

MASS INTENTIONS There are Mass intentions available for October. 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, Oct. 9: Vigil, 28th Sunday Ordinary Time**
 5:00pm Peggy Hughes (Birthday Remembrance)
- Sunday, Oct. 10: 28th Sunday Ordinary Time**
 8:00am Carl L. Myers
 10:30am George and Helen Leeber
 5:00pm Wallace B. Shepherd
- Monday, Oct. 11: St. John XXIII, Pope, Columbus Day**
 9:00am William Brower
- Tuesday, Oct. 12 Weekday**
 9:00am Catherine Stahl
- Wed., Oct. 13 Weekday**
 9:00am Afife and Joseph Menassa
- Thursday, Oct. 14: St. Calistus I, Pope and Martyr**
 9:00am Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion
- Friday, Oct. 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
 9:00am
- Saturday, Oct. 16: Vigil -29th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 5:00pm
- Sunday, Oct 17: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time; Laity Sunday**
 8:00am Betty and Spooner Families
 10:30am Paula R. Messina
 5:00pm For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, October 12
 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group
 9:30am Helping Hearts Meeting
 9:30am Bible Study/Talk
 4:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Wednesday, October 13
 7:00pm Community Action Committee Meeting
- Friday, October 15
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
 7:50pm Benediction

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45



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

While preparing for a presentation about sacraments, I thought I'd share some of these thoughts with you. Day after day and week after week God invites us to share in the Eucharistic Feast. WE are invited guests of our loving God! WE are to come with a heart full of praise and thanks, to be nourished by Jesus and to be sent forth to bring Jesus into all of our daily situations. WE are called to live in the Holy Spirit as we try to love and serve others.

Do we look at our coming to the Table of the Lord as if we've been invited to a *feast*; or do we come to the Table of the Lord out of habit, maybe come begrudgingly? (How) Do we prepare our hearts and inner most being to receive the fullness of the love and grace that is ours in this Sacrament? Participating in the Liturgy fills us spiritually, partaking of Holy Communion fills us, nourishes us, and sustains us.

A study by Duke University tells us how weekly participation at Mass can help our entire being. [*Good News About Going To Mass.*] *Weekly participation will: *Reduce the risk of ever committing a crime. *Provide a sense of right and wrong. *Improve odds for a very happy life. *Increase average life expectancy by 8 years. *Less likely to suffer from depression. *Reduce tendency toward rebelliousness. *Significantly reduce likelihood of using alcohol, tobacco and drugs. *Improve attitude at school and school participation. *Dramatically lower risk of suicide.* I'm no expert, but I would say that these are some pretty great side benefits!

Our Religious Education/LIFE celebrations begin next Sunday, 10/17! LIFE'ers are invited to participate in the 10:30am Mass then go over to the Parish Center where we will gather to grow as a Community of Faith. *Prayer* is our theme that will be developed throughout the year.

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

Pennies for Prescriptions: It's October! The Community Action Committee is collecting "Pennies for Prescriptions" and we are again asking for your support. Money collected will be donated to Lucy's Hearth for prescription needs for the residents. Jars will be set out at the entrance of the church for you to deposit your pennies.

ALTAR SERVERS The ministry of Altar Servers by young parishioners for our weekend Masses are being asked to step up. Youth and older teens alike are invited and most welcome to become a part of this ministry in service of our Lord and our fellow parishioners. Contact the Office of Fr. Codega directly now for more information.



TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS, Liturgical Ministers: We are asking young adults and teens to step forward. Your church needs you to assist at Masses as Lectors (any age), proclaiming His Word or as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (you must be Confirmed for this role). Please speak with Fr. Codega after Mass or email him at FrCodega@aol.com



CHURCH SUPPORT

October 2/3, 2021

Weekly Collection \$3983.00
Electronic Giving \$792.00
Seminarians' Education \$1266.00
 The second collection this weekend is for Buildings and Maintenance.

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. **StLucy.org**

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: Thanks you for contributing to the recent Friends of the Poor Walk. We collected \$385.00 which goes directly to help our neighbors pay rent, utilities or other basic needs. You can support SVdP with your cash or a check donation in the collection box in the Church Narthex, or by becoming a benefactor with a tax-deductible donation given directly to the Conference. To learn more about giving and membership opportunities, contact us at stlucysvdp@gmail.com. SVdP will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 4pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

ADULT BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION: Most everyone knows someone who has not been Baptized or Confirmed in the Catholic Faith. RCIA (Rite of Christian Adults) is the program for them and here's our chance to evangelize, invite them to come forward. Our program will begin in October with candidates being brought in to the Church at Easter. For more information, please call the office and leave your name and number or email Jane at StLucyOffice@gmail.com.

Haunted Labyrinth 2021: The annual Rejoice in Hope Youth Center Haunted Labyrinth, (804 Dyer Ave., Cranston, RI) will open Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31 from 7pm to 10pm. Admission \$12 All proceeds to benefit Rejoice in Hope Youth Center (Please bring this ad with you and receive \$1.00 off) Thank you for supporting Catholic Youth Ministry! For more info go to www.hauntedlabyrinth.com, or call 943-8686.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

PROJECT RACHEL/RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT – POST-ABORTION SUPPORT – A journey to healing for anyone that has been touched by abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive post-abortion weekend retreat that provides participants an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow, to form spiritual connection with their child(ren), to experience the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus and to begin a journey toward healing. The next retreat is Friday, Oct. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 31. For more information call Lisa Cooley at 401-278-2518. Services are provided by a team of trained individuals, a Catholic therapist and trained clergy. All calls are kept strictly confidential.

"MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST" Exhibition by Blessed Carlo Acutis will be on display Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 11:30am to 4pm in St. Mark Church, 60 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI.



40 Days for Life: Annual Life Chain
 Visit 40daysforlife.com/Providence and consider signing up yourself, parish, or family for a vigil. If you are unable to attend a gathered prayer vigil, you may choose to pledge a Rosary each day for 40 days to end abortion.

St. Joseph's Church in Newport will be hosting a **3-Night Marian Mission** on Tuesday, Oct. 12 – Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7pm nightly. For more information on this Marian Mission, go to www.stjosephsnewport.org.

Bishop Hendricken Open House is on Saturday, October 30th from Noon to 3pm. Information on admissions as well as academics, arts, athletics and extracurricular activities will be available. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 889-5425.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING CHILDREN a second time around. About 13,000 children in Rhode Island are being raised by their Grandparents. Caregiving for grandchildren is a unique experience that can put a strain on family dynamics in many different ways. Child & Family, in collaboration with Newport County Prevention Coalition, offers a support group for grandparents who are the primary caregivers to their grandchildren, providing an opportunity to come together and mutually support each other. In addition, the Grandfamily Support Initiative also serves to connect grandfamilies to resources specific needs. If you are interested in attending, referring potential members, or supporting the initiative please contact Gregory Thompson at 413-426-1564 or gthompson@riprevention.org. Upcoming Meeting: Oct. 19th at 3pm, Child and Family Services, Middletown, RI