

# St. Lucy Catholic Church

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### SACRAMENTS AT ST. LUCY'S

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:00PM, or anytime  
by appointment

**Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated monthly but  
must be scheduled weeks in advance. Active parishioners should contact your parish office to begin preparations.

**Marriage:** Diocesan requirements state that arrangements should begin at least 6 months to one year before desired  
date of marriage. Active parishioners should contact the parish office for more details.

**Adult Confirmation:** Preparation for RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation & Baptism for Adults, begins in October.  
Candidates are prepared for sacraments at Easter. Contact your parish office for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Chaplains are available at the local hospital during the day and in the evenings for emergency.  
Because of privacy issues you may have to ask to see the priest. However, if you know you are going, or know of  
someone who could use a visit today, please do not hesitate to call your parish priest.

**Holy Orders:** Is God calling you or someone you know to the priesthood? Look into the invitation by speaking with  
your parish priest or visit the diocesan vocations office website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com)



# The Fifth Sunday of Lent



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 intentions" are not appropriate to be published here but should be brought to Mass on your own.

**Saturday, April 2: Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5:00pm Sr. Margaret Mary Schissler DSMP

**Sunday, April 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00am The People of St. Lucy's

10:30am The People of St. Lucy's

5:00pm James and Catherine Reynolds

Harry and Edith Silvia

**Monday, April 4: St. Isadore, Bishop & Dr. of the**

9:00am

**Tuesday, April 5: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest**

9:00am Kaitlin & Liam Murphy (living)

**Wednesday, April 6: Lenten Weekday**

9:00am

**Thursday, April 7: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Friday, April 8: Lenten Weekday**

9:00am The people of St. Lucy's

**Saturday, April 9: Vigil of the Palm Sunday**

5:00pm Intentions of our youth, young adults

**Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday**

8:00am William Smythe & Elizabeth Gauch

10:30am

5:00pm Deceased loved ones - St. Columba Cemetery

**THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

**Monday, April 4**

6:30-7:30pm Holy Hour w/ Confessions (Church)

**Tuesday, April 5**

6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)

9:30am Bible Study

9:45am Helping Hearts

7:00pm Community Action Committee

**Thursday, April 7**

3:45-4:45pm First Holy Communion Class

**Friday, April 8 (Church)**

5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Benediction, then Stations of the Cross Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet



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

Today's Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery is one that we are familiar with, so might not pay it much attention. The gathered crowd doesn't want a gentle punishment for the adulteress woman, but one of vengeance. What is Jesus' response? He does the unexpected, Jesus offers mercy instead!

When a judgmental thought begins to arise in you, go and look at your reflection in the mirror. Look deep within yourself to see what is being exposed or revealed about yourself before falling into the chasm of imposing a judgment on another. In today's Gospel, Jesus pours out his love on the adulterous woman telling her to *go and sin no more*. No matter what we bring to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, be assured that **His mercy and forgiveness is ours!** Check out the purple [Lent Schedule](#) for an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during these last weeks of Lent.

Colette M. Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

Our final 2021-2022 LIFE celebration is Sunday (4/3). Our theme this month is *Praying through Holy Week*. The celebration begins with families participating at the 10:30am Mass, then continuing through 2pm in the Parish Center where a light snack is provided before continuing on with age-appropriate learning components, building friendships, and sharing in prayer together.

**First Communion class** is on Thursday, April 7 from 3:45-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

**NEW ALTAR FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

With the bishop's permission, at Fr. Codega's request, a local furniture maker is crafting a new altar for the Blessed Sacrament on which will be placed a stand-alone tabernacle to be revealed during Holy Week. (All labor and materials are being generously donated.)

The existing wall-tabernacle is fine, but does it accurately express the True Presence of Christ in the Sacrament?

The new altar will take the place of the presider's chair, - the chair will be set to the side.

The new altar will more closely fulfill the general instruction that "the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer."



# The Fifth Sunday of Lent

## COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC) LENTEN

**PROJECT:** The CAC is seeking donations of toiletries to fill the need of these items for the residents of the McKinney Shelter. The shelter has approximately 40 residents (men & women). The items requested are: FULL SIZE bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, women's hygiene products, toothpaste (large tubes) and toothbrushes. Bins are in the Narthex of the Church and are marked Toiletries - McKinney Shelter. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL (SVdP) NEWS:

Thank you for continuing to remember SVdP with your prayers and donations, which can be dropped in the SVdP box in the entrance, or mailed to the offices.



During the month of April, the Middletown Stop & Shop "Bloomin' for Good" program will once again benefit St. Lucy's SVdP. For every "Bloomin' for Good" flower bouquet sold during April, Stop & Shop will donate \$1 to our cause.

## 2022 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL (CCA)

THE ANNUAL CCA IS UNDERWAY IN OUR PARISH. Pledge and donation envelopes are in the pews, or you can use the QR code below. Make sure to choose St. Lucy as your parish. The Diocese of Providence relies on your help and support to meet the needs of dozens of supported ministries in the state of Rhode Island. These funds are not used for the administration of the Diocese. Your tax-deductible gift to the CCA helps thousands of people in need every year.



