



“PAX ET BONUM”



Saint Lucie Catholic Church **MINISTRY DIRECTORY** **2022**



Saint Lucie Catholic Church

“Pax et Bonum” St. Francis of Assisi

425 SW Irving St., Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

(772) 878-1215

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Lucie:

We are happy to share the sixth edition of our parish directory, the 2022 Ministry Directory! As you will soon see, it is filled with the information we published for the last five years, with updates and additions where necessary, all the information that will help you appreciate the wonderful service and care we at St. Lucie provide to each other and to our brothers and sisters beyond our parish boundaries.

With so many parishioners and so many activities, you don't always realize the scope of activity that takes place at a parish like St. Lucie. We have hundreds of volunteers who work and minister every day here on our parish grounds and far beyond. It is a great witness of faith. If you are looking for a ministry or activity to join, this book is just what you are looking for. Take some time to read through it and contact the ministry leader to find out more about a ministry, and then join your fellow parishioners. A secondary benefit of parish ministry participation is that you also meet new people who quickly become new friends.

Compiling all this information is a monumental task. We are thankful for the many hands that provided input as well as our advertisers for making its publication possible.

We continue to pray that the coronavirus will dissipate and allow for full interaction beyond our church liturgies. It is difficult to predict how this will continue to affect each of us. Our prayers are heard – don't lose faith!

Let us continue to pray, minister, and enjoy each other's companionship, as we continue to make St. Lucie the great parish that it is, because of you!

Sincerely,



Fr. Mark A. Szanyi, OFM Conv.,

Pastor

Welcome to Saint Lucie Catholic Church

A Parish under the care of the Conventual Franciscan Friars

Whether you are here for the first time, or are a regular parishioner, you'll discover that St. Lucie is a vibrant community with many opportunities to become involved. Help us to spread the Word of God, and work toward making our parish, our community and our world a better place to live.

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM*

*Closed Holidays. Occasionally times will vary.

Confessions

Saturday: 2:30 until 3:30 PM

and every First Friday

from 7:00 – 7:20 AM and

8:00 – 8:20 AM, or by appointment.

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Spanish 1:30 PM

All Weekday Daily Masses are at

7:30 and 8:30 AM, Monday - Friday.

Saturday Daily Mass is at 8:30 AM

All Mail to Office

425 SW Irving Street, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

Phone: (772) 878-1215

Fax: (772) 878-1299

Web: www.stlucie.cc

Office Email: parishoffice@stlucie.cc

Religious Education Email: adraper@stlucie.cc

Do not send mail to the following physical addresses:

Church: 280 SW Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL.

Fr. Hickey Parish Center: 290 SW Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL



St. Lucie Parish Friars



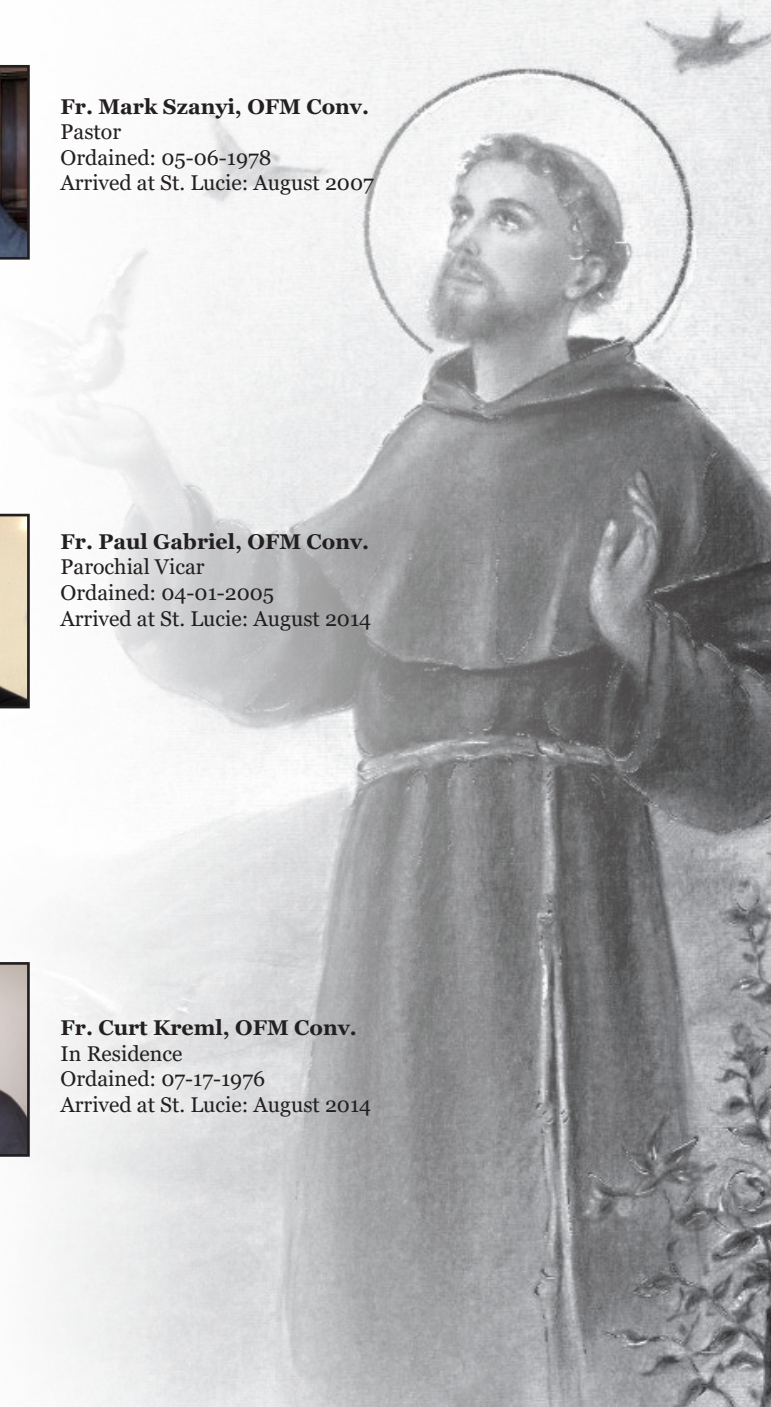
Fr. Mark Szanyi, OFM Conv.
Pastor
Ordained: 05-06-1978
Arrived at St. Lucie: August 2007



