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

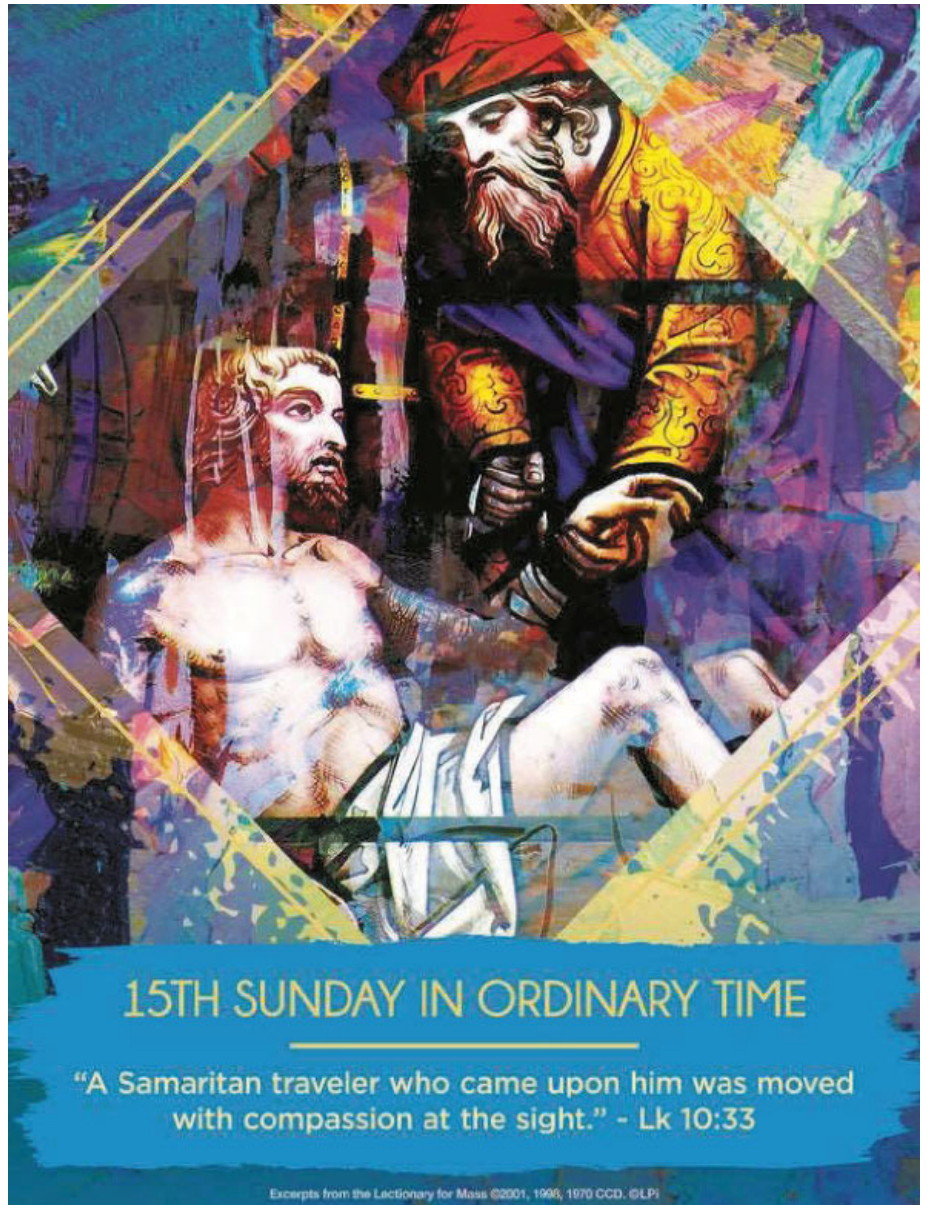
Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated
monthly but must be scheduled weeks
in advance. Active parishioners should
contact your parish office to begin preparations.

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



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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, July 9: Vigil of the 15th Sunday O.T.

5:00pm David Steele

Sunday, July 10: The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Susan Trainor

10:30am Julie Gatto

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

Monday, July 11: St. Benedict, Abbot

9:00am Michael "Mickey" Hussey

Tuesday, July 12: Weekday

9:00am For peace in Ukraine

Wednesday, July 13: St. Henry

9:00am

Thursday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Friday, July 15: Weekday

9:00am Juan Sanchez

Saturday, July 16: Vigil of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Rudilynn Sawi

Charlie Jauss

Sunday, July 17: The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am George & Helen Leeber

10:30am Mel Holder (6 Month Anniversary)

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

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

Tuesday, July 12

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

9:30am Bible Study

2:00pm Saint Vincent de Paul

Friday, July 15 (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)

While at a July 4th/birthday/graduation celebration last weekend I was overwhelmed with a profound sense of gratitude. We all have gathered often with family and friends, celebrating many things, but for me this year felt different. Perhaps as we emerge from the other side of this horrible pandemic, we may look at things - and life - differently.

My abbreviated gratitude list:

- For the blessing of family and friends: for being part of a community instead of having to keep ones 6-foot distance (although nice at the beach).

- I am grateful to live in a country where we have rights and freedoms because of so many individuals who have come before us.

