

MASS INTENTIONS are available. Call the office to have a Mass celebrated for your living intention or the repose of the soul of a deceased family member, or another specific intention of the Church. Mass intentions are published so the entire community may come together and pray at the Lord's table during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since this is a public announcement, "special intentions" or "private intention" are not appropriate to be published here but should be brought to Mass on your own.

Saturday, Nov. 20: Vigil, Christ the King
 5:00pm Rev. James J. Verdelotti

Sunday, Nov. 21: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 8:00am For the people of the Parish
 10:30am Elizabeth LaPierre, Michael LaPierre
 Harry LaPierre, Jeffrey LaPierre
 5:00pm For the people of the Parish

Monday, Nov. 22: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
 9:00am Intentions of our Youth and Young Adults

Tuesday, Nov. 23: St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr
 9:00am Murphy & Stravato Families

Wed., Nov. 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 9:00am Affe & Joseph Menassa

Thursday, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day
 9:00am Billy Coffey

Friday, Nov. 26: Weekday
 9:00am Vincent & Rita McMahon & Family

Saturday, Nov. 27: Vigil, 1st Sunday of Advent
 5:00pm Peter Feighan, Michael Feighan

Sunday, Nov. 28: 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00am The Deceased of St. Columba's Cemetery
 10:30am Aurelio (6th Anniversary) & Hilaria Villacorta
 5:00pm Frank P. "Mickey" Mello



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences – our all-ages Parish Religious Education Program)

Happy Feast Day of Christ the King! Today we celebrate Jesus' power and authority as King and Lord of all. Living in the United States we sometimes have difficulty in relating to or having an understanding of power that those of royal lineage have. Some of our knowledge of kings, lords, and kingdoms come from history books, documentaries, and even Walt Disney. The role of a beneficent king or queen is to always have the good of the kingdom and its people in mind in order to act on their behalf.

In 1925 Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in response to a society whom he felt was rejecting Jesus and his ways. His encyclical letter called *Quas Primas*, was to draw the world's attention back to Jesus.

We, the Church, celebrate in this feast with believing that Jesus is truly the King of Kings. Jesus our King didn't come to serve only those who followed him, but to build up and serve all people. We celebrate that Jesus is the one who can bring lasting peace. We celebrate Jesus, Son of Man with human nature and Son of God with divine nature. We celebrate that Jesus loved us so incredibly that he suffered and died for us and that he rose in glory. We celebrate that Jesus will come again, and that we will be with him for all eternity.

You are invited to continue to nurture your faith and share it as we together learn and grow in this year's theme of *Prayer*. November 21st is the next **LIFE** celebration, following the 10:30am Mass until 2pm in the Parish Center. If you'd like to learn more or have an interest in participating in **LIFE**, please contact me at 847-6153 ext. 201 or at stlucycolette@gmail.com. Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

CHURCH SUPPORT
 November 13/14, 2021

Weekly Collection \$3531.00
Electronic Giving \$1019.00
Building and Maintenance \$1771.00
The second collection this weekend is for the Campaign for Human Development.

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!!

WERE YOU AWAY RECENTLY? When away due to weather, illness, travel, or unforeseen events, we invite you to make up your missed offerings which greatly impact our budget and subsequently our ministries. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and donations.

ON LINE GIVING – fast, secure, convenient. Have you considered electronic, on-line, giving? It's a convenient way to make your offerings to your parish according to your own schedule: weekly, monthly, etc. You control all the information and only you have access to your personal data, banking or credit card information - the parish does not. All the parish receives is a report of your generosity. Now that we are traveling once again, on-line giving ensures your parish receives your generosity even if you can't make it here on Sundays. Visit our website and click on the "Parish-Giving" logo, our e-giving partner. stlucy.org