Fr. Paul Gabriel, OFM Conv.
Parochial Vicar
Ordained: 04-01-2005
Arrived at St. Lucie: August 2014



Fr. Curt Kreml, OFM Conv.
In Residence
Ordained: 07-17-1976
Arrived at St. Lucie: August 2014





About Franciscan Friars Conventual



R) Fr. Mark A. Szanyi, OFM Conv., Pastor
 L) The Very Rev. James McCurry, OFM Conv.,
 Minister Provincial, Our Lady of the Angels Province

Our priests are Conventual Franciscan Friars, part of the world wide Franciscan family founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 13th century Italy. Their Provincial house, Our Lady of the Angels is located in Ellicott City, Maryland, and is part of a larger entity that runs from Maine to Florida, and includes ministries where the friars serve in Ontario Canada, the Eastern Seaboard of the United States, Italy, Costa Rica, Brazil, Great Britain and Ireland. This growing worldwide-fraternity of Roman Catholic men follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of their founder, St. Francis of Assisi. Franciscans are called to live in community, to be prayerful, and to minister to the people of God. Like all

Catholic priests, they take vows of chastity and obedience but also adhere to a vow of poverty. Throughout its over eight-hundred-year history, the Franciscan order has generously responded to the Church's call to minister to the poor and those in need. In our Diocese of Palm Beach, we are one of two churches run by Franciscan Friars Conventual, approved and contracted by our Most Reverend Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito.

St. Lucie Parish Deacons



Deacon Dale Konas
Permanent Deacon
Ordained: 06-11-2011



Deacon Carlos Melendez
Permanent Deacon
Ordained: 06-20-1986
Languages: Spanish and English



Deacon Charles Immordino
Permanent Deacon
Ordained: 09-07-2019



Deacon Vincent Cookingham
Permanent Deacon
Ordained: 06-15-2002

A deacon is an ordained minister in the Catholic Church and a member of the clergy. All ordained ministers in the Church are consecrated for ministers of Word, liturgy, and charity. Deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of the sacred liturgy, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then bringing the Church's resources to meet those needs.



St. Lucie Parish Staff

Email for Parish Office

parishoffice@stlucie.cc

Business Manager

Doreen Recco

drecco@stlucie.cc

Office Manager and Bulletin Editor

Denise McOsker

dmcosker@stlucie.cc

Parish Secretary

Elsa Monteagudo

emonteagudo@stlucie.cc

Front Desk and Baptism Coordinator

M. Isabel Ricaurte

mrcaurte@stlucie.cc

Youth Minister/Family Life

Loretta Barnes

lbarnes@stlucie.cc

Director of Religious Education

Andrea Draper, DRE

adraper@stlucie.cc

Assistant/Religious Education

Alassra DiFrancesco

adifrancesco@stlucie.cc

Music Director

Philip Jekanowski

jekfla3@gmail.com

Spanish Music

Jose Rosado

LifeTeen Music

Johnny Sweeney

johnny.sweeney@icloud.com

Gift Shop:

Rosemary Konas

(772) 878-4135

Mary Ellen Williams

rkonas@gmail.com

(772) 878-4135

Assistant Sacristan

Pauline Mason

Maintenance Coordinator

Manny Ruiz

mannyruiz1012@yahoo.com

Lloyd Hayward

Maintenance

Carlos Alcazar

Maintenance

Shawn Ryan

Maintenance



Our Patroness Saint Lucie

Feast day: December 13: Patroness of Blindness and Eye Ailments

St. Lucie's name means "light", with the same root as "lucid" which means "clear, radiant, understandable." Unfortunately for us, Lucie's history does not match her name. Shrouded in the darkness of time, all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse, Sicily lost her life in the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Because people wanted to shed light on Lucie's bravery, legends grew up. The one that is passed down to us tells the story of a young Christian woman who had vowed her life to the service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan. Lucie apparently knew that her mother would not be convinced by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was a much more powerful partner for life. Through prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, her mother's long illness was cured miraculously. The grateful mother was now ready to listen to Lucie's desire to give her money to the poor and commit her life to God.

