Which of the two did his father’s will?  
Matthew 21:31

MASS INTENTIONS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE  
Saturday, September 26  
5:00pm (O) Frank P. “Mickey” Mello  
Sunday, September 27  
8:00am (O) Robert and Catherine Edward  
10:30am (O) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  
Monday, September 28  
9:00am (O) Vincent F. McMahon and deceased family members  
Tuesday, September 29  
9:00am (O) Joseph and Mary Morris  
Wednesday, September 30  
9:00am (O) Diva Medeiros  
Thursday, October 1  
9:00am Communion Service  
Friday, October 2  
9:00am (O’N) St. Lucy Parishioners  
5:40pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Mary  
7:50pm Benediction  
Saturday, October 3  
5:00pm (O) Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Sullivan  
Mark Sullivan  
Sunday, October 4  
8:00am (O) Wallace Mathison  
Helen Bagley  
10:30am (O) Stanley Sekunda, Sr. (20th Anniversary)  
Peggy Hughes (Birthday Remembrance)  
5:00pm (O’N) St. Lucy’s Parishioners  

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

Sunday, October 18th will be a very special day for St. Lucy’s Parish!  
Children from the 2019-20 class will make their First Communion at the 9:00am Mass.  
Fr. John will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young parishioners who also prepared to receive this Sacrament of Initiation during the 2019-20 year.

LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)  
The situation that Jesus posed to the chief priests and elders in today’s gospel is a straightforward one.  
Given the same task by their father, one son is disobedient in words but then obeys in actions; the second son obeyed with his words, but disobeyed in his actions. Jesus’ question is: ‘Which son did what the father wanted?’ Did you find yourself teetering in your response, going from one son to the other trying to imagine each of their intentions? Of course, as I’m a perfect daughter (don’t tell my parents I wrote that), I’d have said yes AND done the task! How often do we find ourselves saying the word “yes” but shaking our head “no,” or moving about s-t-o-w-l-y while saying “I’m moving as fast as I can.” 
There are many times in our lives when our actions and words ARE not in sync. So, the answer to which son did what the father wanted would be: the son who actually did the work as ordered by the father’s will. Jesus presented this question to the chief priests and elders, but presents it to us THIS day: Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart – that our actions and our words will give evidence of our love for God. Each Sunday, when we worship at Mass, pray the prayers and receive Holy Communion (Spiritual Communion), we say that we believe God’s love for us, our love for God, and how we are to love one another. After having prayed and fed spiritually and physically, at Mass, our actions and words should grow more synchronized – we should be becoming more fine-tuned in our faith and more in sync with Jesus’ call to live his teaching: living out his teachings in our daily lives (work, school, a vaccine, etc.). Are we actions like the minutes, hours, and days after I leave Mass? Do my actions reflect my prayer words? Written by: Colette M. Savaria

Religious Education 2020-21  
An email mailing has gone out! If you haven’t yet received it, email stlucycolete@gmail.com to request the mailer (especially if new in the Parish). Since the start of this pandemic, so much has changed in our lives and in our world – so too with our LIFE Celebrations. The parish staff agreed that we at St. Lucy’s would have a delayed start (January) this year for a few important reasons: a) To reduce stress on families experiencing the start of a school year filled with many uncertainties; and, b) to have a better understanding of what our daily lives (work, school, a vaccine, etc.) will look like in a few months from now. We are planning and hoping for an in-person return to LIFE in January, but will be ready to pivot to an alternate method of learning if necessary. Families are asked to register by October 14th in order to plan in advance. For questions, please call Colete at 401-847-6153 ext. 201.

Penneis for Prescriptions:  
Each October, the Community Action Committee of St. Lucy’s Parish collects penneis for Prescriptions. All money collected is donated to Lucy’s Heirath for prescription needs for the residents. Jars will be set out at the entrance of the Church where you can deposit your penneis. So check your coat pockets and raid any medicine cabinets! Many thanks for your past and present generosity!

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. Possible changes and/or updates may include:  
School, grade, age of each child  
*Phone # - delete a landline, or add cell phone #’s;  
*Email address;  
*Recent additions to your household, i.e., births, adoptions, relative(s) living with you;  
*Change in marital status.  
Please email stlucyoffice@gmail.com or call 847-6153 ext. 201.

CHURCH SUPPORT  
September 19/20, 2020  
Weekly Collection  
$2894.00  
Electronic Giving  
$1000.00  
Priests Retirement Fund  
$1299.00  
The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Seminarians Education Fund  
Thank you for your generosity!!

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart appreciate your donation of $452.00 in response to their 2020 Mission Appeal.

Scripture Readings for the Week  
Mondays: Jb 1:6-22.  
Tuesdays: Jb 9:1-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51  
Wednesdays: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Jn 9:57-62  
Thursdays: Jb 19:21-27/Jn 10:1-16  
Fridays: Jb 38:1-2, 12-13, 1-5/Mt 18:1-15, 10  
Saturdays: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Jk 10:17-24  
Sundays: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

St. Lucy’s is once again accepting non-perishable food donations to re-stock our pantry shelves and 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 in need.

2020 Catholic Charity Appeal Update  
As of last weekend and our in-pew solicitations of Sept. 12 and 13, we are very pleased to report that St. Lucy’s donations total $42,441. This represents 68% of our Parish goal of $62,500.  
We would like to thank everyone for your material and spiritual support of this campaign which helps many valuable ministries in our Diocese. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the Catholic Charity Appeal has been extended from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020.  
Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church. You may deposit them in the collection baskets or leave them at the Rectory. There are three ways to give from home to the Catholic Charity Appeal:  
1. Go to on-line giving site (www.givecentral.org/2020CCA);  
2. Text the word “Appeal” to 401-496-9889 (to reach a secure giving link),  
3. Contact Rich Popovic at 401-277-2115 (for gifts of stock, IRA’s, mutual funds, etc.).  
(Co-chairs: Marty Dutra, Jeffrey Moniz and Fr. John)

Support for the Parish...  
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 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.

Don’t forget our Parish YouTube Channel for our live-streamed Sunday 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)

16th Annual Human Life Guild Mass:  
The Diocese of Providence will celebrate Respect Life Month on Friday, Oct. 2 in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence, during the 12:05pm Mass. Please RSVP your attendance by Wednesday, Sept. 30 at hoolee@dioceseofprovidence.org or 278-2518. *Due to COVID-19 this special Mass is in lieu of our annual gathered Human Life Guild Day.*

Are you enrolled in low-income rates for utilities? You may be newly eligible for this rate if you have lost earnings due to COVID-19. You are eligible for a 25% discount on your bills if you receive:  
Food Stamps/SNAP or Quality for Fuel Assistance/Low Income Home Energy Assistance or Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the SSA. You are eligible for a 30% discount on your bills if you receive: Medicaid or RI Works Program (formerly the Family

During this time the Rectory office prefers to accept visitors by appointment. Thank you for your understanding.

Bible Study is held every Tuesday in the Parish Center following morning Mass. All are welcome. Email Jane at jprville@yahoo.com with questions.
Independence Program) or General Public Assistance. To apply go to National Grid website or call the George Wiley Center at 728-5555.