- For the gift of faith, and all who have shared in the planting, watering, and weeding of my faith - enabling growth; and for the desire and ability to share faith.

- For the gift of education: learning, growing and becoming, along with in-person interactions.

- I am grateful for God's creation and that I am part of this living, always changing world.

For what are you grateful? During this week, try to look for *at least one thing each day* that you may offer praise and thanks to our Loving God, our Loving Creator.

Colette Savaria, **LIFE** Coordinator

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**A Summer Prayer**

Creator God, thank You for summer!  
Thank You for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all  
around me and for the opportunity to  
be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I  
have to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter  
where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of  
Your presence, and light my path with  
Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me  
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.  
Amen.

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Welcome!

Last weekend we welcomed Ed Rashed as our new parish Director of Liturgical Music.

Ed is excited to begin his time with us and will continue the great tradition of liturgical music at St. Lucy's. As we get to know each other, watch for news on the parish choir and cantor program in a few weeks. Introduce yourself to him after Mass.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS:

The St. Vincent de Paul conference will meet Tuesday, July 12 at its new time of 2pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend as we are seeking active associate members to join in this stewardship opportunity as we serve our neighbors in need, and strengthen our spiritual lives through prayerful service.



There's been an incredible increase in recent requests from our struggling neighbors. In June we assisted with more than \$2,200 for rent and utility bills for 10 families in financial crises, plus food gift cards assisted 5 families and individuals. In the last three months, this SVdP conference provided almost \$5,900, nearly equal to the prior six months.

Donations of funds and food gift cards can be dropped in the SVdP box in the Narthex or mailed to the rectory. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For info, please contact us at [stlucysvdp@gmail.com](mailto:stlucysvdp@gmail.com).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34 - 11:1  
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT FOR TWO WEEKS.** Gyroscorp America LLC is looking for families to host Japanese students, ages 15-18, for a two-week exchange program. American Life Experience is a program based out of Nagasaki, Japan that seeks to enhance the English language skills of Japanese students.

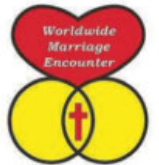
During their two week stay, students will volunteer at a local non-profit organization during the week: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Community Center, Edward King House Senior Center, FabNewport, Fort Adams Trust, and Lucy's Hearth. They also ask that host families take their student on a day trip to Boston over the weekend as well as to share some of the tourist sites in Newport with them.

The program runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> this summer and is a short-term commitment with a life-changing impact.

Please visit their website: [www.alexprogram.com](http://www.alexprogram.com)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: WWME

is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe and Ginny Vatele at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org>.



### CALLING MEN OF ALL AGES!

**MEN OF ST JOSEPH** will be sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> annual mens day, to be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at McVinney Auditorium in Prividence from 8AM - 3:30PM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, GO TO OUR WEBPAGE AT [STLUCY.ORG](http://STLUCY.ORG) FOR A LINK. AFTER YOU REGISTER - LET FR. CODEGA KNOW SO WE MAY ARRANGE CAR-POOLING FROM HERE.**

# July 10, 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.**



**WELCOME** to visitors, guests, and friends. If you are new to the area and would like information on how you may become a Parishioner of St. Lucy's please feel free to take a "New Parishioner Welcome Packet" which may be found on the table in the Narthex(entrance).

### NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS?

Welcome! Glad you are here 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

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

## StLucy.org

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St. Lucy parish has an immediate opening for a part-time bookkeeper/bizness manager. Flexible hours, 10-15 hours, nights or weekends OK. Knowledge of QuickBooks or other current software required. For more information contact Father Codega directly at PastorStLucyRI@gmail.com

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“Father, what happened to the collection report in the weekly bulletin of the past Sunday’s contributions?”

### GLAD YOU ASKED

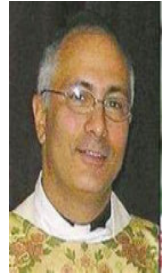
When we changed over to the new publishing company, I made a decision to forego the weekly report of the parish collections for a few reasons. Among them is security and privacy. In today’s world where bulletins are published on the internet, we have to ask, is it wise to share parish finances with the world?

Secondly, what do the numbers really mean? Many families have turned to on-line giving, and many others are now contributing monthly or even annually by transferring funds from their retirement accounts (saving taxes from their required minimum distributions). Others “catch up” on their contributions when they go or return from their summer or winter travels. And then we welcome visitors to the parish whose numbers and contributions fluctuate each week. So the weekly collections actually placed in the baskets on Sundays varies greatly and really has little meaning by comparison to our overall annual budget.

My plan going forward, as discussed with the parish finance council, will be to publish a more meaningful report, perhaps on a monthly or quarterly basis. It is my hope this will begin when we have our new bookkeeper / accounting position in place. Of course the annual report to parishioners will be distributed toward the end of the summer - our financial year ended June 30.

In the meantime, glad you asked.

*Fr. Codega*



**Have a question** for Father Codega that may benefit others? Email questions of general interest on any relevant subject about the Church, parish, liturgy, faith and sacraments (or more) to him at StLucyOffce@gmail.com and as space permits your questions will be answered here. Your name WILL NOT be included but anonymous or unsigned questions will not be addressed

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