Unfortunately, legend has it, the rejected bridegroom did not see the same light and he betrayed Lucie to the governor as a Christian. This governor tried to send her into prostitution but the guards who came to take her away found her stiff and heavy as a mountain. Finally, she was killed. As much as the facts of Lucie's specific case are unknown, we know that many Christians suffered incredible torture and a painful death for their faith during Diocletian's reign. Lucie may not have been burned or had a sword thrust through her throat, but many Christians did and we can be sure her faith withstood tests we can barely imagine.

Lucie's name is also connected to statues of Lucie holding a dish with two eyes on it. This refers to another legend in which Lucie's eyes were put out by Diocletian as part of his torture. The legend concludes with God restoring Lucie's eyes. Lucie's name also played a large part in naming Lucie as a patron saint of the blind and those with eye-trouble. Whatever the facts to the legends surrounding Lucie, the truth is that her courage to stand up and be counted a Christian in spite of torture and death is the light that should lead us on our own journeys through life in her footsteps.

St. Lucie Parish Mission Statement

Saint Lucie Catholic Church is a multicultural, diverse, and vibrant parish community of faith.

Inspired by God's love and guided by the Holy Spirit, we carry out Christ's mission by following the Roman Catholic traditions through prayerful and joyful expression of service to God and to one another.

Our faith empowers us to nourish the spiritual and physical needs of our sisters and brothers. Centered on our celebration of the Eucharist, our devotion to the Blessed Mother, focus on family life and fellowship, we grow together in our journey of faith and love, leading us to the ultimate gift of eternal life in Heaven.

St. Lucie Prayer

O God, our Creator and Redeemer,
mercifully hear our prayers,
as we venerate your servant, St. Lucie,
for the light of faith, you bestowed upon
her.

Increase and preserve this same light
also in our souls,
that we may be able to avoid evil, to do
good,
and abhor nothing so much as the
blindness
and darkness of evil and of sin.

Relying on your goodness, O God,
we humbly ask you by the intercession of
your servant,
St. Lucie to give perfect vision to our
eyes,
that they may serve for your greater
honor and glory,
for our salvation and that of others,
and that we may come to the enjoyment
of the unfailing light of the Lamb of God
in paradise.

St. Lucie, virgin and martyr,
hear our prayers and obtain for us these
graces.

Amen

Hand-carved
St. Lucie
statue
stands in the
Office Chapel



At Saint Lucie Parish we celebrate nine days of a Novena beginning every December 5th and ending on her feast day, December 13th.

Sharing Our Faith and Communion

We welcome to Holy Mass all who share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but while all are welcome here, we cannot extend to all an invitation to receive Holy Communion. This is not a lack of Christian hospitality; rather, it is the recognition by the Catholic Church that real divisions of faith and practice do sadly exist among Christians. Practicing Catholics who go to Confession whenever needed are invited to receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholic Christians and those Catholics who should not receive Holy Communion (including those married outside the Church and those in need of the sacrament of Penance) are asked to pray for a spiritual communion with the Lord Jesus and for the unity of His Church. Those who are not receiving Holy Communion but who would like to receive a blessing are invited to indicate this desire by crossing their arms across their chests in the Communion procession.

Life-threatening Emergencies

After hours for life-threatening emergencies requiring the immediate attention of a priest, please dial (772) 812-6171. All other calls should be made to (772) 878-1215. During hours when the office is closed an extensive phone menu is available that will direct you to your party. You may dial “zero” to be connected to a priest for all non-life-threatening emergencies.

St. Lucie Parish History

On August 20, 1961, within four city blocks of our present church, Monsignor Michael Beerhalter, Pastor of St. Anastasia Parish, Fort Pierce offered Mass in a Port St. Lucie home. Within two months Sunday Masses moved to the Port St. Lucie Marina due to the increase of Catholics in the region. By late summer of 1963, General Development Corporation offered five acres of land for sale - our present site and ground was broken for a “Mission Church.” On May 26, 1964, defined boundaries were established.

On Saturday, May 30, 1965, Bishop Carroll completely encircled the newly erected St. Lucie Catholic Church with some 250 parishioners in a simple fashion to dedicate and open the church to its congregation. The church had been built at a cost of nearly \$60,000. The first Mass in the new building was celebrated on the previous Easter Sunday, April 18.

Father Bernard L. Hickey became the Pastor of St. Lucie in July 1965. By 1968 St. Lucie became part of the newly established Diocese of Orlando. Father Hickey proved to be a builder for the church with the beginning of construction of a new rectory and education building. In the ten-year period from 1970 to 1980, the population of Port St. Lucie had grown from 330 to 17,000 people. Father Hickey had the foresight to begin a building fund program in 1978 with thought to enlarge the original church. He completed a three-year-pledge payment program to raise funds and hired architect Richard L. San Giovanni to prepare its drawings.

