LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
Happy belated Thanksgiving! I have to say, the “how” of celebrating Thanksgiving has one that I never thought I’d experience, as I’m sure you can relate to: at home without family and friends in the same room but instead, gathered virtually through modern day conveniences of FaceTime, Zoom, Google Meets, etc. and of course, having talked on the good old-fashioned telephone. I am truly grateful for those persons who invented these means of communication to feel close to another yet greatly distanced! On another note, today we enter into a new surgical season of Advent, which begins four Sundays before Christmas. We call the days and nights before the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Advent which means “coming.” During this time the Church reads and sings about God’s promises and we tell brief stories of many holy people: Mary and John the Baptist, Nicholas, and Lucy. We strive for the time when God’s love will be seen in all of us, when peace will come through people’s acts of justice and love for each other. But, primarily, we wait. We wait for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, when all will be one. The Son of God already came to us, born in the city of David. We celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas Time while, in Advent, we ready ourselves and our hearts for this birth and wait for when the gifts of life in our hands enter into Gov. Raimondo’s request to “pause” for the quick distancing time of prayer and hope. As of today there are 30 residents at the McKinney Shelter. A staff member of SVDP at McKinney will distribute the gift cards in an envelope marked “Giving Tree” and place it in the collection basket. If you choose to participate, place the gift card in an envelope marked “Giving Tree” and place it in the collection basket. If you are not able to attend Mass, you may mail your donation to the Rectory, or drop it in the locked Drop Box outside of the Rectory. If you prefer to write a check or make a cash donation, we will gladly accept your donation. If you choose to participate, please include a fun holiday gift idea in the envelope. The Community Action Committee aims to help more of our neighbors. We know that the risks of evictions and hunger will grow exponentially during the upcoming winter. This charitable organization relies on the generosity of donors and the talents of its members to continue this vital work of caring for our friends. You can support SVDP with your donation (cash or check) in the collection box in the Church Narthex, or by becoming a benefactor with a tax-deductible donation given directly to the Conference. For information on giving or membership contact stlucy svdp@gmail.com.

Bible Study continues every Tuesday in the Parish Center following morning Mass. All participants sit socially-distanced. Please know that you are most welcome to come and see what Bible Study is all about. Email Jane at jjparrillo@yahoo.com with questions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 29
Rom 10:9-16/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Ps 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Ps 15:9-15/Mt 25:1-10

Thursday: Ps 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Ps 30:9, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8


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**Attend Mass and place your donation in the collection basket.

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**Drop off your envelopes and donations by placing in the black lockbox at the front door of the Rectory.

**On-line at stlucy.org, click the Giving link, click on Parish Give Now.

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