LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

I realize that nearly a week has gone by since having observed the feast of All Souls Day, but for me it’s a day that remains in my heart for an extended time. In actuality, the Catholic Church honors our deceased remembering them in prayer for the month of November. All Souls Day remains in my thoughts, prayers, and heart because of the memories of people who, over the years, have left an impression in my life.

In gratitude I remember those persons who have gone before me in faith and also many of the people who are still mentoring and walking with me in faith, patiently helping me to become a better person. Working in the rectory office, I am privileged to share in special moments of people’s lives when they call or come in to schedule weddings, funerals, memorials, mass, “marker” moments. “Marker” moments are gifted to us as reminders to help us remember our personal connections and relationships. Relationships make up the core of our lives: the person that each one of us has become, is, and called to share.

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**The Mass of Remembrance will be recorded and uploaded to www.stlucy.org and on St. Lucy’s Facebook page.**

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