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SACRAMENTS AT ST. LUCY'S

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

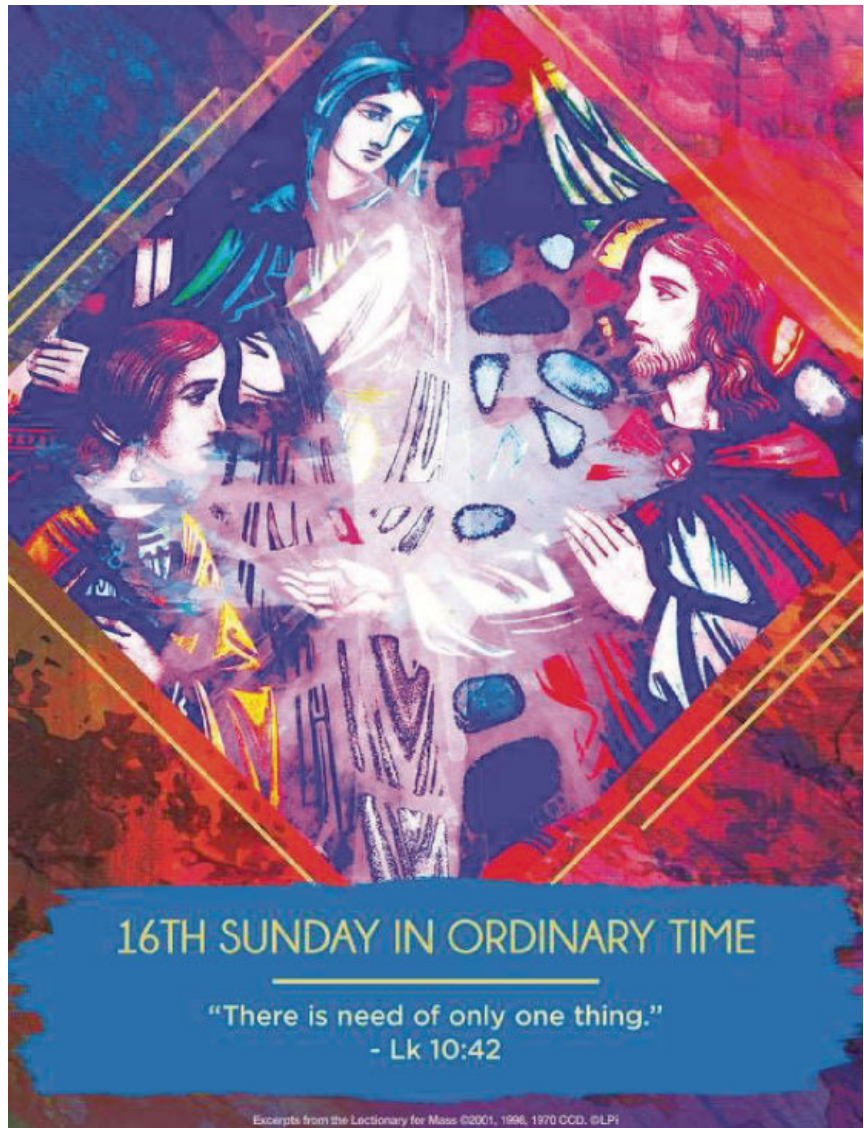
Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated
monthly but must be scheduled weeks in advance. Active parishioners should contact your parish office to begin
preparations.

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



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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 16: Vigil of the 16th Sunday O.T.

5:00pm Rudilynn Sawi, Charlie Jauss
Gerald & Frances Carroll (living)
70th Wedding Anniversary

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

8:00am George & Helen Leeber
10:30am Mel Holda, 6 month Anniversary
7:00pm For the (living) people of the parish

Monday, July 18: St. Camilus de Lellis, priest

9:00am Frederick W. Freese

Tuesday, July 19: Weekday

9:00am Murphy & Stravato Families

Wednesday, July 20: St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

9:00am Afife & Joseph Menassa

Thursday, July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Friday, July 22: St. Mary Magdalene

9:00am Juan Sanchez

Saturday, July 23: Vigil of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Sr. Sheila Murphy, SSJ (living)

Sunday, July 24: The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Sr. Anne Barat Corcoran, RSHM
10:30am
7:00pm For the (living) people of the parish

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

Tuesday, July 19

6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)
9:30am Bible Study

Friday, July 22 (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)

In our everyday lives there is and always will be *things* and *tasks* competing for our attention; but should these distractions take precedence over people? For instance, I've sat at many a meeting where individuals, including the facilitator, are glued to the phone screen - not coming up for air to communicate properly or even participate fully. Some of my thoughts about that: Couldn't that person have checked texts, emails, the Patriots schedule, their DVR, obituaries, calendar, etc. **before** the start of the meeting? Is this meeting, or those present, not important enough for another's attention?

In today's gospel we see the strengths of both Mary and Martha. From their examples, we need to learn to put into practice the BEST OF both of these women, finding the right balance of both in our lives. Whether at meetings, at home with family, or out to dinner with friends we need to learn to RELAX and ENJOY ONE ANOTHER'S COMPANY without distractions or worries!

We need to be like Martha making use of the gift of hospitality and preparedness: ensuring that the specifics of the dinner is planned, prepared and settled; or details taken care of and that a conducive environment is set up for a meeting. Like Mary, we must learn to be present to the moment, seeing it as gift and opportunity. We need the foresight to know, deep down, what is truly important and make the decision to be present. During the upcoming week, why not try to put the Martha and Mary balance strategy to use, making every effort to not get too distracted with the minutia that may sometimes cloud our vision and priorities.

