



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences – our Parish Faith Formation Program)

When you think of Halloween, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. Halloween's true origins lie with the ancient Celtic tribes when they would celebrate a new year and winter's coming with the festival of the dead on the evening before November 1. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires. When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the festival. In 1835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all martyrs (later all saints) to November 1. The evening later became known as All Hallow's Eve or Halloween. On November 1, the Church celebrates All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation), and All Souls Day on November 2. The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of the communion of saints. Take some time this week to remember those people in your life who are no longer living and recall how these people impacted your life. Remembering is truly a gift. Share those memories and remembrances of those who have gone before you with your loved ones, family, and extended family. Perhaps you may have a special and prominent place in your house to post a picture of this person (my space is the refrigerator door). Each time you pass by this deceased loved one is a reminder to pray in thanksgiving for his/her life. I think I'll be "trick-or-treating" with my nieces (this is not a custom in Europe, but IS in for my sister's family and becoming a custom in their neighborhood) on Halloween night. On All Saints Day, we have a trip planned to go to the cemetery to remember their relatives – that will allow me, to remember the many saints and not-so-near-saints who have made an impression in my life. Who do you celebrate, admire, and give tribute to on All Saints and All Souls Day?

First Reconciliation Classes resume on Thurs., November 4 from 3:30-4:45pm in the PC.

The Rejoice In Hope Youth Center in Cranston is sponsoring a Search for Maturity weekend retreat on November 11-13. Any High School age youth (grade 10+) is welcome to attend. Please contact the Rejoice In Hope Youth Center at 942-6571 for additional information.

One of our Parishioners, Kathy Deveau, is a **SHIP (Senior/State Health Insurance Program)** counselor and is offering her services of one-on-one counseling FREE to help seniors navigate through the often over-whelming and complex healthcare system. To set up an appointment (in the Parish Hall) call Jane at 847-6153 (x209). If any senior would like to attend a *Senior Conference and Expo* in Warwick on Nov. 4 you may pick up registration forms in the Rectory. The fee is \$15 and includes breakfast and lunch.

Mothers' Morning Rosary Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Children are welcome. Contact Brittany for details at hgoin2@hotmail.com or 937-623-9812.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 29
 5:00pm Helen Ganong
 Sunday, October 30, **Reformation Sunday**
 8:00am Eleanor Stoos and family
 10:30am St. Lucy's Parishioners
 RCIA Rite of Acceptance
 5:00pm Jamie and Piadade DeFreitas
 Monday, October 31
 9:00am Mary Silvia
 5:00pm Albert A. Fisher
 Tuesday, November 1, **All Saints**
 9:00am Afife and Joseph Menassa
 7:00pm St. Lucy's Parishioners
 Wednesday, November 2, **All Souls**
 9:00am Lena and John Spillane
 Thursday, November 3
 9:00am Thomas MacNeill
 Friday, November 4
 9:00am Barbara Gagner
 5-8pm Friday Devotions
 Saturday, November 5
 12:00Noon Marriage of Lauren Sherman and Brian Grogan
 5:00pm Mary K. Connerton and Nancy Moitoza (Anniversary)
 Sunday, November 6
 8:00am For the success of St. Lucy's 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign for building repairs
 10:30am **Mass Of Remembrance**
 5:00pm Robert Gray (3 Year Anniversary and birthday), James Fagan (10 Year Anniversary)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

RCIA Hospitality Ministry: The RCIA is in need of someone to make coffee and put out snacks on Wednesday nights through April for our class breaks. The commitment would be one hour from 7:30-8:30pm. If you are interested, please call Jane at the Rectory (x209).

CHURCH SUPPORT

Oct. 29/30, 2011

Weekly Collection **\$4492.00**
 World Mission Collection **\$1827.00**

Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes) and all those in the armed forces and the military commanders who lead them.

St. Lucy's Library, located in the Parish Center, is open on Sundays from 9am to 10am as well as every weekday from 10am to noon.

Jesus Saviour Church Penny Social will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 from 1-5pm. Doors open at Noon. Ticket price is \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tremendous gifts have been donated by local businesses, Parishioners, and friends. The public is cordially invited. Free refreshments. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event.

