Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

Is 55:1

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Bible Study is held each Tuesday in the Parish Center immediately following Morning Mass. We will be covering part 4 of Scripture in the Nicene Creed. All are welcome.

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 4 ways for all to do so.

**Attend Mass and put your donation in the collection basket.
**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 boxlock at 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 (also available on Parish Facebook Page and Website (www.stlucy.org).

The office is still waiting...if you haven’t updated your St. Lucy’s Parishioner registration. If you have, THANK YOU. Please email (stlucyoffice@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 847-6153 ext. 201 to provide up-to-date information for your household. Possible changes/updates for your household 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.

**Please note updated date and time.**

***Alzheimer’s disease is the 5th leading cause of death in RI, and it is the only leading cause of death in the U.S. that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. That is why it is so important that we have elected officials who are working to make Alzheimer’s a national priority. The Alzheimer’s Association invites the community to participate in Coffee with Congress to discuss the staggering impact of Alzheimer’s on RI and across the nation. Our RI delegation will talk virtually about what is being done to address these issues as well as answer questions on August 12 at 11:30am. Join by calling 800-520-9950 with PIN 4890446# or RSVP to ercreamer@alz.org

Community Action Committee (CAC)
The CAC is again responding to the needs of Child & Family Services for “Back to School Supplies” for middle/high school students. Any type of school supply appreciated. Past donations have been STURDY backpacks, calculators, binders, notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, etc. Please place items in the blue bins(s) marked school supplies for Child & Family Services in the Church narthex. As usual, thank you for your continued support! Please note: During these unprecedented times due to Covid-19 virus, you may feel more comfortable making a monetary donation or gift card. If so, please make check payable to St. Lucy’s and be sure to mark “C&F school supplies”. You may mail to the church, or place in the collection basket.

CHURCH SUPPORT

- **Weekly Collection**
  - July 25-26, 2020
  - $3112.00
  - **Electronic Giving**
  - $1055.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

The Second Collection this week is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.uscatholic.org/peters-pence

Next week the Second Collection is for St. Lucy’s Building and Maintenance.

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass scheduled for Sept. 27th will have to be cancelled. In the meantime, we are still eager to recognize those couples in the Diocese of Providence who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. If you are celebrating a special anniversary (e.g. 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more), please be in touch with the Rectory Office so we can forward your information to the Bishop for prayers and personal recognition by him.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Lucy’s Church helped dozens of families in the first half of this year, providing thousands of dollars to help our most vulnerable neighbors with rent, utilities and other basic needs. During these unusual and difficult times, we are seeing an increase in need and decrease in donations. The Conference is currently in danger of depleting its funds. SVDP relies on the generosity of donors and talents of its members to continue its vital work. You can support SVDP with your cash or check donation in the collection box in the Church Narthex (entrance), or by becoming a benefactor with a tax-deductible donation given directly to the Conference. To learn more about giving and membership opportunities, contact us at stlucydepa@gmail.com

Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other, so that he who contributes to the union of hearts in a community binds it indissolubly to God. St. Vincent de Paul

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

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We lift our prayers for those parishioners and friends who have passed away in the month of July and for all those who mourn the passing of their loved ones. May God continue to offer strength, courage and peace. Parishioners and friends of St. Lucy’s Faith Community who have gone on to live in Eternal Life: McKeanna Alexander, George Gomes, Jr., Anise Jackson, Julia Koster, Joan Monticone, Muriel Francis Almy Moore, Jesse Rodrigues, Sr., Vivian Silvia, and Sara Singfield.

Great News – Worldwide Marriage Encounter gone “Virtual!” To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called Restore – Rekindle – Renew. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30PM. Registration is limited and a $50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call 401-521-0006.
Stephen or Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmemoa.org.