**Saint Lucy Catholic Faith Community** (401-847-6153) **Middletown, RI**

**MSS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, November 16
5:00pm (O’N) Eric Slobom (18th Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday, November 17
8:00am (O’N) Frederick Gauch
10:30am (H) George and Helen Leuber
5:00pm (O’N) Jim, Catherine, and Marie Louise Betty
Monday, November 18
9:00am (O’N) Martin Curtis
Tuesday, November 19
9:00am (O’N) Anna M. Klenotich
Wednesday, November 20
9:00am (O’N) Joseph Augustis

**SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS**
Tues., November 19
- Assorted finger desserts (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)
- 4 Bottles Pasta Sauce
- 4 bags oranges

2 bottles Italian salad dressing

If you would like to help with any of the above items, please call Sylvia Bunker at 683-0320. You may drop off your donations at the Rectory anytime before 3pm on Tues., Nov. 19. With your help, we were able to serve 97 meals in October.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

**FELICIDAD DE LA CRUZ**

November 21
- Communion Service

November 22
- 9:00am (O’N) Herron San Pedro
- 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

November 23
- 7:30pm Adoration
- 5:00pm (O) Felicidad De la Cruz

**Sunday, November 24, Christ the King**
- 8:00am (O) Joseph Augitis
- 10:30am (O) Laurie Dessner (living)
- 5:00pm (C) St. Lucy Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
- O = Rev. John O’Brien
- O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill
- H = Rev. Joe Henry
- C = Rev. Joe Creedon

Fr. John will be away this week until next weekend Nov. 23 and 24. Fr. Tom O’Neill will celebrate the Parish Masses with us during this time.

**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**
The story in our Gospel appears near the end of Jesus’ teaching in Jerusalem. It is one of those pericopes of predictions that will come before the end of the time. The first section of this Gospel is oftentimes looked upon by many as a prophecy to end times, a dismal outlook on what lies ahead. It seems to me that whenever one of these bleak types of readings come up in our liturgical cycle, it comes just after a catastrophic event. Remember going to noon-day Mass after having watched the effects of the massive attacks in New York unfold on 9/11. The Gospel at that liturgy was this one (or one similar), and to this day I still recall the feeling of consolation that washed over me at hearing these words, knowing that Jesus is present in all things – good and bad. Towards the end of today’s Gospel Jesus assures the disciples of his presence. We, too, are assured of his presence in our lives within each moment of every day. When we read this preparedness warning, I know that I can’t help but think about what’s going on in our world today: disastrous wildfires in California, the early storm/snow last week which left snow, ice and frigid temperatures across the Midwest through parts of New England (some warming shelters aren’t yet prepared to accept overnight guests). Amidst these and other previous catastrophic events, people from around the globe have been and are moved to action that those affected by disasters, God bringing good through a bad situation. A crisis, we know, is never welcome but when it does happen, it changes hearts, it “purifies” as gold tested in the fire. A crisis can unburden us so that we may start over again, helping us to see what is essential and important in our lives. As we approach the season of Advent, this too may be a good time for us to evaluate and take stock of what is important in our lives. Perhaps you might be able to take advantage of doing some interior house cleaning and prioritizing of what is truly important in your life this Advent. A way to begin this possible re-prioritization may be through participating in St. Lucy’s Advent Prayer Evening on December 2nd at 6:30pm. This is the very first weekday in Advent, and quite possibly an appropriate way for each of us to “get on track.”

Written by: Colette Savaria

**CHURCH SUPPORT**
November 9-10, 2019

**Weekly Collection**
Saturday, November 9

**ELEVEN O’CLOCK GIVING**
Saturday, November 10

**The Second Collection this weekend is for St. Lucy’s Building and Maintenance Fund.**

**Thank you for your generous giving!**

**SCRIPTION READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**
- Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33

**Tuesday**
- 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ek 19:1-10

**Wednesday**
- 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday**
- 1 Mc 2:1-25/Ep 19:41-44

**Friday**
- 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday**
- 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-46

**Sunday**
- 2 Sm 5:1-3/Cdl 1:12-20/3:23-35

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** also for our homeless brothers and sisters, the elderly (including those in hospitals and nursing homes). **Pray** for the unborn, the premature, and thefragile among us so that we may deepen our respect for life in all stages.

**A representative of the Bethlehem Christian Families, a non-profit organization through Land of Peace, will speak about the Christian situation in the Holy Land at all Masses next weekend. Religious articles made from olive wood will be for sale in the Narthex after all Masses**

**The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

On Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3pm, the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will perform a Concert at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul entitled, *The Sounds of the Season* to benefit Bishop Tobin’s “Keep the Heat On” Challenge. Hundreds of poor and low income families have received help with fuel, gas, oil and electricity bills through this program. The Challenge would like to assist even more families in need this year. For a donation, complimentary tickets to the Concert will be sent to you. You may donate in your own name or in Memory of a deceased loved one. For more information call 331-2434.

**Community Action Committee (CAC)**
St. Lucy’s Parish will once again be participating in the Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner provided by the Salvation Army on the Sunday before Thanksgiving for our brothers and sisters in need. All collected food items will be taken to the Salvation Army on Nov. 20 at 4:30pm and will be used for the meal the Salvation Army will cook and serve on Sunday, Nov. 24. We ask for your help in providing the following foods: turkey (or chicken) in the range of 12-14 lbs (fresh or defrosted frozen) to be brought to the Parish Center on Wednesday, Nov. 20 any time up to 4:30pm. Non-perishable items include dressing, canned vegetables, pie crusts and fillings, cranberry sauce and juice, fresh fruit, nuts, roll mix, and onions.

**Thank you for all your support!**

**The Newport Navy Choristers will present its Christmas in Song concert on Fri., Dec. 13 at 7:30pm at St. Lucy’s Church. The concert benefits the Lingkoed Time’s Community Service RI and Medical Missions for tribal people in the Philippines.** ticket/ad placements call Cecilia Heredia at 848-0622 or email lingkodtime@gmail.com.

**St. Lucy Seniors 50+**
Welcome friends, old and new! Join us, The Chicken Lickety for lunch at Coddington Brewing & Pub, Middletown on Tues., Nov. 19 at 12 noon. Hope to see you! To confirm: call Evelyn Cayer at 401-644-5702.

**Enjoy the Festival of Lights at LaSalette Shrine? Spend a joyful afternoon at LaSalette Shrine, Attleboro, MA on Sunday, December 8th. A 56 passenger Viking motor coach will depart St. Lucy’s Church parking lot at 1:30pm and will return at 8:30pm. Tickets are $10 per person with a Registration deadline of November 24th. To learn more about LaSalette Shrine visit their website at www.lasalletteeshrine.org Need more trip information? Send an email to stlucyvds@gmail.com or leave a message at 847-6153 ext. 222. In-person registration will be held after Masses on Nov. 23 and 24. Ready to register today? Use the forms available on the table below the St. Vincent de Paul O’Feretty box in the Narthex, place your Form and payment in the St. Vincent de Paul Offering box.**