.

Thank you immensely for your prayerful and financial support of the 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal. We trust that God is never outdone in generosity and with Mary’s intercession, success will come to this campaign.