Halfway through 1981, Fr. Hickey concluded that the daily-increasing challenges facing him at the parish were too much for his advancing years. Fr. George Kramer, a retired military chaplain from Boston was his only part-time priestly help. With permission and blessing from Bishop Thomas J. Grady, Diocese of Orlando, Fr. Hickey retired on February 1, 1982, and Fr. Peter C. Dolan was appointed to assume the pastorate of St. Lucie.

Recognizing that it would be impossible to design an appropriate addition to the existing church, the decision was made in July 1982 to raze the existing church and build a new one on its site. A ground blessing/breaking ceremony took place after the last Mass on April 10, 1983. The total budget for building, furnishings, landscape, and parking was \$1,250,000.

The Parish Education Building, seating 460, served as the church during the 13 months of construction. On Saturday, May 19, 1984, following receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy, Mass was celebrated in the new church building. Bishop Thomas Grady solemnly dedicated the church on June 10, 1984.

Saint Lucie Parish continued to grow by proverbial “leaps and bounds.” Its Education Building was proving inadequate, so an organized appeal for funds to replace it with a larger version was organized. Groundbreaking took place on July 16, 1989 and eleven months later on June 17, 1990, our new Parish Center was dedicated.

In April 1996 Bishop Symons approved Fr. Dolan’s request to retire, effective on September 1, 1996. A fire fed by a gas grille explosion was the demise of the rectory that sat on the rear of the Church parking lot. Fr. Dolan was faced with the ambitious but necessary goal of building a third building – a new rectory and office complex!

Father Matthew J. Fitzgerald served as pastor to St. Lucie Parish from 1996 until 1998. He was followed by Monsignor James L. Burke who pastored St. Lucie from 1998 until 2003. Monsignor Burke shepherded an ever-growing parish and watched as St. Lucie shared parishioners for a third time: Holy Family (1989), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1992) and now, St. Bernadette (2001). Upon Monsignor Burke retiring from ministry, our parish was led by Fr. D. Brian Horgan until he departed in February 2007 to serve as an Air Force Chaplain. It is at this point that Fr. Mark A. Szanyi, OFM Conv. was installed as pastor by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito on December 9, 2007.

Fr. Mark began his long career in Florida in 1987, serving for ten years as President of John Carroll High School in Fort Pierce before moving on to Boynton Beach for eight years where he served as pastor of Saint Mark Parish. He left this post in 2005 to serve as Vicar Provincial of his province. We at St. Lucie, have been blessed by his presence, and the leadership and Franciscan spirit as others (Fr. Michael Englert OFM Conv., Fr. Vincent Rubino OFM Conv, Fr. José Guadalupe OFM Conv., Fr. Daniel Pal OFM Conv., and now Fr. Curt Kreml OFM Conv, Fr. Paul Gabriel OFM Conv, and Fr. Milton Torres, OFM Conv.) from Our Lady of the Angels Province have joined to unite our parish family with strength, guidance, and blessings.

The St Lucie Parish community celebrated their 60th Anniversary in August 2021. On August 8, 2021, Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito celebrated Mass here at St. Lucie to commemorate this milestone Diamond Anniversary.

St. Lucie Parish Ministries



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. A consecrated host, the Holy Eucharist, is placed in a special container attached within a standing cross called a “Monstrance.” The cross reminds us of Christ’s earthly life given for mankind’s sins so that we might have eternal life.

The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ and although it does not look like the body and blood of Jesus, His Real Presence is hidden within the appearance of the consecrated host. This is a great mystery, something we are not capable of fully rationalizing but we know it to be truth. People come in reverence to pray and worship before the Holy Eucharist on display for certain hours and/or specified days.

At Saint Lucie Parish, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday and First Friday of the Month in the church after the 8:30 AM Mass and this continues until 5:00 PM ending with Benediction. We also display the Monstrance at other specified times. Always, there is a sign-up sheet for those desiring to commit themselves in prayer and in presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Usually, we sign our names for an hour designating that we will be present. This is done so Jesus is never left alone!



ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are chosen by God to be part of a very special group of people serving Him at His altar. If you have a strong desire to serve at our Lord’s Altar, are age nine or more years and have received your First Holy Communion, are willing to sacrifice other interests to be responsible, reverent; dependable, and are

willing to serve at Mass when needed, then you might consider the ministry of Altar Server. Altar Servers can also be adults since youth are often in school for daily, funeral and Holy Day Masses. Training is available. If interested, contact our Parish Office: 878-1215. For additional information on becoming an adult or child Altar Server please contact Fred Marangio at (772) 340-7090 or 772-418-1426. For more information in Spanish please contact Luis Ramos at (772) 971-4008.



ALTAR LINEN

The Altar Linen Group assists the parish by providing freshly laundered and pressed altar linens, purificators, finger towels, small tablecloths, corporals and towels. The group of volunteers assures that the items are ready and enough for all Masses. Large altar linens are also maintained and changed according to the liturgical season. Contact the church office at (772) 878-1215 if interested in volunteering.

