



“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:42-43



**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

Today we celebrate the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord. This solemnity is officially celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church year, the Sunday before Advent. Our nation and culture isn't all that familiar with royalty ruling over us, but in the “olden days” when we would play “dress up” and become princes, princesses, kings, and queens – someone would ultimately have to rule and have power over the “pretend kingdom.” We know from those days that “royalty” had power and was influential; they gave direction and were obeyed; they were given special honors and status; they protected their people. We know that Jesus isn't like that type of royalty (although he may fit some of the criteria), Jesus is a different sort of King – a King whose Kingdom is not of this world. Those with faith recognize Jesus as the ultimate King, King of the cosmos. Jesus is different because he shows us how to serve through love. With this passionate and unconditional love he saw things within the depths of people, events, and circumstances that most people were blind to seeing, and he responded to those needs. He responded even if it wasn't popular, liked, wanted, or accepted. A servant King, Jesus showed the ultimate love for us his by dying for our sins and redeeming us so that we may have a full share in the Kingdom of God. Today we celebrate our King's unconditional love for us and we honor him by making every effort to follow in his footsteps by growing in His love and sharing that love with others. This sounds simple, but loving means that we are to place another's needs before our own! What in my life do I need to re-arrange in order to follow Jesus, my King? Perhaps this upcoming season of Advent can become the perfect opportunity and roadmap in helping us to re-focus and re-arrange our values and priorities in order to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

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This is our November LIFE weekend celebrating “Sacraments...transforming everyday life” with our focus on *The Sacrament of the Eucharist*. The Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) celebration begins at 11:45 and runs through 2:15pm; Monday's (21<sup>st</sup>) celebration is from 5:30-8pm with both sessions held in the Parish Center. The simple meal this month (no turkey!) on Sunday is donuts, bagels, yogurt and fruit; Monday's simple dinner will be macaroni & cheese (tuna salad alternative), salad, and beverages. (If you have certain dietary restrictions and are unable to eat this, please feel free to come with your own meal – thank you for your understanding.) If you are unable to attend your regularly scheduled celebration, please note the time frame of the alternate session for your full participation. If you haven't registered, but would like to see what a LIFE celebration is all about, please come!

An **Interfaith Prayer Service for Thanksgiving** will be held at Temple Shalom on Valley Road in Middletown on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7pm. All are invited to attend.

**Save the Date:** Parish-wide Advent Evening of Taizé Prayer will be held on Mon., December 12 at 6:30pm in the Church. A perfect opportunity to help quiet ourselves and slow down during this busy time of the year and enjoy Advent! A Taizé worship service, derived from the Taizé monastic community located in Taizé, France, involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence, liturgical readings, and the use of icons and candlelight. This evening is geared for high school aged young people and adults. More information will follow.

**Save the Date:** The conferral of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7pm at St. Lucy's Church for our candidates as well as candidates from Jesus Saviour Church.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23,19:1-3, 9a /Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11- 21:2/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36  
Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**CHURCH SUPPORT – November 12/13, 2016**

**Weekly Collection \$6117.00**  
**Debt Collection \$4571.00**  
**The second collection this weekend will be for the Campaign for Human Development.**  
**Friendly Reminder:** For your convenience donations can now be made electronically. It is simple, secure, and convenient! Detailed instructions are on our web site ([www.stlucy.org](http://www.stlucy.org)) or you may call the company directly at 866-307-7140.  
**Thank you for your continuing generosity.**

**Community Action Committee (CAC)**

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** St. Lucy's will be accepting grocery cards to assist the needs in our Parish Community. Please mark donations specifically for “St. Lucy's Parish.”  
In the spirit of Christmas **The Giving Tree** will be set up in the Church next weekend. Details for your donations will be included in next week's bulletin.  
**Many thanks for your past and present generosity.**

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.

**Thanksgiving Table Prayer**

*O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen*

You are invited to bring any food items you will be using at your Thanksgiving Day meal to be placed on the table in front of the altar for a special blessing.

**Holiday Events**

**“A Christmas Pudding”** will be presented by the Portsmouth Community Theater at St. Lucy's Parish Center Nov. 30 through Dec. 4 (Wednesday–Saturday at 7pm, Sunday at 1pm). This is a holiday sampling of seasonal stories and songs. For more information call Cindy Killavey at 847-5148.

**The Sounds of the Season.** On Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, the Gregorian Concert Choir, the Prout High School Chorus and Festival Orchestra will present a concert in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin's **“Keep the Heat On” Campaign.** Proceeds raised from this concert provide heating assistance for those in need. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the concert.

**Community Connections**, a program of Memorial Funeral Homes, is offering many healing events during the months of November and December. These events include **Yoga** (Monday, 21 at 11am), **Loss of Spouse** (Tuesdays, Nov. 22 – Dec. 5 at 4pm), and **Open Door: Holiday Edition** (Wednesdays, Nov. 30 – Dec. 21 at 12:30). For more details and to reserve a space, call 846-0698 or go to [www.communityconnectionsri.com](http://www.communityconnectionsri.com).

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Exhibition:** The Knights of Columbus at 1 State St. in New Haven, CT, opens its annual Christmas exhibit on Nov. 19. The show features crèches from Germany as well as many from the museum's collection, including a hand-carved cedar nativity scene from Mexico and its popular 120-square-foot Baroque Neapolitan (Italian) diorama. Open daily. Free admission and parking. More at 203-865-0400 or [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).

**“Love is the Answer,”** a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10am to 12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net).

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, November 19  
5:00pm (S) Mary Lou Rogers and John E. Rogers  
Sunday, November 20  
8:00am (S) F. Donald Renehan (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
10:30am (H) Joan Arnold (Birthday Remembrance)  
5:00pm (O'N) Eric Sjoblom (Birthday Remembrance)  
Monday, November 21  
9:00am (S) Louis Rolando  
Tuesday, November 22  
9:00am (S) John Almeida  
Wednesday November 23  
9:00am (S) Brian LaBonte and Catherine LaBonte  
Thursday, November 24 **Thanksgiving Day**  
9:00am (O) St. Lucy's Parishioners and Deceased family members  
Friday, November 25  
9:00am (S) Mark Dobrott  
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm Devotions  
8:00pm Benediction  
Saturday, November 26  
5:00pm (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello  
Sunday, November 27, **First Sunday of Advent**  
8:00am (O) Louis J. Rolando  
10:30am (O) Departed Members of Legion of Mary  
5:00pm (O'N) St. Lucy's Parishioners

In the above celebrations:  
O = Rev. John O'Brien  
O'N = Rev. Tom O'Neill  
S = Rev. Saji Joseph  
H = Rev. Joseph Henry

**Marian Prayer Cards** are still available at the entrance to the Church. “The Lady of All Nations Prayer” is written on the card. People are encouraged to pray this prayer for the benefit of the world.

**Bible Study** is held every Tuesday morning beginning at 9:45 in the Family Room led by Jane Parrillo.