**Senior Priest Retirement Fund**

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living or nursing home care. Since priests are in their very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of senior clergy who have served many years in ministry -- some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement.’ The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service. Next weekend please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation visit www.srpriestri.com.

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**LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)**

Prayer for the start of a School and Catechetical Year
(Pinterest, Sadlier Blog)

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**Church Schedule**

**Mass Intentions and Church Schedule**

Saturday, September 12
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Sunday, September 13
8:00am (O’N) Robert Edward
10:30am (M) Matthew Christ (1st Anniversary)
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners
Monday, September 14
9:00am (O’N) Frank Uhlig
Tuesday, September 15
9:00am (O’N) Deceased Members of Murphy and Stravato families
Wednesday, September 16
9:00am (M) Michelle Cole (Anniversary)
Thursday, September 17
9:00am Communion Service
Friday, September 18
9:00am (O’N) William Michael Brennan (living)
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary
7:50pm Benediction
Saturday, September 19
5:00pm (O) Joseph Macedo (2nd Anniversary)
Casper “Kip” Schenck
Sunday, September 20
8:00am (O) Larry and Mary Nunes (Wedding Remembrance)
10:30am (O) Eleanor Santos (6th Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance)
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners

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**Religious Education/Faith Formation**

Registrations for LIFE, along with the Sacrament Preparation Classes for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation for the 2020-2021 year, will take place shortly. Thank you for your patience.

Sunday, October 18* will be a very special day for St. Lucy’s Parish! Children from the 2019-20 class will make their First Communion at the 10:30am Liturgy. During the 5pm Mass, Fr. John will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young parishioners who also prepared to receive this Sacrament of Initiation during the 2019-2020 year. E-mails have been sent to parents of these children/youth.

**Hello out there!!!** Responses to our request for parishioners to update their household information is still coming in (THANK YOU!), but we hope that more people will respond. It is possible that in the future updates may include:
- School, grade, age of each child (for 2020-21 year);
- Phone # - delete a landline, or add cell phone #’s;
- E-mail address;
- Recent additions to your household, i.e., births, adoptions, relative(s) living with you;
- Change in marital status.
Please email updates to stlucyoffice@gmail.com or call 484-7613 ext. 201

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**St. Lucy’s is once again accepting Food Donations!** Your generous donations of non-perishable items will re-stock our pantry shelves and will also be shared with The Martin Luther King Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the properly marked bin in the Church Narthex. **Please note that previously opened packages cannot be accepted. Thank you for your generosity to assist those who are in situations where they could use your help.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s Virtual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held Sunday, Sept. 27th. You are invited to do your own virtual walk or support one of St. Lucy’s virtual walkers. To register/participate: www.fwpwalk.org/team2634 or to donate: www.fwpwalk.org/walker/55239 Donations are also accepted in the SVDP box at the back of the church or in the Rectory Drop Box. For questions or for help registering or donating, please email stlucysvdp@gmail.com. Together we can raise funds to help Rhode Island families in need.

**Bible Study**

Every Tuesday in the Parish Center following morning Mass. All are welcome. Email Jane at jjparrillo@yahoo.com with questions.

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**The Parish Appeal**

The two-week solicitation of the Catholic Charity Appeal will be held this weekend Sept. 12-13. At this time Parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge or a one-time donation. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the Catholic Charity Appeal has been extended from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020. Even in the midst of this pandemic St. Lucy Parishioners have been very generous with donations/pledges of $37,430 towards our Parish goal of $62,500. Your generosity supports many ministries throughout the Diocese of Providence including St. Clare Home, All Saints Academy, Marriage Preparation Programs, and many more.

The Community Action Committee extends a THANK YOU to the parishioners of St. Lucy’s for the donations of school supplies - both physical and monetary – for Child & Family Services. We appreciate your generosity, especially during these challenging times. Supplies were delivered to Child & Family on Sept. 3 to be distributed to children. The following is a recap of supplies: 65 notebooks, 31 3-ring bingers, pencil cases, markers, highlighters, crayons, 26 pkg pens, 18 pkg pencils, scissors, erasers, glue sticks, etc. and $170 cash.

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**Support for the Parish…**

Those who have been making donations and maintaining their budget 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 lockbox 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 daily Mass. Subscribe at YouTube videos St. Lucy’s Catholic Church, Middletown, RI. The Sunday recorded Liturgy is also available on St. Lucy’s Facebook Page and Website (www.stlucy.org).

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**The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center** expresses heartfelt gratitude for our generous gift of 89 pounds of delicious food to its Feed a Friend Food Pantry. Because of St. Lucy’s support, the Hunger Relief Services makes a difference in the lives of Newport County
residents in need of food.