

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. 25: The Nativity of the Lord**
 5:00pm NO CONFESSIONS or 5:00 MASS TODAY!
- Sunday, Dec. 26: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
 8:00am The People of St. Lucy's Church
 10:30am George and Helen Leeber
 5:00pm Frank P. "Mickey" Mello
- Monday, Dec. 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**
 9:00am Joyce M. Webber (Birthday Remembrance)
- Tuesday, Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
 9:00am Deirdre Walsh
 Sr. Kathleen Murphy
 10:00am Funeral: Ann Vorro
- Wed., Dec. 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**
 9:00am Gregory Ronald Karczewski
- Thursday, Dec. 30: 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
 9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- Friday, Dec. 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope**
 9:00am Theodore W. Croy
- Friday, Dec. 31: Vigil, Solemnity, Mary Mother of God ***
 6:00pm Fred Gauch
- Saturday, Jan. 1: Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord**
 5:00pm Billy Coffey
- Sunday, Jan. 2: Epiphany of the Lord**
 8:00am The People of St. Lucy's Church
 10:30am Eugene A. Brickach
 5:00pm (Available – call the office)

* **January 1, the 8th Day in the Octave of Christmas**, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year (falling on a Saturday). We will celebrate one Vigil Mass on the 31st in commemoration of the day.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

- Tuesday, December 28
 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)
 9:30am Bible Study

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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

A Merry Christmas to you, and blessings on this Feast Day of the Holy Family! It's fitting that we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph so soon after celebrating The Nativity because this season is filled with family time that is a blessing yet, at the same time, somewhat stressful. The celebration of The Holy Family helps us focus on what family is all about.

As our family gatherings continue, take advantage of being together and commit to looking at your loved ones from a different perspective: through the child-like eyes of Jesus born to, for, and in us on Christmas. Look with His eyes of love, mercy, compassion, truth, wisdom, and *especially* - with humor. Find each person's holiness and beauty she/he brings to your family. Our families are a gift that our loving God chose for us and blessed us with. Count your blessings of family of origin, family of faith, and for the people who comprise family to you on this Holy Family Sunday. In the words of Saint Pope John Paul II: "Family is not merely the sum of persons belonging to it, but a 'community of persons'. A community is more than the sum total of persons that belong to it. It is the place where one learns to love, it is the natural center of human life. It is made up of faces, of people who love, dialogue, make self-sacrifices for one another and defend our most feeble and weak." Happy Holy Family Sunday!

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

**CHURCH SUPPORT
 December 18/19, 2021**

Weekly Collection	\$4,305.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,009.00
Building and Maintenance Fund	\$1,592.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,866.00

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 at **stlucy.org**

**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 or send email to mhoffman@4LPI.com. 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.

TRAVELING FOR THE HOLIDAYS? Find mass schedules for any Catholic church at www.masstimes.org or call 1-800-masstimes. Did you know there ARE Catholic churches near the ski slopes, in-laws, or Grandma's house, too?



CONGRATULATIONS- JACK HARDING, Troop 1 - Portsmouth, and St. Lucy Parishioner, who recently celebrated his Eagle Scout Court of Honor – scouting's highest achievement.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Thank you to all who contributed to decorate our church in memory of your loved ones. A full list of memorials will be published soon



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME HOME!

On behalf of the parish family at St. Lucy Church, Christmas Blessings to you and your family, and welcome home.

Maybe you've been away at school, moved out of town, new to the area, or just haven't been here in a while. It's always great to see friends and family again. This is especially true during the Christmas season when we give thanks for God's blessings which include you.

If you're visiting for the first time, a special welcome to you. We are so glad you answered God's call to come home to Him. Please introduce yourself after Mass (I'm still new here, too!). I hope you will discover our community to be one of His Sacraments, faith, growing in the mission and call of Jesus Christ. Please check out the information on our website, visit the area in the back of the church, but most of all, feel welcomed in God's home, our home, your home.

Peace of Christ to you, on this Holy Season and every day.

Fr. Codega

and your ministers of St. Lucy Church

THANK YOU...to the all who helped prepare our church for the Christmas season; for those who donated to this year's flower memorials, for all who helped with our liturgies and especially to our music ministry.

We chose to go with a gold and white theme this year. Afterall, while the secular world celebrates with red and green during the season, the Church's Liturgical color for Christmas is white and gold. Seems fitting.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JANUARY 20-22 ANNUAL RESPECT FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC. "Equality Begins in the Womb". Advance registration required, space is limited, first come, first served. Basic Itinerary: Thursday evening, Jan. 20 – bus leaves RI to DC, Friday, Jan. 21- Mass, Rally and March, Early morning, Sat., Jan. 22 – return to RI. Please contact LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org or call 401-278-2518 to register and for all details. Groups are encouraged to register ASAP.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some are seven sessions on weekdays from 7pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited, and \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org>. Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Marriage Encounter Experience.