LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today’s gospel parable is of a king inviting guests to a wedding feast. The King being that there are plenty of no-shows, he sends the servants out into the streets to invite anyone they can find to share in this festive celebration. The result is that the hall was finally filled with guests. On the day after and week after week to come to the Feast: comes to the Eucharistic Table with a heart full of praise and thanks! We are invited guests to come to the Eucharistic Table, as a family to be nourished by Jesus. Having been fed spiritually should result in our bringing Jesus into all situations, each day, and to live in the Holy Spirit as we try to love and serve others. Like the invited guests in the gospel, how do we respond to God’s invitation to the Table? Do we RSVP that we’re perhaps too busy or not interested, perhaps simply upset to get an invitation – do we RSVP at all? If we accept God’s invitation to The Feast, do we see it as “The Feast”? Do we go to the Table each week out of habit or are we happy to be an invited guest? Also of importance, how do we prepare our hearts and innermost beings to receive the fullness of The Feast – the love and grace that is ours in this Sacrament? The Liturgy fills us spiritually, yes; but I would like to share with you how spiritually participating at Mass can also help our entire being. The following is a portion of a study undertaken by Duke University called Good News About Going To Mass: Researchers tell us that taking children to Church every week will:

- Reduce the risk of ever committing a crime; Provide a sense of right and wrong; Improve odds for a very happy life; Increase average life expectancy by 8 years; Less likely to suffer from depression; Reduce tendency toward rebelliousness; Significantly reduce likelihood of using alcohol, tobacco and drugs; Improve attitude at school and school participation; Dramatically lower risk of suicide. I’m no expert, but I would say that adults as well as children reap these benefits that come from participating at Mass. May I be so bold as to ask the question: Why aren’t many of the invited guests RSVP’ing to such a lavish invitation from such a generous King? I am so very grateful to the children and families, so much has changed.

Sunday, October 18th will be a very special day for St. Lucy’s Parish! Children from the 2019-2020 class will make their First Communion at the 10:30am Liturgy, they include: Sergio Dosouto, Rudy Everin, Miles Gray, Fayon Kerrison, Edric Salvador, and Kol Stevens. During the Spum Mass, Fr. John will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young parishioners, also from 2019-2020. They include: Samantha Albright, Samantha Bechtel, Alexander Cleary, Abigail Connery, Kenneth Fleury, Hanna Fisher, Shane Harvey, Gavin Jenkins, Lily King, Antonio Moniz, Andrew Mott, Julia Pelczarski, Nikolai Pelczarski, Emely Sofia-Mendez, Aidan Tobin, Justin Valdez, Shawn Valdez. Please pray for these young people of our Parish family.

Religious Education 2020-21: If you have not received the LIFE/Rel Ed packet in the mail, please email jpparrillo@yahoo.com for an electronic copy (especially if new in the Parish). Since the start of this pandemic, so much has changed in our lives and in our world – so too with our LIFE celebrations. Although we have a delayed start of January, we ask that families return their Registration Form by October 14th in order to plan for the months ahead. We are planning and hoping for an in-person return to LIFE in January, but will be ready to pivot to an alternate method of learning if necessary. If you have questions, please call Colette at 847-6153 ext. 201.

Bible Study is held every Tuesday in the Parish Center following morning Mass. All are welcome. Email Jane at jpparrillo@yahoo.com with questions.

Pennies for Prescriptions: Each October, the Community Action Committee collects “Pennies for Prescriptions.” All money collected is donated to Lucy’s Hearths for prescription needs for the residents. The second collection is on October 3rd. Residents who do RSVP at all? If we accept God’s invitation

CHRIST CHURCH SCHEDULE

October 3, 2020

Weekly Collection $6046.00

Electronic Giving $1030.00

Seminarians Education Fund $3180.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Building and Maintenance Fund. Next weekend will be World Mission Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity!!

ScripRITE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Tuesday:
Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:
Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday:
Eph 1:11-10/Lk 11:47-54

Friday:
Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

Sunday:
Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21

LUMEN GENTIUM AWARDS: The Diocese of Providence and St. Lucy’s Parish are honoring Sally Dutra with the Lumen Gentium Award. Sally is being recognized for her many years of volunteer service in various ministries here at St. Lucy’s Parish including Religious Education, Lector, Liturgy Committee, Financial Accounting, Sacristan, and Altar Service. These services, combined with her volunteer service to the Middletown civic community, make her a deserving candidate for this award. Thank you Sally for your tireless and selfless service to the Church and civic community! Sally and other honorees will be recognized by the Diocese of Providence at a banquet in May 2021. May the Good Lord bless you and your family for your tireless service.

2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL UPDATE

St. Lucy’s donations total $46,016.00 (as of 10/8) which represents 74% of our Parish goal of $62,500. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the Catholic Charity Appeal has been extended from June 30 to October 31, 2020. Envelopes are still available at the entrance of the Church and may be deposited in the collection basket or left at the Rectory. There are three alternate ways to give to the Charity Drive:

1. Go to on-line giving site (www.currentớial.org/CAC).
2. Text the word “Appeal” to 401-496-9889.
3. Contact Rich Popovich at 401-277-2115 (for gifts of stock, IRA’s mutual funds, etc.).

(Chairs: Marty Dutra, Jeffrey Moniz and Fr. John)

There will be a Helping Hearts meeting Tuesday, October 13th at the 9am Mass.

MISSALETTEs: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Parishes have been advised to remove the Missalettes from the pews. Rather than have these books be unused, everyone is invited to take a copy home for private use. If you bring them back to the Church, you are asked to take them home again at the end of Mass. Everyone is invited to use them as his/her own personal Missalettes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Support for the Parish...
Those who have been making donations and maintaining their budgets during this time have been a godsend. Thank you!!! There are basically four ways to offer your financial support.

**Attend Mass and put your donation in the collection basket.
**Mail your envelopes to the Parish Office: 909 West Main Rd., Middletown, RI 02842
**Drop your envelopes and donations off by placing in the black box located at the front door of the Rectory.
**Go On-line 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. The Sunday recorded Liturgy is...
available on our Website at www.stlucy.org or on St. Lucy’s Facebook Page.