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

WELCOME

A warm welcome to this year's class from the Newport Navy War College. Thank you for your family's service and commitment to our Nation and your witness to our Faith. We're so glad you are part of our community during your stay.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS:

St. Lucy's conference continues to seek active associate members to join in this stewardship opportunity. SVdP serves our neighbors in need, and strengthens the spiritual lives of its members through prayerful service.

Due to the increase in need, we are grateful for any donations of funds or food gift cards. Any offerings may be placed in the SVdP box in the church Narthex or mailed to the rectory. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For information we may be reached at stlucysvdp@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC) NEWS:

We are grateful for your continued support in the most recent drive for *Lucy's Hearth - Summer Camp Donations*. The parent and child recipients were tremendously appreciative and looking forward to camp!

Another initiative that CAC is looking for your help with is our annual collection of *Back to School Supplies for Child & Family Services*. Again this year we are requesting donations for middle and high school aged students.

Any type of school supplies are appreciated including sturdy backpacks, calculators, binders, notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, etc. Please place items in the bins marked school supplies. *If you would prefer making a monetary donation or provide a gift card, please mark the envelope "C & F School Supplies." Checks should be made payable to Child & Family Services. Thank you for your continued support; we truly appreciate it!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38 - 42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

DAILY MASS - 9:00 AM
**22 Minutes that will change
your life**

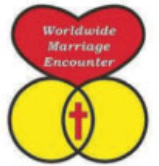
AROUND THE DIOCESE

JESUS SAVIOUR'S ANNUAL SUMMER BAZAAR will be held on July 28-July 30th running from 5pm-11pm nightly. The Bazaar will feature bingo, pull tabs, kiddy land, assorted games and white elephant. Homemade fava, chourico sandwiches and homemade pastries are the kitchen specials. A Major raffle will be held with prizes totaling \$1,500.00 (2-\$250 and 2-\$500 drawings). Admission is FREE and open to the public; visit us at our Vernon Avenue grounds!

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

Please visit their website: 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 6th annual mens day, to be held August 6th at McVinney Auditorium in Prividnece from 8AM - 3:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, GO TO OUR WEBPAGE AT STLUCY.ORG FOR A LINK. AFTER YOU REGISTER - LET FR. CODEGA KNOW SO WE MAY ARRANGE CAR-POOLING FROM HERE.

July 17, 2022

Father, our niece was married in a Protestant church.
The minister at the service invited everyone to communion. Should we have received communion in a protestant church?

GLAD YOU ASKED

The short answer is, “no”, Catholics should not receive communion in any church service other than a Roman Catholic Church. In our “tolerate-everything” world we don’t look at the differences between many things anymore. In some circumstances, that’s o.k. but when it comes to our understanding of Faith and Sacraments, it’s not a good practice.

As Catholics we teach Christ’s true presence: body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist (our Communion). Different Christian faiths teach differently. So whatever we can do to help Catholics understand the Eucharist as a primary teaching of our Catholic faith is always time well spent.

Often times the Protestant minister will say something like, “at our church, all people are welcomed to receive our communion, so please feel free to join us at this table”. This is further complicated because in some churches they will even use similar prayers and words that we use in our church so the invitation sounds reasonable.

Out of respect for our understanding of our most awesome Sacrament (tantum sacramentum) of our Church, and the Holy Priesthood by which our Sacraments are conferred, when we attend other’s services it is important not to give the impression that their worship and understanding is the same as ours. Therefore, the proper action for Catholics to do is to politely refrain from joining in their communion. Perhaps this time is a good time to pray for Christian unity. Maybe someday, they will return to the church they left many years, or centuries ago.

Pope Saint John Paul wrote, in his encyclical “Ecclesia de Eucharistia” “...because of the lack of the sacrament of (the Priesthood) they have not preserved the genuine and total reality of the Eucharistic mystery. ...The Catholic faithful, therefore, while respecting the religious convictions of these separated brethren, must refrain from receiving the communion distributed in their celebrations, so as not to condone an ambiguity about the nature of the Eucharist and, consequently, to fail in their duty to bear clear witness to the truth” (No. 29,30).

Likewise, non-Catholics and non practicing Catholics are asked not to receive the Eucharist when they come to our Church. We are not being rude to each other, we are being respectful to our Faith, God and our Church and at the same time acknowledging and respecting our different beliefs among faith communities.

I hope that helps, Glad you asked...

Fr Codega

HELP WANTED

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

WELCOME FR. JUDE KASAIJA, FROM THE DIOCESE OF FORT PORTAL, UGANDA

We Welcome Fr. Jude Kasaija to our parish. He will be covering Masses for the next two weeks during Fr. Codega's vacation.



Fr Jude is a diocesan priest from Christ the King parish, in the Fort Portal Diocese of Uganda. Father was ordained in 2011, and currently serves several villages in his vast territorial parish. While his visit to the United States is primarily a personal-holiday and sabbatical, he looks forward to meeting the good people of the parish, learning more of our culture and faith practices and visiting local attractions. Fr. Jude enjoys sharing his stories. Please invite him to breakfast or lunch (as he does not cook!) and share your story with him as well.

The Diocese of Ft. Portal, Uganda has an area of about 4,100 sq. miles (Rhode Island is about 1,212 Sq. Miles), it has a total population of about 2,515,600 and a Catholic population of about 956,100 (38%), with 24 Parishes, and 119 Priests.

The Republic of Uganda, is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is bordered to the east by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the south-west by Rwanda, and to the south by Tanzania, in the African Great Lakes region. Uganda also lies within the Nile basin, and has a varied but generally a modified equatorial climate.



Beginning in 1894, the area was ruled as a protectorate by the British, who established administrative law across the territory. Uganda gained independence from Britain in 1962. The period since then has been marked by intermittent conflicts, including a lengthy civil war, which resulted in hundreds of thousands of casualties. The official languages are English and Swahili.

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