

**MASS INTENTIONS** There are Mass intentions available for September. 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, Sept. 18: Vigil -25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 5:00pm Joseph Macedo (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
 Sunday, Sept. 19: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 8:00am Eleanor Santos (Birthday and 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
 Paula Sheahan Karlson  
 10:30am George and Helen Leeber  
 Lillian and Frederick Peterson  
 5:00pm Stanley and Dorothy Bochenek  
 Monday, Sept. 20: St. Andrew Kim and companions  
 9:00am Michelle Cole  
 Tuesday, Sept. 21: St. Matthew, apostle  
 9:00am John Kinsella (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 Wed., Sept. 22: Weekday  
 9:00am George Silvia (Birthday Remembrance)  
 Thursday, Sept. 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
 9:00am Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion  
 Friday, Sept. 24: Weekday  
 9:00am Vincent and Rita McMahon and family  
 Saturday, Sept. 25: Vigil, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
 5:00pm Frank P. "Mickey" Mello  
 Sunday, Sept. 26: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
 8:00am Robert and Catherine Edward  
 10:30am Ermita Gomes  
 5:00pm The people of St. Lucy's Parish

**THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, September 21  
 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group  
 9:30-10:30am Bible Study/Talk  
 Friday, September 24  
 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
 7:50pm Benediction

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48



**LIFE** (Learning In Faith Experiences – our Parish-wide Religious Education Program) "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed" is the theme of today's observance of Catechetical Sunday in Churches all across the United States. To go along with this theme, a visual of Jesus healing a blind man by anointing his eyes is offered to us.

These words that we pray at Mass, "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed" have the power to remind us to open ourselves to the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist. We humbly ask Him to say the word, and with that prayer and our faith, we believe that Jesus will enter under our roof and our souls shall be healed.

On this Catechetical Sunday many parishes will call forth and pray for individuals who serve in this ministry. But I think that Catechetical Sunday offers a wonderful opportunity for each of us to reflect on the role that we each play, by virtue of our Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us: parents, children, young adults, grandparents, foster parents, guardians, and yes – catechists, to re-dedicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

May we each pray this Catechist's Prayer for ourselves as we minister in the Domestic Church of our homes, and our Catechetical leaders who serve within our parish as we look forward to a new year of on-going faith formation.

**A Catechist's Prayer:** *Loving Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Open my mind and heart to receive and respond to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive. Let the fire of your love enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.* [USCCB, Washington, DC, 2021]

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

Registration for 2021-2022 Religious Education /LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences) is IN-PERSON ONLY TODAY after the Sat., 5pm Mass and Sun., after the 8am and 10:30am Masses. Stop by, register, and meet the LIFE team in the Church Narthex.

**MOMS AND DADS:** Pastors to your home church, thank you for accepting this responsibility with all its opportunities and challenges. When you asked to have your children baptized, you made the promise of raising them in The Faith and your parish church promised to assist you. In this post-pandemic world, perhaps like no other time in a generation, is this role most needed. Thank you!



**CHURCH SUPPORT**  
 September 11/12, 2021

**Weekly Collection \$4228.00**  
**Building and Maintenance \$1698.00**  
**Electronic Giving \$1422.00**  
**Second Collection this week is for the Priests' Retirement Fund.**

*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**

**TROPICAL STORM IDA - DAMAGE UPDATE**

Good news, bad news. Our insurance company has committed to pay for the emergency temporary and the permanent repairs to the Bailey Brook crossing structure and road that failed during the storm. An engineer is working on the plans and numbers are being collected. They have initially denied, however, our claim for the water damage in the rectory citing policy that says ground water intrusion is not covered. As we investigate the entry point of the water, we'll continue to argue our premise that it wasn't ground water until after it was storm water!

Let's continue our prayers and support for those much more seriously and drastically affected by the storm – especially those who have died.

**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](mailto:FrCodega@aol.com)

**Men's Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday Morning in the church from 6:30-7:30AM. This scripture based group is a casual yet important way for men to start their week and be better husbands to the wives, brothers to each other, sons in the world. In this year of St. Joseph, consider asking his intercession in your life. Just stop in and see what's going on, no commitments necessary



**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](mailto:StLucyOffice@gmail.com).

**MEMORIAL FLAG GARDEN** honoring our first responders and military personnel has been proposed for the grounds on West Main Road side of the church. A committee is being formed to explore the options and start planning. Anyone who wishes to step in to help may do so. Please call the office or email [StLucyOffice@gmail.com](mailto:StLucyOffice@gmail.com) for more information. Flyers are available in the front of the church and on our website [StLucy.org](http://StLucy.org)

**GOSSIP AMONG THE FAITHFUL:** Pope Francis has said of gossip, "Slander or false testimony... always kills. This 'diabolical cancer,' arises from the will to attack someone's reputation also destroys the rest of the ecclesial body."



**40 Days for Life**

Saturday, September 25 | 40 Days for Life Kick Off Rally – a Jericho Walk for Life, 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, 244 Smith Street, Providence

Together we will peacefully and respectfully walk to the Rhode Island State House, 82 Smith Street and prayerfully walk around the State House three times for Life.

Wednesday, September 22 through Sunday, October 31 | 40 Days for Life Visit [40daysforlife.com/Providence](http://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.

