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

LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
After having had a nearly six-month delay for the reception of the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and with Covid-19 gathering restrictions, we at St. Lucy’s couldn’t have ever thought we’d be able to have such beautiful, prayerful and joyful celebrations last Sunday!!! Alas, we welcomed Sergio Dossato, Rudy Everin, Miles Gray, Fiona Kerrison, Edric Salvador and Kal Stevens to the Eucharistic Table. We also welcomed eighteen parishioners, now fully initiated into the Catholic Church through reception of the sacrament of Confirmation: Samantha Aldrich, Samantha Beckler, Ahsanul Chamous, Abigail Escobar, Fisher Everin, Kenneth Firlings, Honna Fisher, Shane Harvey, Gavin Jenkins, Lily King, Antoine (AJ) Montz, Andrew Mott, Julia Pelczarski, Nikolai Pelczarski, Emely Solis-Mendez, Aidan Tobin, Justin Valdez, Shawn Valdez. As we heard in Sunday’s readings, numerous times, and quite appropriate for these two major celebrations: “You are chosen.” God’s beloved— these young people (and each of us) – were chosen to be Christ’s disciples. “The gift!” (Jesus, God’s love revealed “came to us not just in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.” We are empowered ambassadors of Christ! My prayer for these young people is (please join with me in this prayer) that they always remember and cherish the power of these sacraments. That they (habitually) return to the Eucharistic Table to grow closer to our Lord by receiving Him into their very being, and be inspired to reveal Christ in our world.

Written by: Colette M. Savaria

LIFE/Religious Education 2020-2021:
Although this programming year was delayed from a September to a January start, we still ask that you return your LIFE Registration Form to Colette at the Rectory Office (909 West Main Road, Middletown). Your homestudy Registration will assist us to better prepare and plan the lessons and program – especially if we need to pivot from our hoped for in-person program to a virtual one due to the coronavirus pandemic. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Colette at 847-6153 ext. 201 or stlucyclette@gmail.com. LIFE packets are available in the Church Narthex on the table, or may be downloaded from the Parish website: www.stlucy.org.

Bible Study
held every Tuesday in the Parish Center following morning Mass. All are welcome. Email Jane at jiparillo@yahoo.com with questions.

The Community Action Committee (CAC) will not be collecting any greeting cards at this time due to the pandemic.

Pennies for Prescriptions: Each October, the Community Action Committee collects “Pennies for Prescriptions.” All money collected is donated to Lucy’s Hearth for prescription needs for the residents. Jars have been set out at the entrance of the Church where you can deposit your pennies (or any other donations). So check your coat pockets and raid your piggy banks! Many thanks for your past and present generosity!

CHURCH SUPPORT
October 17/18, 2020
Weekly Collection $3814.00
Electronic Giving $1120.00
World Mission Sunday $127.00
Thank you for your generosity!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:7/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18-20/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Rev 7:2-9, 14:1-6/3 Mt 5:1-12a

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 there is a 50 lb. weight limit as your donation must be acceptable. Thank you for your generosity to assist those in need.

2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL UPDATE
St. Lucy’s donations total $46,016.00 (as of 10/6) which represents 74% of our Parish goal of $62,500. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the Catholic Charity Appeal has been extended from June 30 to October 31, 2020. Envelopes are still available at the entrance of the Church and may be deposited in the collection basket or left at the Rectory. There are three alternate ways to give to the Charity Drive:
1. Go to our on-line giving site (www.givecentral.org/2020CCA).
2. Text the word “Appeal” to 401-496-9889.
3. Contact Rich Popovic at 401-277-2115 (for gifts of stock, IRA’s, mutual funds, etc.).

(Co-chairs: Marty Dutra, Jeﬀery Monz and Fr. John)

MISSALETTS: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Parishes have been advised to remove the Missalettes from the pews. Rather than have these books be unused, everyone is invited to take a copy home for private use. If you bring them back to the Church, you are asked to take them home again at the end of Mass. Everyone is invited to use one as his/her own personal Missalette. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank You from Dr. Martin Luther King Center
“Dear Friends of the Center,
Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift of 109 pounds of nonperishable food made to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center’s Feed a Friend Food Pantry. Because of your support, our Hunger Relief Services make a difference in the lives of Newport County’s food insecure residents. This gift helps sustain our new Mobile Food Pantry, which helps feed people who cannot get to our pantry because of lack of transportation. Thank you for giving so generously to help your neighbors in need. You make our community stronger.”

Helping Hearts roll
The Annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance for deceased members of St. Lucy’s Parish Family will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 10:30am. This special Mass is in remembrance of all Parishioners who died between October 16, 2019 through October 15, 2020.

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 four ways to offer your ﬁnancial support.

**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 placing 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.
Watch our Parish YouTube Channel for our live-streamed Sunday Mass. The recorded Liturgy is available on our Website at www.stlucy.org or on St. Lucy’s Facebook Page.

On Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5pm St. Barnabas Church hosts their quarterly Masses for the intentions of those in Recovery. All are welcome and it will also be streamed on YouTube. The monthly Hope and Cope meetings at St. Barnabas: Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

Congratulations!
First Communion Recipients

**Newly Confirmed Parishioners**