ANNULMENTS AND ANNULMENT ADVOCATES



The Catholic Church presumes that marriages are valid, binding spouses for life. When couples do separate and divorce, the Church examines in detail their marriage to determine if there was some essential element missing in their relationship before the wedding. If that fact has been established, it means the spouses may not have the kind of marital link that binds them together for life. The Church may then issue a declaration of nullity or an annulment and both are free to marry again in the Catholic Church. Seeking an annulment is a process and although this differs slightly from one diocese to the next, the overall rules of the Church are the same. The doctrine of marriage is that of the universal Church. The Church's practices around marriage and annulment are aimed at protecting the sacrament of marriage, in order to help Catholics live a fully sacramental life.

At St. Lucie Parish we have Anne Tienter who acts as the Advocate. She begins the confidential process by fact finding and files the necessary paperwork with the Tribunal in the Diocese of Palm Beach if enough grounds are discovered. The typical annulment process requires in-depth paperwork and the process takes approximately twelve months. Should you have questions about the annulment process or if you desire to seek the commitment to lengthy training to become an Advocate, please contact one of our parish friars.

BAPTISM CLASS



We are especially mindful in requiring parents of children to be baptized to attend one class in preparation of the sacrament. Baptism class is offered in Spanish on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. It is offered in English on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. This class takes place in the Parish Office at 425 SW Irving Street.

Please do not bring children to this class. You are encouraged to take the Baptismal class while expecting your child. Contact Isabel Ricaurte in the Parish Office at 878-1215.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



The pain that results from the death of a loved one can be excruciating. The pain of grief grips each of us differently and can take on both physical and emotional manifestations. Grief work is a thorough and ongoing process. It is very repetitive, takes a long time, and is never fully or finally accomplished, but the intensity of the pain does lessen and the frequency intermittent.

The Bereavement Group meets every Monday morning (with few exceptions) from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM in the Parish Center Library. Those who would like to talk and share their feelings in a safe place where confidentiality is very important are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Bereavement Group always welcomes those who would be willing to give their time to listen and talk with those who have reached out for emotional support. They are also the

group that organizes the Annual Mass of Remembrance every autumn. Hands-on experience and direction are provided to new volunteers. The most important requirement as a volunteer is to have the ability to listen and calm the distraught with words of understanding and faith. It is the perfect ministry for those with gentle hearts, especially those who have gone through the grieving process themselves.

BIBLE STUDY – ADULT SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH



Bible Study known as the Breath of Life Bible Ministry is offered on Saturday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Parish Center Library. Participants are asked to bring their own Bible. Readings for the week/weekend are included within the curriculum. It is the perfect opportunity to increase knowledge about one's Catholic faith.

BIBLE STUDY – ADULT SCRIPTURE IN SPANISH

Spanish Bible Study and Prayer take place in the Parish Library on Tuesdays from 9:30 AM until Noon. The facilitator is Gina Malham (772) 336-5878.

THE BREAD MINISTRY AT ST. LUCIE PARISH



In a time when economics stretch individual and ministry purses to the maximum, waste of any beneficial item is hurtful. This is especially true of foods! Several years ago, we began to acknowledge that vendors often cleared their shelves of perfectly good items to make room for new stock. Most often such goods, like bread, were within the designated date of purchase and were perfect for consumption. In order to prevent such goods from being wasted, St. Lucie Parish began The Bread Ministry. Each morning these goods are collected from local stores for re-distribution to area agencies. Ideally, volunteers should be plentiful to allow for shifts so that no one person is committed beyond a morning or two. In order for this to work, the Bread Ministry is always looking for a few good people who value commitment. Many people and programs rely on the helping hands of The Bread Ministry. John Goodness helps to coordinate this ministry. Phone the Parish Office if you wish to assist with this ministry.

BREAKFAST FOR THE PARISH

Thanks to members of our Knights of Columbus, our wonderful Parish breakfasts are served from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For a fee comparable to a coffee shop, enjoy: eggs, bacon, potatoes, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, French toast, pastry, juice & coffee. Support our parish and have a wonderful breakfast. (COVID PERMITTING)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - ENGLISH

The Charismatic Prayer Group in English meets every Monday of the month. The Charismatic Prayer Group gathers at 7:00 PM in the chapel to pray, offer praise and worship to our Lord with intercessory prayer for the specific needs of

the participants. The third Monday of the month is reserved for the Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at 7:00 PM. Prayer teams are available, along with the Celebrant, for individual prayer. Anyone attending the Mass is invited to come about fifteen minutes early to sing songs of praise. The Spirit of Truth Prayer Group is a healing community of Jesus' love. The prayer group is dedicated to the praise of God the Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit. They exercise all the charismatic gifts and talents through the power of the Holy Spirit in order to bring people to the Lord. The group sponsors Life in the Spirit or Growth in the Spirit Seminars on specified Monday nights that bring new depth and spiritual rewards of joy in the relationship we all seek with our living God. For further information phone C. Ann Getzinger, Ph.D., (772)334-4214 ext. 132.

