

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. 8: Vigil, Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm Michelline Marion, Alicia Lewis

Sunday, Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Fr. John Duggan
10:30am The People of St. Lucy's Church
5:00pm

Monday, Jan. 10: Weekday Mass

9:00am Intentions of our Youth and Yyoung Adults

Tuesday, Jan. 11: Weekday Mass

9:00am Angelo Lombardo

Wed., Jan. 12: Weekday Mass

9:00am Luca Ribeiro - Living

Thursday, Jan. 13: St. Hilary, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday, Jan. 14: Weekday Mass

9:00am James D. Nesbit

Saturday, Jan. 15: Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Maria Oliveira

Sunday, Jan. 16: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am The People of St. Lucy's Church
10:30am Deceased Members of the Mastriano Family
5:00pm (available – please call the office)



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

During Advent we heard the preaching of John the Baptist preparing us and readying us for Jesus to come into our lives and hearts.

Jesus has come, Lord and love Incarnate, living among us. Today we celebrate Jesus' baptism by John. "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his ministry, his service, his purpose.

On this last day of the Christmas season, we should remember and reflect upon how each one of us was called and welcomed into the Family of God through our own baptism. Our (my) baptism was the first step in the lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus, of becoming more Christ-like. Take time today to reflect upon and re-commit to keeping the promises made at our own Baptism. On the day of Baptism the priest/deacon prayed the words: "Receive the white garment, never let it become stained so that when we stand before our Lord Jesus we may have life everlasting." Our sponsors were given a lighted candle praying these words: *Receive this burning light, and keep the grace of your baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God. Then, when the Lord comes to the heavenly wedding feast, you will be able to meet him with all the saints in the halls of heaven, and live forever and ever.* Moving from the Christmas season into Ordinary Time, may we, like Jesus, live out our Baptism into growing in faith - through prayer and acts of love.

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 1/2, 2022

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| Weekly Collection | \$ |
| Solemnity of Mary | |
| On-Line Giving | \$ |
| St. Lucy's Maintenance Fund | \$ |

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!!

Next week's 2nd Collection is for the Catholic University.

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

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.

St. Lucy's Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

Conference extends our heartfelt gratitude to parishioners and businesses who answered our call for help. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to help our neighbors in need this winter. In December, we provided rent and utilities assistance to four families who were facing crisis before the holidays. Many more confront dismal situations in the coming months, as job losses, evictions, and homelessness increase during the pandemic. Please continue to remember SVDP St. Lucy Conference in your prayers and by your contributions. Donations can be made to SVDP St. Lucy Conference and mailed to 909 West Main Rd., Middletown, RI 02842 or dropped in the poor box in the Church Narthex. SVdP will meet on Tuesday, Jan 11 at 4pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to come and learn about our mission of Faith, Friendship and Service. To learn more about SVdP, contact us at stlucysvdp@gmail.com.

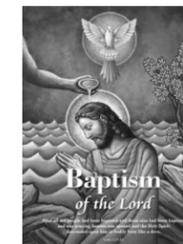
KEEP THE HEAT ON

Bishop Tobin has once again kicked off his annual "Keep the Heat On" challenge to help struggling families with heating assistance when all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the winter have been exhausted. This year, the Diocese has made it possible for people to donate by text message: To donate \$10, text HEAT to 27722. To donate \$25, text HEATRI to 27722. Those in need of heating assistance, visit www.heatri.com or call 401-421-7833x107

CHRISTMAS SEASON CONTINUES

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 9



Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

REBUILDING OUR PARISH CHURCH: As Father Codega announced at Masses last weekend, 2022 will present great opportunities and obligations to rebuild and grow our parish church in the post-pandemic world. In addition we need to reach out to the 18,000 residents of our town as well as the thousands of "daily parishioners" who come to the island to work each week.

We need your help. As we invoke the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we will need the energies, enthusiasm, and talents of many, and the prayers and support of the entire parish. An informational meeting will be held in February for all who wish to join in this initiative. Please call or email Fr. Codega and let him know you would like a personal reminder of the meeting. Teens and young adults are especially encouraged to step up. StLucyOffice@gmail.com

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. Saturday, Jan. 22 is the return trip to RI. To register and for all details, please contact LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org or call 401-278-2518

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2022

The prayer intentions are entrusted to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, which Pope Francis officially established as a pontifical work on 17 November 2020. The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is a pontifical work with the mission of mobilizing Catholics through prayer and action, in the face of the challenges confronting humanity and the mission of the Church. These challenges are addressed in the form of prayer intentions entrusted by the Pope to the entire Church. Its mission is inscribed in the dynamic of the Heart of Jesus: a mission of compassion for the world.

Holy Father's Universal Prayer intention for January, 2022: For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

Tuesday, January 11

6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)
9:30am Bible Study
4:00pm SVdP Meeting

Friday, January 14 (Church)

5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:50pm Benediction

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-30
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**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 has been reserving advertising sponsorships since 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.