



“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:45

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 25
 5:00pm (M) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello
 Sunday, November 26, **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
 8:00am (S) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 10:30am (B) Remembrance for deceased members of Legion of Mary: world-wide
 5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 Monday, November 27
 9:00am Gaetano and Madeleine Spinelli
 Tuesday, November 28
 9:00am (S) Norma Tobin
 Wednesday, November 29
 9:00am (S) Thank you to Our Lady of Fatima for all her blessings; Our Blessed Mother for safety in recent hurricanes
 In memory of Charles F. McGeown
 Thursday, November 30
 9:00am Communion Service
 Friday, December 1
 9:00am (O’N) Deceased family members of Vincent F. McMahon, Sr.
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
 7:50pm Benediction
 Saturday, December 2
 5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 Sunday, December 3 **First Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
 10:30am (O) Betty Raffa
 5:00pm (O’N) Confirmation Mass of Commitment

In the above celebrations:

- O = Rev. John O’Brien
- S = Rev. Saji Joseph
- O’N = Rev. Thomas O’Neill
- B = Rev. Bill O’Neill
- M = Rev. Gene McKenna

Children’s Liturgy of the Word continues at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17.

Father John will be away this week until next weekend, the first weekend of Advent.



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

Today we enter into our *new liturgical year* as we begin our Advent journey! Advent is a beautiful season of four weeks, set aside by our Church to pause, reflect and prepare for the gift of God’s love coming to us through the baby Jesus. This liturgical season invites us to pause, reflect and prepare – like Mary did – as we learn how to wait for grace Incarnate, Jesus, the reign of God. Advent, from the Latin word *ad-venio* means “to come to.” During Advent we “come to” a different set of readings and focus our hearts on preparing for the Christ child who came into our world and will come again. The messages we hear about and “come to” during Advent are about: 1) Patiently waiting for the coming of Christ, 2) Being “alert” for Jesus’ second coming, and 3) Meditating on Jesus’ presence in our lives right now, this present moment and time. There’s a lot of waiting and preparing in Advent, which is also one of the most frantic and fast-paced times of the year. Many more demands are made upon our time. This waiting time of Advent is one that allows us to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls to make room for Jesus, and helps us “to come to” Jesus. A few suggestions that I’d like to offer as possible ways for you “to come to” *preparing for grace Incarnate, Jesus, this Advent* are the following opportunities: Create a space for an Advent Wreath in your home – blessing your wreath - and praying with it as a household each day; Faithful participation in Sunday Liturgy (some daily worship if possible); experience our Taizé Advent Evening of Prayer; shop for someone from our CAC Giving Tree; Celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas and the Patron Saint of our Parish, St. Lucy; “Come to” our Advent Reconciliation Service; after decorating your Christmas Tree, as a family/household, pray a blessing over it; Set up a manger/crèche in your home; share the “JOY” of the 3rd week of Advent in a special way with others who may not be experiencing the joy of the season; Go Christmas Caroling...do all these things while sharing the stories of Advent, personal faith stories, and family traditions, etc. with your family members.

Written by: Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

First Reconciliation Class continues on Thurs., November 30th from 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Center. Bring your text book.

Our combined Parish **Advent Reconciliation Service** with St. Joseph’s Parish will be held on **Tuesday, December 12** at 7pm at St. Joseph’s Church. Please take the time to make use of this sacrament in preparing your heart to receive our Lord this Christmas.

St. Lucy’s Christmas Pageant: Come and be part of the annual St. Lucy’s Christmas Pageant that will take place at this year’s **5pm Christmas Eve Mass**. Participants are needed to be readers, members of the holy family, angels, shepherds, and travelers. There is only one rehearsal that will take place after the 10:30am Mass on December 17 in the Church.

St. Lucy’s again offers an **Advent Evening of Taizé Prayer** to be held on **Monday, December 4 from 6:30 to 7:30pm** in the Church. This is a perfect opportunity to help quiet ourselves and slow down; setting the tone for what our own Advent experience can be like! 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 for high school aged young people and adults. Please try to schedule yourself to be present to prepare your Advent heart for the coming of our Savior.

All Saints STEAM Academy, 915 West Main Rd. will hold their **4th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** on December 9th from 9am to 4pm at the School. For more information call 848-4300 or visit www.allsaintsacademy.org

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT – November 18/19, 2017
Weekly Collection \$4934.00
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6,13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19a, 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand. You can register for Formed at any time. Simply go to formed.org and use the Parish Code B84KHM and watch the movie today!

La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA will hold an **Advent Day of Prayer** on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9am to 4pm led by Dottie Levesque. For information or to register, call 508-222-8530.

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family will offer a special **Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support group, “Coping with the Holidays,”** in St. Lucy’s Parish Center on two Monday evenings, 12/11 and 12/18 from 7 to 8:30pm. For registration/information, contact: Peter A. Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

Holiday Concerts
Swanhurst Chorus presents **Notes from New England** on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8pm at the United Congregational Church in Middletown. Tickets are \$15. For more information/tickets, call 324-9820 or visit www.swanhurst.org.

The Chorus of East Providence presents **Vivaldi’s Gloria** on Dec. 2 (7:30) and Dec. 3 (2pm) at St. Martha’s Church in E. Providence. Call 508-889-6211 for more information.

The Newport Navy Choristers present **“Christmas In Song”** on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30pm at St. Barnabas Church, Portsmouth. Tickets are available from Rich 683-0382 and at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Portsmouth Historical Society. For more information, call 849-1135.

“The Sounds of the Season” will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 3pm at Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. to benefit Bishop Tobin’s **“Keep the Heat On” Campaign**. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person at the door or by calling the Cathedral office at 331-2434.

Middletown/Newport Knights of Columbus **2017 Christmas Clothing Drive for the needy and homeless** will be held Wed., Thurs., and Fri., Dec. 13-15 from 5 to 8pm. Please drop off clothing donations at the front entrance of the K of C Hall at 7 Valley Road. Needed are men’s, women’s and children’s clothing in good condition (coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, pants and shirts).

Thank you for your participation in the Friends’ Fund Program of Clements’ Market. We recently received \$150.80 bringing our total amount to \$6500.00 since this Program started in 1997. **Thank you** for all the Clements’ Market grocery receipts which can be left in the box on the table at the back of the Church.

Visiting the Sick: Please notify Sr. Sheila at 847-6153 (x 205) when a family member is in the hospital.

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry and RI Right to Life will be co-sponsoring a prayerful event on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10-11am at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad St., Providence. We will be caroling and praying in this peaceful vigil as we continue our efforts to create an awareness of the abortion industry in our state and our country. Abortion hurts two people: the mom and the baby! Call 421-7833 x 218 for more information or to RSVP.

Bishop Tobin’s 25th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 1pm in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. If you are interesting in attending the Holy Mass celebration of this significant milestone and reception to follow, please speak with Fr. John.