OPEN HOUSE

Prout School (Wakefield, RI), a Catholic co-ed High School, on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 1 to 4pm. Call Admissions at 789-9262 (x515) for more information.

Bishop Stang (Dartmouth, MA), a Catholic High School, on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 1 to 3pm. Call Admissions at 508-996-5602 (x424) for more information.

Come and enjoy a meal prepared and served by the men of St. Barnabas Parish in Portsmouth at the **43rd Annual Portuguese Night Dinner/Dance** on Saturday, November 19th. Dinner is at 6pm followed by dancing 'til 10pm. Tickets are \$15/pp. Call Mary Silveria at 683-0752 for tickets.

Please join us for a night of prayer, praise, and reflection at **La Salette eXtreme** in Attleboro on November 4. Fr. Kevin Cook, a Priest of the Diocese of Fall River and Pastor of Holy Family Church in East Taunton, will be speaking. Fr. Kevin is also the assistant director for vocations for the Diocese. The night begins at 7 with praise and worship music led by our house band. There will also be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the opportunity for confession, and a social hour where pizza and soda will be sold. Admission fee is \$10.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Thanksgiving Baskets: St. Lucy's will be participating in the annual effort to provide a healthy and delicious Thanksgiving meal for our brothers and sisters in need. Collections will be taken to the Salvation Army on Friday morning, November 18th. **Non-perishable items** may be placed in the connector. **Frozen turkeys** may be brought to the Parish Center on **Friday, Nov. 18 anytime up to 10am**. Money donations (checks payable to St. Lucy's) or gift certificates to a grocery store marked "Thanksgiving Food Donation" may be put in the collection basket or left at the Rectory. **Suggested items:** turkey, dressing, vegetables, pie fillings, cranberry sauce and juice, fresh fruit, nuts, roll mix, onions and pie crust. St. Lucy's has worked with the Salvation Army for the past few years and has found this to be most effective in reaching those in need. The food which our Parish collects will be used for the meal that the Salvation Army will cook for those in need in our community on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Any leftover food is stored and used for their Christmas baskets. **Please note:** no potatoes will be needed – the Salvation Army has received a local donation of 50 lbs. of potatoes. **Thank you for all your donations!!**

"AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT!" Many of you may remember the Latin greeting between the Priest and the gathered people at the beginning of liturgy: *Dominus vobiscum. Et cum spiritu tuo.* With the new translation in 1970, it became "The Lord be with you. And also with you." The revised translation now reads: **"The Lord be with you. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT."** Why the change? The retranslation was necessary to properly express the full meaning of the Latin text. The response *et cum spiritu tuo* is found in the liturgies of the earliest days of the Church and also in many scripture readings. It is a dialogue between the ordained Priest or Deacon and the gathered assembly and is spoken four times during the Liturgy. **"And with your spirit"** is a statement of faith that Christ is present in the Priest through the gift of the spirit received at his ordination, enabling him to act as Christ in the Sacred Liturgy.

A Large Christmas Bazaar and Yard Sale will be held at St. Lucy's Parish Center on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9am to 2pm. This event will include a free raffle ticket at the door, free admission, and free kids' games. Items for sale include jewelry, home baked goods, gifts, calzones, pizza. A concurrent Furniture Sale will be held from 9am to 2pm at 520 Oliphant Lane, Middletown. Both events will benefit Woman to Woman Support Network Life Affirming Crisis Pregnancy Center. Donations are accepted Friday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7pm at both locations. Call 849-5421 for more information.

The Mystical Body of Christ

The beautiful Image of Our Lord on display in the Sanctuary is a image depicting the Mystical Body of Christ. The Image of Our Lord is composed of many small pictures of St. Lucy's Parishioners. You and I form Our Lord's Body here on Earth. Hence, you and I bring Christ to others by what we say and do, especially when we are serving the needs of others. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 24-27 speaks of Jesus' Mystical Body. In closing, a word of thanks to a Parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous for assembling this Image of Our Lord.