LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

We want to let you know that the staff of St. Lucy’s is looking forward to the time when we’ll be able to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation once again! For the safety of all, (re)scheduling of these celebrations will be done under the guidelines put forth by the RI Department of Health.

From The Word Among Us based on Acts 12:24 “The word of God continued to spread and grow.”

Did you know that Christianity is the world’s largest religion? According to the most recent available data, it makes up nearly 32% of the global population. Clearly the Holy Spirit is still very active drawing people of every nation to Jesus. How does the Gospel spread? Through us! Jesus has left us in charge of His mission, and it’s good to ask how we are doing. Look around, and it’s clear that we have work to do. In North America and Europe, the Church is struggling. It’s growing in the global South, but missionary challenges remain, and martyrdom is all too common. The thought of evangelization might be scary, but you can make a difference. You can start by praying frequently for the growth of the Church as well as for your family and friends who seem far from the Lord. You can also look for opportunities in your everyday life to plant the seeds of the Gospel. Don’t think you have to do everything yourself – just do your part, and leave the rest to God and to anyone the Lord might send to them. When the situation arises, ask the Holy Spirit for the courage and humility to share your faith. In the course of a conversation, you might be able to talk about a time when you felt God’s care or when you felt him blessing you in some way. You don’t have to have perfect words or try to convert anyone – that’s the Holy Spirit’s job. But you can still be open and honest about your faith. For the past 2,000 years, God has been calling His people to go out and share the good news. “Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.” The Lord’s goodness dwells in our nation to Jesus. How does the Holy Spirit is still very active drawing people of every faith to God? For the past 2,000 years, God has been calling His people to go out and share the good news. “Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.” The Lord’s goodness dwells in or marriage. Open up the secret of His goodness by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Sept. 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://www.mmema.org.

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Bible Study will be held in the parish center every Tuesday immediately following morning Mass. All are welcome. Please email Jane at jjparrillo@yahoo.com with any questions.

Saint Lucy Catholic Faith Community (401-847-6153) Middletown, RI The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2020

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.

Mt 10: 40

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 27
5:00pm (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Sunday, June 28
8:00am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
10:30am (O) Larry Zarek (12th Anniversary)
Judy Doyle (17th Anniversary)
7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

Monday, June 29
9:00am (O) Frederick Sullivan
Tuesday, June 30
9:00am (O) William Day
Wednesday, July 1
9:00am (O) Susan Boutin
Thursday, July 2
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, July 3
9:00am (O’N) Renee and Derek Quigley
Paul Edmund Burke, Jr.
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction
Saturday, July 4
5:00pm (O) Mary K. Connerton and Mary E. King
Sunday, July 5
8:00am (O) Casper “Kip” Schenck
10:30am (O) Thayer and Elizabeth “Liddy” Donovan
(living – 60th Wedding Anniversary)
7:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

In the above celebrations:
O = Rev. John O’Brien
O’N = Rev. Tom O’Neill

SCRIPTYURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Act 12:1-12/2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-14/Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:11, 13-13/Mt 11:25-30

YOU CAN HELP as St. Lucy’s Parish is UPDATEPARISHIONER RECORDS. To help, all you need to do is either email (stlucyoffice@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 847-6153 ext. 201 to provide up-to-date information for your household. Changes/updates may include:
*School, grade, age of each child (for 2020-21 year)*
*Phone # - perhaps you no longer have a landline, or now have multiple cell phone #s;*
*Email address;*
*Adult children 18+ years of age residing with you and working; what is his/her occupation;*
*Adult child 18+ residing with you while attending college; provide name of college/university and level.
*Adult child is no longer living locally. *
*Recent additions to your household, i.e., births, adoptions, relative(s) living with you
*Change in marital status

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Annual Financial Report

Accompanying the bulletin this weekend is a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending in June 2019. The report is somewhat delayed due to the Diocesan Capital Campaign in the fall of 2019, immediately followed by the Catholic Charity Campaign in January 2020 followed by the current Corona Virus Pandemic of 2020. In a sense there was no “good” time to distribute this report until now.

As indicated the expenses decreased but the revenues also decreased due to a small decline in budget collections. It is hoped that this trend will reverse itself in the very near future. At the same time St. Lucy’s was able to “pay off” the mortgage on the Church and enter a “mortgage-free” era.

The Community of St. Lucy’s Parish is to be congratulated for their ongoing generosity both financially and spiritually. May the Good Lord through Mary’s intercession continue to give you and your loved ones many blessings in the days ahead.

Thankfully, Fr. John

Support for the Parish...

Re: Maintaining Budgets and Making Donations.

Those who have been making donations and maintaining their budgets during this time have been a godsend. Thank you!!!

There are basically 3 ways for all to do so.

• Mail your envelopes to the Parish Office: 909 West Main Rd., Middletown, RI 02842
• Drop your envelopes and donations off by putting them in the black lockbox outside the front door of the Rectory.
• Go On-Line to our website stlucy.org, click the Giving link, then click on Parish Giving, and follow the prompts to make a one-time gift or a recurring donation.

And don’t forget our Parish YouTube Channel. For our live-streamed Sunday Mass subscribe at YouTube videos St. Lucy’s Catholic Church, Middletown, RI. Sunday Mass is also available on St. Lucy’s Catholic Faith Community, Middletown, RI Facebook Page and on our Parish website (www.stlucy.org)

A special Thank You to Gerry Willis and Family for the donation of the Easter Paschal Candle made in memory of Chistine Willis.