



“for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” LK 18:14

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22
 5:00pm (O) Robert J. Griffin, Kathleen H. Griffin (Anniversary)
 Sunday, October 23, **World Mission Sunday**
 8:00am (O) Edward Carey
 10:30am (H) Jose, Victoria, and Adilia Machado James Redgate (16th Anniversary) Geraldine Bowler (30th Anniversary)
 5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 Monday, October 24
 9:00am (O) Mary T. Freese
 Tuesday, October 25
 9:00am (O) Assunta Nisi
 Wednesday October 26
 9:00am (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
 Thursday, October 27
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, October 28
 9:00am (S) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Devotions
 8:00pm Benediction
 Saturday, October 29
 5:00pm (O) Christine Daley
 Sunday, October 30
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 10:30am (O) Maria DeFreitas
 5:00pm (O’N) Lucylle Butter Quinn

In the above celebrations:
 O = Rev. John O’Brien
 O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill
 S = Rev. Saji Joseph
 H = Rev. Nick Harding

A Children’s Homily will be offered at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, Oct. 30.

In honor of Our Lady, The Rosary for all intentions will be prayed directly after the 8 and 10:30am Masses each Sunday for the month of October. Cindy Killavey will lead the Rosary after the 8am Mass and Denise Betz will lead the Rosary after the 10:30am Mass.

Reminder: The Property and Finance Committee will meet on Monday, Oct. 24 at 4pm at the Rectory. Financial packets will be ready for pick up in the Sacristy this weekend.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

I’ve been around long enough to know that one “cannot mix politics and religion,” so please do not misinterpret this as my trying to combine the two – or an endorsement. Obviously, one can’t help but hear or read the goings-on surrounding the politics or not-so-political content of this upcoming presidential election. As I was watching the opening sketch on *SNL* over the weekend, I was shaking my head and feeling more *sorrow* at the spectacle than laughter/enjoyment in it. The satirical debate scene based on our presidential candidates, in a way, reminded me of the *Hunger Games* and a previous column. If I may dredge up that column. The overall premise of the books I thought, were pretty good; yet on the other hand I found myself having a constant argument over whether or not the books themselves were “morally” pretty good. The struggle between good and evil ran throughout. There are epic spectacles where the partner/teams confront their doom in a gladiator-type horror show of fighting to the death until one youth survives and becomes the *Hunger Games* victor. In this mix one witnesses a player’s altruistic nature as she volunteers to substitute for her defenseless sister in the “games” and we witness the many other moral choices that she and some of the other “players” make during the “games.” Within the stories is the on-going battle of moral chaos vs. humane values. (Fast-forward to today, note: While tossing around ideas for this column, I’ve been planning our upcoming LIFE celebrations on the topic of “Confirmation” which, includes the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Might I just add here that *God has great timing??* End of FF to today and we’re back to my previous column.) The reading on the day after my watching the *Hunger Games* was from Galatians 5:18-25, presenting these same two polar opposites of good vs. evil, moral vs. immoral in choosing how one lives. On the one side we are faced with choices of the flesh: immorality, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions for which one will not inherit the Kingdom of God. In contrast, the reading then presents the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The *real Hunger Games* should be our hunger and desire for God and God’s Kingdom. This hunger and desire for God can be filled as we live out the fruits of the Spirit in the choices we make each day. We are called to choose love over hate; to choose joy rather than sorrow; choose peace over chaos; to choose patience above intolerance; to decide on kindness rather than cruelty; choose generosity instead of greed; make the choice of faithfulness above distrust; choose gentleness over roughness; and pick self-control rather than self-indulgence. Our choices in living these fruits of the Spirit are truly what brings us to fullness of life where hunger is no more in the Kingdom of God. Written by Colette Savaria (LIFE Coordinator)

LIFE celebrations this weekend: Sunday (11:30-2pm) and Monday (5:30-8pm) developing our theme of “Sacraments...transforming everyday life” with our month’s focus on the sacrament of Confirmation. If you’ve never participated in our parish-wide on-going faith formation, why don’t you – today? Each celebration starts with a simple meal, prayer, content sessions and closing prayer experience.

