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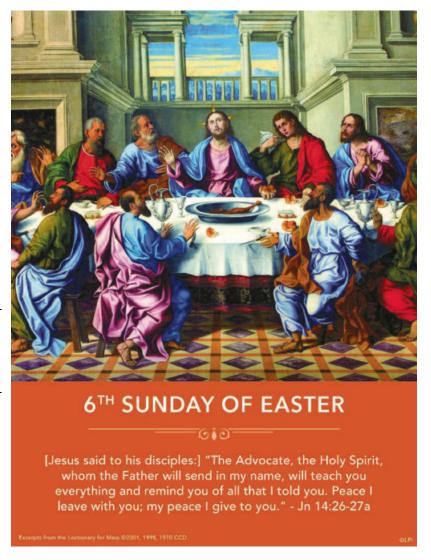
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SACRAMENTS AT ST. LUCY's

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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. Mass intentions are published so the entire community may 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. Likewise, we pray for all the departed at every Mass, so Mass intentions "for the souls in purgatory" is redundant

Saturday, May 21: Vigil - 6th Sunday of Easter 5:00pm For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 22: 6th Sunday of Easter 8:00am Rev. Kevin Brooksbank

10:30am For the (living) people of the parish

5:00pm Andrew Gauthier

Monday, May 23: Easter Weekday
9:00am Travis Rainville

Tuesday, May 24: Easter Weekday 9:00am Miriam Finerty

Wednesday, May 25: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest

and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory

VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de

Pazzi, Virgin

9:00am Afife & Joseph Menassa

Thursday, May 26: The Ascension of The Lord

9:00am

7:00pm For the (living) people of the parish

Friday, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 9:00am Vincent & Rita McMahon & Family

Saturday, May 28: Vigil - Seventh Sunday of Easter 5:00pm Daisy Souden

Sunday, May 29: Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am For the (living) people of the parish 10:30am Francis Mendonca (1st Anniversary)

5:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

Tuesday, May 24

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

9:30am Bible Study

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul

Friday, May 27 (Church)

5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,

8:00pm Benediction

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

Last weekend there were 8 gun violence events in the United States, some were mass shootings; the war in Ukraine continues. Despite these horrible and tragic events, Jesus tells us "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him...Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

There are good things that happen in our world - unfortunately those are not the things that make the headline news. The way for us to experience that peace that Jesus gives is to focus our thoughts, worries, anxieties on Him - in prayer. He is the source of all peace and hope.

We pray...

When someone asks me to do something...

Lord, help me to be like you.

When I meet someone new...

Lord, help me to be like you.

When faced with a decision, small or large...

Lord, help me to be like you.

When demands are made upon my time...

Lord, help me to be like you.

When despair and apathy are present...

Lord, help me to be like you.

When life seems burdensome...

Lord, help me to be like you.

When I forget how powerful words can be...

Lord, help me to be like you. When faced with an injustice... Lord, help me to be like you.

We may not be able to be leaders in bringing peace to all the ends of the earth, but His peace is available to us and can permeate our lives and the lives of those we encounter.

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator



CALL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers: Our next schedule will be out soon. Invite those feeling called to serve around the Altar of Our Lord to call or email the office this week. Training and resources are provided. Full active conscious participation is enhanced by your presence.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



ELEMENTARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Financial aid may be available from the parish for active parish families with students at Catholic elementary schools (K-8). In order to qualify, families must have first completed a diocesan financial aid application (FACTS) through the school. The diocese will send the

parish a list of families who have applied for assistance. Active parish families may call or email the parish office for a parish application. Awards are not announced until well after June 30, the close of our fiscal year.

St. Lucy's COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE is requesting donations to support St. Gabriel's Call, whose mission is to "reach out to all moms and dads during and beyond pregnancy by providing material items, emotional and spiritual support - especially if they are in an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. Our message is the same as the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation to Mary of the birth of Jesus: 'Do not be afraid!'

Requested items: practical baby seasonal clothing (onesies, sleepers, play outfits); diapers sizes 4,5,6,and pull-ups (larger sizes greatly needed); shampoo, baby wash; wipes; bottles; sippy cups; umbrella strollers; crib sheets; socks. We do not accept baby powder. Please deposit **unwrapped** items in the bins marked St. Gabriel's Call in the entrance of the Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS: SVdP continues to meet the needs of our neighbors facing hardships. In just the first 2 weeks of May, we have given nearly \$2,000 to help five families avoid evictions or utility shutoffs. As prices rise and rents increase dramatically, SVdP



is in even more need of your prayers and support. Donations can be dropped in the SVDP box in the Narthex or mailed to the rectory. For more information, please contact us at stlucysvdp@gmail.com.

St. Lucy's SVdP will meet Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to come and learn more about our mission and membership opportunities.



PARISH FINNACE

council: Fr. Codega is seeking a couple more members for the parish finance council. Mandated by Canon Law, the council assists the pastor in an advisory capacity in the



administration of the parish's material goods. The council meets in the evenings, four times a year or as needed. Diverse professional backgrounds are encouraged to participate: real estate, law, military, banking, medical. Please email Father Codega at StLucyOffice@gmail.com for more information

AROUND THE DIOCESE

All Saints STEAM Academy has openings available for the 2022-2023 school year in grades Pre-K to 8. Classes are filling fast. All Saints offers an affordable Catholic education for children in Newport County. Schedule a tour and learn about our exciting



program that blends STEAM education with traditional curriculum. For more information call 401-848-4300.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CILD. A Spiritual Retreat for Parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any cause is offered through The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents at St. Theresa Parish, 265 Stafford Rd., Tiverton. This Spiritual Retreat is on Saturday, June 18th from 11am to 5:30pm. \$25 for individuals; \$40 for couples. For info or to register, go to www.emfgp.org.

THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER hosts a MOBILE FOOD PANTRY. Go to www.mlkccenter.org/calendar to see the site schedule. Bring a photo I.D., proof of address and your own bags! Dress for the weather. For information, call 846-4828.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;

10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14,16-17, 20/Jn 7:20-26

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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 or scan here.

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:

Name: ______Street

Phone ______ Email: @

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

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We honor Mary as she teaches us what it means to pray and ponder over life's events. We celebrate Mary's "yes" and that she always points us to Jesus, her son, Lord and source of all strength.

During this month, perhaps gather at our outdoor Mary statue to pray for the many needs of the world and the needs of your family through Mary's intercession. Perhaps create a special place of honor in your home for Mary and pray the Rosary as a family - something your children will remember forever.

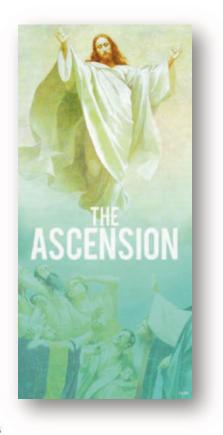
Join us before the 10:30 Mass on Sundays in May for a communal recitation of the Rosary. There will be a basket in the front of the baptismal font to offer prayer intentions for this day's Rosary and our Lady's intercession

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ and OPPORTUNITY

Masses at St. Lucy's 9AM and 7PM

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (40 Days after Easter) celebrates the Word of God's return to the Father in Heaven following his resurrection.

"Jesus' time on earth began with his birth. It was interrupted for three days by His death on the Cross. During that time, He descended into the realm of the dead and preached the Gospel to the good people who died before Him. This allowed those good and holy souls--the righteous dead, as we call them - who accepted Christ as their Savior to proceed to heaven. On the third day after his death and burial, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples



to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people."

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