CHOIRS – ENGLISH, SPANISH AND CREOLE

The gift of music enhances liturgical celebrations and joyful participation of a choir is contagious! The work of our choir is to entice participation from the congregation while sharing their own awesome gifts. Choir members need not be experts in reading music, but this ability is certainly helpful. Choir Director, Philip Jekanowski, invites anyone interested in joining the English choir to meet at Sunday morning rehearsals beginning at 8:30 AM proceeding into the 9:30 AM Mass. Bring your singing voices. Phone Philip Jekanowski with your questions for participation in the English choir: (772) 285-4033. Anyone desiring to join the Spanish choir should contact Jose Rosado at (772) 485-7295.



HAITIAN CHOIR GROUP AJM (Amis de Jesus et de Marie)

Founded in October 2007, AJM started its activities at St. Lucie Parish in 2013. AJM is a group of parishioners who have organized various activities to encourage the faithful to keep up their faith in Christ and to promote a solid and structured Haitian Catholic community in the Parish. The Choir organizes annual retreats, days of reflection, spiritual concerts to help people praise God by singing and to entertain them religiously. Also, the purposes of the concerts support orphanages and emergency events in Haiti. The contact is Elva Antenor, (772)812-7611. The Choir meets regularly on Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 PM in Parish Center Room 201.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is a once-a-year ministry that many parishioners take part in. We continue a St. Lucie tradition by decorating our "Christmas Giving Tree" in time for Advent. It is erected in the narthex of the church and trimmed with paper ornaments containing the wishes of those in need within our immediate community. Wishes for babies, children, as well as adults and seniors are included on our tree. Donors of gifts are not obligated to spend more than \$50. You may wish to join with another family to purchase a gift. Those parishioners desiring to participate by purchasing a new gift are welcome to look over the tree and take a paper ornament. Please purchase a gift (ornaments contain a wish)



and wrap that gift. **DO NOT MISPLACE THE PAPER ORNAMENT!** Attach the ornament securely to the gift. This allows us to get the correct gift to the proper family or individual. Bring the wrapped gift to the parish office at 425 SW Irving Street - Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Gifts must arrive before noon by the announced date. Please understand that we cannot wait on tardy gifts when gathering gifts for a family. Families begin pick-up of gifts immediately after the deadline. Only take an ornament if you plan to provide a new gift. If ornaments are taken and gifts aren't returned, someone will go without.

THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY MINISTRY



St. Lucie Parish is known throughout the community for the display of our Christmas life-sized outdoor nativity. It is a large display which is assembled in time for Advent by a team of volunteers, and set at ground level in the front of the church. The frame for the manger is made from bolts and wood. Skills require able-bodied volunteers who possess the ability to follow directions while taking care to avoid injuries or property damage. Please phone the Parish Office if you wish to be part of this special team. Contact 878-1215. Activity in this Ministry only requires a few days per year. Ideally, the ministry needs one or two people who would be willing to stay on for a few years so that they may direct new volunteers in the proper erection of the nativity.

COFFEE AND PASTRY

Come mingle in the Parish Hall on the First and Third Sundays of the month after the 9:30 AM Mass beginning in December and ending in April. The gatherings allow for fellowship while the parking lot clears resulting in less departure headaches! Our coffee and pastries are served by various ministry groups allowing parishioners the opportunity to meet others active in St. Lucie Parish. We gladly take any donation so that this “sweet” ministry may continue to flourish. **(COVID PERMITTING)**

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) at St. Lucie Parish is part of the Northern Deanery of our Palm Beach Diocese. We closely follow the National Council of Catholic Women through membership to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, service and leadership. CCW responds to the needs of the Church and one another with Gospel values.

CCW is a backbone at St. Lucie Parish. Women meet on the second Tuesday of every month (except for June, July, August) in the Parish Hall from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM. The women labor with love to welcome and prepare socials for events like First Communions, Confirmations, Bishop's visits, as well as numerous church functions. The ladies participate in various fund-raisers to support their mission and St. Lucie Parish. Cooking and service talents of many prepare for parish bake sales, and socials. Creative skills build excitement into dinners, dances, teas and themed shows, as well as the annual craft bazaar. Women meet once a month to organize activities and stay informed on local,

state, and national issues to ensure they take a “hands on approach” to supporting the Church.

CCW Women hone their spirituality by participating in prayer, retreats, Masses, and novenas. The group closely watches legislative activity and is first to teach the community about happenings they support, working to obliterate anything that threatens our rich Catholic faith. Women track legislation as well as voting history, and eagerly unleash petition drives on paper or in person to meet Catholic goals. Together CCW stays strong in empowering one another to live our faith through the Beatitudes.

As a ministry it teaches and invites one to better understand what Catholicism is, and through that, about and how our lives are touched.

Whenever there is a deed to be done, CCW women act like first responders. Their selflessness, caring, and talents are woven into dozens of church events. They stand together not seeking fanfare, but instead, they work to accomplish needs within the Church. Their skills and “can do” approach are warm sentiments of Christ’s love. If interested in joining this sisterhood of Catholic women contact Katie Kisielewski, President of CCW, at 262-818-5269.