OUTREACH NEWS

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – St. Lucy's is again working with Salvation Army in the annual effort to provide a healthy and delicious Thanksgiving meal for our needy sisters and brothers. Our Community Action Committee is requesting donations of turkeys and non-perishable items. Suggested items include stuffing, canned vegetables, pie fillings, cranberry sauce, juice, fresh fruit, nuts, roll mix, onions, potatoes, pie crust, etc. and may be placed in the marked bins in the Narthex of the Church. **Fresh or defrosted turkeys are requested by the Salvation Army (if possible). Turkeys will only be accepted for drop off in the Parish Connector Hallway on Sunday, November 21st by 2pm.** Monetary donations (checks made out to St. Lucy's) or gift cards to a grocery store marked "Thanksgiving Food-SA" may be put in the collection basket. Over the years of working together on this holiday collection, we've found that this is the most effective effort in reaching those in need. All food will be transported to the Salvation Army on **November 21st**. Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need.

GIVING TREE In light of the on-going COVID-19 restrictions, our Community Action Committee will not be setting up the giving tree for the purchase of gifts this year. We will be working with the McKinney Shelter this year along with Lucy's Hearth. We will be asking for gift card donations to Walmart and Stop & Shop.

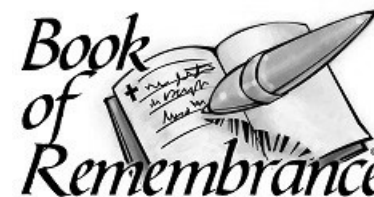
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS: Buy a beautiful bouquet of flowers for your Thanksgiving table at Stop & Shop for the holidays and support **the St. Vincent de Paul Society!** Through the month of November, the Stop & Shop on West Main Road in Middletown is having its "**Bloomin' 4 Good**" campaign to benefit St. Lucy's SVdP Conference. SVDP will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 bouquet with the red circle purchased during the entire month.

MASS COUPONS REMINDER: Mass coupons, to be used by all students registered in our Faith Formation program or receiving Catholic school assistance, should be given to Father at the conclusion of Mass. So glad our young parishioners are with us each week.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Special Thanks to the Kalil and Nunes families for the beautiful roses at the altar and memorial book during our Annual Mass of Remembrance.

In the beautiful tradition of the Catholic Church, November is the Month of All Souls. We remember our faithfully departed in a special way. Please add your loved ones' names to the memorial book in the sanctuary. We will remember these at Mass during this month.



THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS: Please start your day by thanking God this Thursday. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM. Once again, you are invited to bring any breads and table wines will be sharing at your Thanksgiving Day meal to be placed on the table in the sanctuary for blessing at Mass.

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen

NEW BULLETIN COMING IN JANUARY CALLING ALL SPONSORS!

Beginning late January, we will have a new weekly parish bulletin. The new format will be a multi-page, full color edition. In order to do so, we have engaged the services of a third-party publication company, Liturgical Publications, Inc.



Mary Hoffman from Liturgical Publications, will be reserving advertising sponsorships beginning the week of November 29th, a portion of the revenue is returned to the parish. We are asking local business owners to please consider taking a new ad. We appreciate your help since the revenue from these ads makes this bulletin possible. For more information or to advertise, please call Mary directly at 860-836-8486. We thank you in advance for your consideration and generous support of the weekly bulletin and its sponsors.

Remember, it is the advertising support which makes our bulletin possible. Please consider reciprocating our sponsors' generosity by supporting them with your business. Thank you again!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be administered for incoming 9th grade students at all Catholic High Schools around the diocese, including **The Prout School and Bishop Connolly High School**, on Saturday, December 4th or Saturday, December 11th. For more information, please call Admissions Director Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, ext. 514 or to www.theproutschool.org or BishopConnolly.com

Middletown/Newport Knights of Columbus 2021 Christmas Clothing Drive for the needy and homeless. Men's, women's and children's winter wear – new or used clothing in good condition. Coats, jackets, sweaters, hats scarves, gloves, pants, and shirts. Please drop off clothing donations at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall front entrance at 7 Valley Rd., Middletown on Wed. thru Fri. Dec 8 to 10 from 5 to 8pm.