First Reconciliation Classes continue this Thursday, 10/29 from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

Save the Date: A Communal Anointing of the Sick will be held during the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, Oct. 30.

Faithful Citizenship: Before every national election in the United States, our Catholic bishops issue a call to “faithful citizenship.” Are the Bishops telling people how to vote? No; faithful citizenship refers to the responsibility we each have to form our consciences, and to use those informed consciences in making decisions. “Church leadership has an obligation to help us form our consciences, and by doing so, helps us become faithful citizens. We turn to the Church to learn what our faith teaches about war and peace, human poverty, and safeguarding life. In all manner of human rights issues, our faith, in both Scripture and Tradition, informs our decision-making. Our Bishops appeal to us for a ‘new kind of politics: focused more on moral principles than on the latest polls; focused more on the needs of the weak than on the benefits for the strong; focused more on the pursuit of the common good than on the demands of narrow interest.’ The Bishops say that this ‘renewed interest in politics’ will honor both our Catholic tradition and the best traditions of our nation.” (taken from: Faithful Citizenship) To be a better informed Catholic and American voter going to the polls on November 8th, please visit www.FaithfulCitizenshp.org where you will find the full text of the bishops’ statement, prayers and other resources.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph5:21-23/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/ Lk 19:1-10

CHURCH SUPPORT – October 15/16, 2016

Weekly Collection \$6440.00
 Debt Collection \$3388.00
 FYI: Balance of Parish Debt as of 9/30/16 \$109,497.08
 The Second Collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Community Action Committee (CAC)

Pennies for Prescriptions continues during October when “Pennies” for the prescription needs of the residents of Lucy’s Hearth are collected. The Martin Luther King Center is in critical need of donations for their food pantry. Donations of food will be accepted Monday – Friday at the MLK loading dock on Marcus F. Wheatland Blvd. from 8:30am – 5:30pm. Many thanks for your past and present generosity.

Helping Hearts♥♥♥

The Annual Memorial *Mass of Remembrance* for deceased members of St. Lucy’s Parish Family will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 10:30am. This special Mass is for all Parishioners who died from October 15, 2015 through October 15, 2016. If anyone has a loved one who passed away during this period and is not from St. Lucy’s, please contact Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x 205) with the name and date of death of your loved one by Wednesday, Nov. 2. We will be happy to include them in this Memorial Mass.

POT LUCK DINNER

A great BIG thank you for all you did to make this year’s Pot Luck Dinner a spirit filled and fun evening. It was great to have the help to set up, the donations of wine and gift cards, and even to have the help to clean up and wash the table clothes.

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry is offering a **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat** from Friday, Oct. 28 – Sunday, Oct. 30. The Retreat provides post-abortive participants an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow. For more information, call 421-783-3218.

A 2016 Seasonal Flu Clinic for ages 3 and older will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30 at St. Lucy’s from 9am to noon. You must pre-register at www.thewellcomp.com (click on flu-click:community and log in is stlucy) or pick up the necessary paperwork on the table in the entrance to the Church. Please bring your insurance card to this event.

Please pray for all the men and women who have served and who currently serve in the armed forces, and the military commanders who lead them. Pray for our homebound Parishioners and the sick of the Parish (including those in hospitals and nursing homes). Pray for the unborn, the premature, and the fragile among us so that we may deepen our respect for life at all stages.

Local Catholic High Schools – Open House

October 23, 1-4pm: The Prout School at 4640 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield. Admissions Office: 789-9262 x 514 or visit www.theproutschool.org.
 October 30, 12noon: La Salle Academy, 612 Academy Avenue, Providence. Admissions Office: 351-7750 x 122.
 November 6, 1-3pm: Bishop Stang High School, 500 Slocum Road, N. Dartmouth. Admissions Office: 508-996-5602 x 424 or visit www.bishopstang.org.
 November 6, 12noon-3pm: St. Raphael Academy, Pawtucket. For info visit www.saintrays.org.

Tuition assistance is available to qualified applicants for students attending a Catholic elementary school. Please call Colleen at the Rectory for details at 847-6153 (x 206).

The Changing Table (847-3210) at 30 Spring Street in Newport, is a community resource for diapers and wipes serving families in crisis in Newport County since 2011. A basic parenting class will start in late October.