Please return your envelopes next week. Thank you, always, for your prayerful generosity.

2022 St. Lucy Parish Goal: \$59,375  
Pledged to date: \$26,617  
Percent of Goal: 45%  
Family Participation: 92 / 1000

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,33-62/Jn 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17: 3-9/Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/  
Lk 22:14-23:56

## JOB OPENING - ST LUCY CHURCH

We have an immediate job opening for a part-time maintenance person, jack-of-all-trades. Flexible hours but must commit to a weekly schedule, submit to a BCI and have a valid driver's license. Some heavy lifting including yard work and snow removal. Send an email directly to Fr. Codega at PastorStLucyRI@gmail.com



## WHAT ARE WE SINGING DURING LENT?

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison (Greek)  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, (Latin)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, ...  
...miserere nobis -- have mercy on us.  
...dona nobis pacem -- Grant us peace.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER** will host a MOBILE FOOD PANTRY. Go to [www.mlkccenter.org/calendar](http://www.mlkccenter.org/calendar) to see the site schedule. Social distancing is required. Bring a photo I.D. and proof of address. Bring your own bags! Dress for the weather. For more information, call 846-4828.

**Bilingual Prayer Service for Ukraine:** Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's, Newport. We will come together as faith community to ask for God's protection on the people of Ukraine. There will be a mayoral address, a presentation on non-violence, songs, readings, and a special collection for Ukraine.

**Ukraine Presentation at St. Mary Church in Newport (This will be a repeat of the presentation recently held at St. Lucy's Church.)** on Wednesday, April 6 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. A military officer from Ukraine who is studying at the Naval War College, and his wife, will give a brief presentation. The evening will include the Stations of the Cross reflecting the suffering in Ukraine. A free-will offering will be gratefully received. All monies will be given to Catholic Relief to assist the refugees, as well as a medical clinic in Ukraine specializing in helping children epilepsy. Oleksei's son has this condition.



**HELP UPDATE OUR PARISH CENSUS:** We are always looking to update Parishioner information in our database program and could use your help. Please email [stlucyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stlucyoffice@gmail.com) with the following information for every person in your household: Names with their respective Date of Birth, preferred Phone #, Email addresses, child's school name & grade. Your help with providing us this information is greatly appreciated.

# Sunday, April 3, 2022

## CHURCH SUPPORT

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING:

**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](http://stlucy.org) or scan here.



**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 annual earnings to St. Lucy's Church? Speak with your tax official or retirement planner for details.

### NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS?

Welcome. Glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to Father after Mass.

Dear Fr. Codega:

We are interested in becoming parishioners at St. Lucy's.

Please send us information:

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

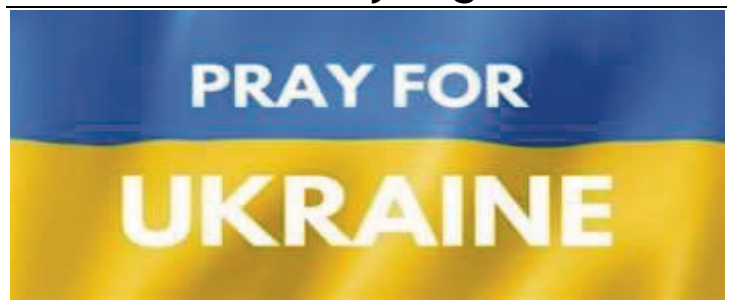
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*Drop this in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the parish office and we'll send you a welcome package.*





**LENT SCHEDULE (will be updated each week)**

**MONDAY NIGHT HOLY HOUR WITH RECONCILIATION**

Stop by for a few minutes or an hour, in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Father Codega will also be available for Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) from 6:30 - 7:30PM. Pamphlets entitled "How to Make a Good Confession" are available in the back of the church.

**- Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30AM**

Men's Prayer Group. Gather with other men to begin your day with the Lord.

**-Fridays 5:00 - 7:00PM**

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**-Fridays 7:00PM**

Stations will be prayed Fridays during Lent at 7:00PM - following Benediction - which will conclude our weekly holy hour.

Prayed devotion will follow Station until 8PM.

**NB:** In years past, Stations were prayed in conjunction with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. However, on further review, because adoration is a devotion focusing our attention on the Blessed Sacrament, it isn't appropriate to pray other devotions during this sacred time. Therefore, we will conclude Adoration with Benediction at 7PM, then begin our celebration of the Station.

**- Saturdays 4:00PM**

Sacramental Reconciliation (Confessions)

As scheduled each week

**FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59 - and encouraged for all ages. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 and older. The fast on Good Friday is continued until after the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

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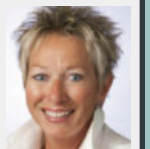
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