

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, Dec. 11: Vigil, 3rd Sunday of Advent**
 5:00pm Manuel T. Mello
- Sunday, Dec. 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am Cesario Family
 10:30am Martin and Claire Curtis
 5:00pm Rocco and Elena DiNicola
- Monday, Dec. 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**
 9:00am St. Lucy Parishioners
- Tuesday, Dec. 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of the Church**
 9:00am Murphy and Stravato Families
 10:00am Funeral Mass for Robert Trainor
- Wed., Dec. 15: Advent Weekday**
 9:00am Afife and Joseph Menassa
- Thursday, Dec. 16: Advent Weekday**
 9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- Friday, Dec. 17: Late Advent Weekday**
 9:00am Sylvester S. Croy
 Vincent and Rita McMahon and family
- Saturday, Dec. 18: Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 5:00pm Clara G. Petrie (1st Anniversary)
- Sunday, Dec. 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am Bernice Mullen
 10:30am Lisa Silvia (Birthday Remembrance)
 5:00pm Luca Ribeiro (living)

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

- Monday, December 13 (Church: Adults & Teens, PC: Children)
6:30-7:15pm Advent Evening Prayer/Feast of St. Lucy
- Tuesday, December 14
 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)
 9:30am Bible Study
 4:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting
- Thursday, December 16
 3:30pm First Reconciliation Class
- Friday, December 17 (Church)
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
 7:50pm Benediction
- Sunday, December 19 (Church)
 After 10:30am Mass Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Sunday: Mt 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:30-45



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

This 3rd weekend of Advent we celebrate with **JOY** and we rejoice! From our first reading we are to *Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult with all your heart...the King of Israel is in your midst...you have nothing to fear.* From our Psalm we are to *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among us is the great and Holy One of Israel.* From St. Paul's letter, we should *Rejoice in the Lord always, rejoice! The Lord is near!*

Happiness, it seems, is a commodity that would be easy to find. It appears that some people have all the ingredients for happiness: wealth, fame, and power – but do not seem happy at all. This week of Advent is all about **JOY**, something very different than happiness that runs much deeper. Author Jerry Welte suggests that we imagine joy as a recipe, like baking a cake or a favorite dish, what would be the essential ingredients? Then, how would those ingredients be combined and in what amounts? Finally, how would we bake that recipe and serve it? Try to come up with your own recipe for **JOY**, tweaking until you get it right. Then serve a helping of **JOY** generously to everyone you encounter!

Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

CHURCH SUPPORT
 December 4/5, 2021

Weekly Collection \$4053.00
Electronic Giving \$1187.00

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!!

The second collection this weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Next weekend's second collection is for the Building and Maintenance Fund.

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 at **stlucy.org**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: Special envelopes for flower donations are located in the pews. If you would like to remember a loved one through your donation, please be sure to include those name(s) on your envelope. If you are enrolled in on-line giving and wish to remember a loved one, please list your names on the flower donation envelopes and indicate that you donated on-line.

OUTREACH NEWS

COMMUNITY ACTION GIVING TREE:

This year again we are working with the McKinney Shelter and Lucy's Hearth to aid our local area adults/families in need. We are asking for gift cards to **WalMart and Stop & Shop only** which will be distributed to the 41 residents at the McKinney Shelter and the 15 families at Lucy's Hearth. When you attend Mass you may bring the gift card in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and place it in the collection basket. If you are unable to attend Mass, you may mail it to the rectory or drop in the locked black box outside of the rectory.

PLEASE NOTE: Gift cards should be purchased in increments of either 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 dollars only (a \$50 donation would be two \$25 cards instead of one \$50). If you prefer to write a check or make a cash donation, we will purchase the gift cards. Please mark "Giving Tree" on your donations which will be accepted through Sunday, December 19th.

Thanksgiving Baskets - Thanks to all who donated turkeys, fresh produce and non-perishable items for the Salvation Army. In all, we collected and delivered a total of 23 turkeys, 481 pounds of food, and \$205.00 in cash! The staff at the Salvation Army extends its sincere and heartfelt thanks to St. Lucy's parishioners for their generosity! Your efforts helped our neighbors in need.

NEW BULLETIN COMING IN JANUARY
CALLING ALL SPONSORS!

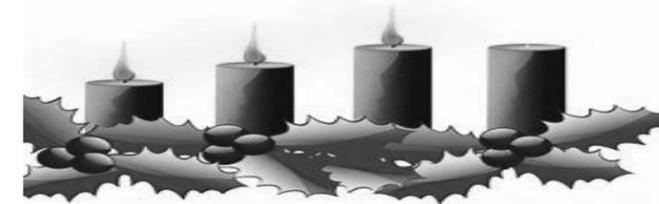
Beginning late January, we will have a new weekly parish bulletin. The new format will be a multi-page, full color edition. In order to do so, we have engaged the services of a third-party publication company, Liturgical Publications, Inc.



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.

ADVENT WEEK THREE



ADVENT EVENING PRAYER / FEAST OF ST LUCY: Monday, December 13th from 6:30-7:15pm. Adults and teens will gather in the church, younger parishioners and friends, (grade 6 and under) are welcome to gather in the Parish Center,

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

4pm Vigil Mass preceded by Pageant at 3:45pm (*)
 6pm Vigil Mass with Instrumental Accompaniments

Saturday, December 25:

Christmas Morning Mass at 9:00am only, with Instrumental Accompaniments

NOTE: There will NOT be a 5pm Mass on Saturday

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

Morning Mass at 8am and 10:30am
 Sunday Afternoon Mass at 5pm

(*)**The Children's Christmas Pageant** is slated for the Christmas Vigil Mass on Friday, Dec. 24 at 3:45pm. Children interested in participating should attend the **ONE REHEARSAL** this Sunday, Dec. 12 after the 10:30am Mass.

ADULT BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION CLASS: Everyone knows someone who has not been Confirmed or baptized in the church – maybe it's you. The next RCIA classes (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be starting shortly. Please invite your co-workers, family and friends to explore the program or have them contact us. We will have an informational meeting with individuals interested and those who choose to participate in the program will be baptized or confirmed at a time to be determined. Please send an email at StLucyOffice@gmail.com to let us know if you or anyone you know might be interested.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. LUCY PARISH IN YOUR RETIREMENT AND ESTATE PLANNING. Did you know you may avoid taxes on your annual Required Minimum Distributions if you transfer some or all of your earnings to St. Lucy's Church. Speak with your tax official or retirement planner for details.