DIOCESAN CLASSES OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

Classes are offered on Saturday mornings in Spanish and English on other dates in one of our Catholic churches in Port St. Lucie. Dates are designated by the Diocese of Palm Beach. This is a three-year study. Inquiries should be made to the diocese: **Angelica Aguilera**, Coordinator of English and Spanish Classes at (561) 775-9544.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE PRAYER IN ENGLISH

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets every Friday at 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM in the Chapel to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Divine Mercy devotion is for those who seek mercy, not judgment. At its heart lies God’s love for all regardless of anything in our past or present lives. Our loving Father offers us comfort, protection, support, and a new start in life. (Bob and Linda Allard are the coordinators: (772) 343-9475)



DIVINE MERCY STUDY GROUP IN SPANISH

Spanish Divine Mercy Study takes place on Thursdays in the Parish Office Conference Room from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. Spanish study classes are coordinated by Carolina Abondano: 772-345-0372. This is a series of classes over three years. There is a book charge (one per year for three years). Call Carolina for placement.

DIVINE MERCY IN CREOLE

The Haitian Divine Mercy Prayer Group was founded in December of 1992 and

began meeting at St. Lucie Parish in 2014. The group meets every Saturday in the Parish Library from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. They pray three Saturdays and have Bible study on the fourth Saturday. Every first Friday of the month the group prays at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with exception to the Lenten season. In the Lenten Season the group does a fasting prayer in the Chapel from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

In every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a enough ministers of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner. In the Diocese of Palm Beach, those undertaking such a ministry are called “Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.” Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion receive spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence. In all matters they follow the guidance of the diocesan bishop. Like all Ministers of Holy Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the way they handle the consecrated bread or wine. At St. Lucie, these ministers distribute “The Body and Blood” at daily or weekend Masses, vigils, funerals, and Holy Days. Some Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to the homebound, and hospital or nursing home patients.



A primary qualification for becoming a minister is that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are by nature interested in and at ease with other people – without regard for status in the community or for distinctions of class, sex, age or race. All who gather at the table of the Lord do so as sisters and brothers in the Lord and must be welcomed as such. Ministers need to have reached the age of sixteen and received sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, and if married, be married by a priest in the Catholic Church. Ministers must be registered with St. Lucie Catholic Church! If interested in this holy ministry, please make an appointment with our pastor, Fr. Mark for an interview. Ministers partake in a training workshop. Those faithful parishioners who have received the Sacraments and who are in good standing with the Church are always welcome to step forward and contact the Parish Office if interested in dedicating themselves to this ministry. This work is certainly joy-filled! Tru Hall is the coordinator for this loving ministry. He may be reached at 772-344-6356. For more information in Spanish please contact Romelia Moreira at (772) 486-5667.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Our Family Life Ministry at St. Lucie plans, organizes, and sets into operation many fun-filled events during the year: Picnics, Family Fun Nights, Themed Parties, Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween “Trunk or Treat”... all give parishioners the opportunity to enjoy one another’s company in a Christian environment for little or no cost. Keep current in reading the Sunday bulletin for upcoming events. Volunteers are always a blessing.

FAMILY PASTORAL IN SPANISH

The Hispanic Family Pastoral team meets every Friday of the month at 7:00 PM in the parish Center, room #201. The team includes married and unmarried couples, widows, single parents and single adults. The Family Pastoral ministry motivates families with meetings, events, chats and training and promotes the participation of families in programs and services offered by the Diocese. All activities are being coordinated by Neskys Liriano and Cistian Peguero who can be reached at (772) 203-5053 or (772) 607-8189.

FINANCE COUNCIL



The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body of the Christian faithful established to advise the Pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. The Council’s function is to assist the Pastor in the prudent planning and administering of all parish financial matters and in the setting of policy and procedure to provide effective management of parish assets. Canon 537 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law requires the creation of a Parish Finance Council, placing in it the competence to advise the pastor in the administration of parish temporalities. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Parish Finance Council must be directed by the values of the Gospel as well as by good business practice. Efficient and effective use and management of parish resources must be measured as much by their contribution to parish mission and ministry as by commonly accepted business standards. All members are appointed by the Pastor.

FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY



Mary’s “Cause”, the Flame of Love Movement, is her call to save souls from the dangers of sin, which are so prevalent. The Flame of Love is an extraordinary grace which comes from Mary’s Immaculate Heart to us at this time in history. The Flame of Love is Jesus, Himself, who desires to empower faithful souls to combat the evils of sin, lukewarm devotion and indifference. The Flame of Love Movement revives tepid souls, enabling them to embrace daily Mass and Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hours, Fasting, forming Prayer Cenacles of Reparation and becoming part of a community devoted to spreading the Flame of Love. Every Thursday, all are welcome to pray this special rosary at 7:15 p.m. sharp in the church.

