

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, Jan. 1: Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord**
5:00pm Billy Coffey
- Sunday, Jan. 2: Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00am Deceased members of the Codega family
10:30am Eugene A. Brickach (1st Anniversary)
5:00pm The People of St. Lucy's Church
- Monday, Jan. 3: Holy Name of Jesus**
9:00am
- Tuesday, Jan. 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**
9:00am
- Wed., Jan. 5: St. St. John Neumann, Bishop**
9:00am
- Thursday, Jan. 6: St. Andre Bessette, Religious**
9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- Friday, Jan. 7: St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest**
9:00am Maria Oliveira
- Saturday, Jan. 8: Vigil, Baptism of the Lord**
5:00pm Michelline Marion, Alicia Lewis
- Sunday, Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord**
8:00am The People of St. Lucy's Church
10:30am
5:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

- Tuesday, January 4
6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)
9:30am Bible Study
7:00pm Community Action Committee
- Friday, January 7 (Church)
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:50pm Benediction

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



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

I've shared this with you previously and do once again because it is one of my favorite ways of celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

I learned of this custom nearly 25 years ago in my home parish when at the start of the Mass the Priest stood in the main doorway of the Church, and while leading prayer he wrote with chalk on the top beam of the doorway. Today, on this feast of the Epiphany, the writing above the doorway should read: **20 + C + M + B + 22**. If you were a visitor to my home, you would in fact see these numbers and letters on my doorpost.

The custom of the Blessing of the Home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord originated in Germany and is still celebrated during the children's festival, January 1-6, as they celebrate Three Kings Day. The children, dressed as the three kings carry sticks with stars on top, and go from house to house gathering offerings for poor children. At each house they paint the numbers and letters, which are Latin *Christus Manionem Benedicat* and translate to *Christ bless this house*. These letters are also the first letters of the names of the astrologers: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The numbers stand for the year we enter into.

I hope that this custom may become a tradition for your household, if it isn't already! Gather outside the most used entrance to your home. Begin your blessing by singing *We Three Kings* and praying the Sign of the Cross. Reader: "Loving God, the doors of our hearts and the doors of our home are open to you and to all who need warmth and welcome." Using chalk, write above the entryway: **20 + C + M + B + 22**. ALL: "We give you thanks for our home, for the gift of family, and for the blessing of friends. Reader: Let us pray for God's blessing. "Help us to love and respect one another and make your presence known by the way we care for others. Keep us safe as we come in and as we go out each day. Bless our home, bless all who live here, and bless all guests who visit this home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." May this doorpost blessing that you (hopefully) write on your doorway be a reminder for you to bring Jesus' light into your home and out into the world.

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

**CHURCH SUPPORT
December 24/25**

Weekly Collection \$4,657
Electronic Giving \$1,184
Christmas Offerings \$6,475

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!!

Next week's 2nd Collection is for the St. Lucy's 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.

**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?

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-22



CHRISTMAS CONTINUES

Before we move on to Valentine's day, remember it's still Christmas! On this second Sunday after Christmas we celebrate Epiphany – Christ's revelation of God to the world, signified by the arrival of the Magi.

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.

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.

THANK YOU...for the many cards and offerings sent to the rectory this week. Please know how much we appreciate your prayers and support.

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

Fr. Codega

and your ministers of St. Lucy Church

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.