FUNERAL MASS PRAYER GROUP



The Funeral Prayer Group makes themselves available to attend as many funerals in our St. Lucie Parish as possible. Their reasoning is two-fold: (1) The family of the deceased should be given respect and support from our Catholic community, (2) There should be as many people present as possible when a Mass is celebrated.

Members of this group do not meet formally. Instead, members are part of a calling list that prays for the deceased and attends the funeral Mass whenever possible. Their presence gives a strong message of Jesus' love and adds comfort to those families and friends in grief.

Funerals celebrated at St. Lucie usually take place at either 9:30 or 11:00 AM Mondays through Saturdays. Our parish experiences a large volume of funeral Masses. Should you wish to become part of this calling list to attend funeral Masses please contact the Parish Office at (772) 878-1215.

GABRIEL PROJECT



The Gabriel Project® is a confidential and compassionate outreach to women who are distressed over an unplanned pregnancy. We rely on local parish communities to respond in a loving manner to the needs of the mother-to-be, witnessing to the infinite and healing love of God. A trained "Gabriel Angel" volunteer supports the woman's choice for life through friendship,

encouragement, and prayer throughout her pregnancy. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual support, the "Gabriel Angel" helps the expectant mom with various practical needs, including finding resources such as the following:

- Pregnancy information and assistance with pre-natal care
- Maternity and baby clothes, cribs, strollers, and various baby items
- Referrals for housing, medical care, and counseling
- Parenting support or adoption information

There is no charge for our services, and we do not discriminate because of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, or religious affiliation of our clients. If you need help, know someone who needs help, or want to volunteer please call 772-344-3303 and leave a message. A Gabriel Angel will return your call.

GOLDEN OLDIES SOCIAL CLUB



Do you like to mingle, meet old friends and make new ones? The Golden Oldies meet on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 9:00 AM until noon with few exceptions. Group members bring their own games and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, sipping coffee, enjoying pastries, and chatting. There is no fee to join but they always appreciate an occasional donation to purchase treats!

Contact Rose Mazarredo at 772-336-3325 if you have questions, otherwise, just show up and introduce yourself!

HISPANIC “PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN”

The Praying for Our Children group meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church Chapel to pray the Rosary for our children. All activities are coordinated by Dolores (Loli) Albayeros who can be reached at 561-248-1798.

THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JUAN XXIII IN SPANISH

The Community of Juan XXIII focuses on the spiritual development and apostolic work of its members. Juan XXIII meets every Tuesday from 7:30 until 9:00 PM in the chapel. Group teachings and prayer are all in Spanish. Francisco Pascual is the Coordinator and he can be reached at 772-475-6343

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY



Those parishioners not able to attend the celebration of the Mass at St. Lucie Church are still able to receive the Eucharist through visitation by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These ministers volunteer via scheduled visits to homes, Hospice and nursing homes to share the Word and Eucharist with members of our faith community who are homebound due to physical incapacity whether temporary or ongoing. The Homebound

Ministers are graced with profound joy in bringing Jesus into the homes and hearts of those they visit. Ironically, it is not just the homebound resident that is nourished spiritually because Homebound Ministers will be the first to admit that they receive an abundance of grace.

The Ministry welcomes those who are especially called by Christ. They will be provided training before being commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Ann Breitfelder coordinates this joyous ministry and can be reached at 954-253-8234. A Homebound Minister must be willing to drive their own automobile to the homes for scheduled visits. Visits may be as few as one per week or the Minister may wish to take on several. Visitation to the Port St. Lucie Nursing Home and Restorative Care also welcomes Ministers on Thursdays. Screening of any volunteer in any Ministry is a diocesan requirement. This involves fingerprinting, demonstration that adequate automobile insurance is maintained and completion of a vulnerable adult training module. Should you be interested in becoming part of this ministry please make an appointment with our pastor, Fr. Mark.

HOSPITALITY: GREETERS/USHERS MINISTRY



The Minister of Hospitality or Usher follows St. Paul's instruction to the Romans to “welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you” (Rom 15:7). Their job is to “welcome people at the door, provide them with all necessary books and aids, and help them find their places.”

It has been 40 years since the Second Vatican Council wrote: “Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church...liturgical services

pertain to the whole body of the Church” (“Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy,” No. 26). This was a revolutionary insight. It changed everything. Mass is not a private devotion because we, as church, are doing something together. Welcoming and hospitality become important whenever we need to do something together. Greeting people at the door is the first step in showing that the Eucharist is a communal activity. It alerts us to the fact that we are going to do something with others. “Welcome” implies “I am happy that you have come.” And the first impression a visitor receives is extremely important. Although hospitality is everybody’s ministry, it is comforting to have recognizable greeters who can make a stranger or long-time parishioner feel perfectly at home.

At St. Lucie Parish our greeters/ushers also distribute necessary material within the church. Sometimes this consists of special reading material, offertory envelopes, or palms on Palm Sunday. Every weekend, church bulletins are distributed to the congregation upon the closure of the Mass. It is a pleasant way to again feel closure of the community as the greeter/usher usually nod, smile, and hand out their material. Greeters/ushers are given the task of seating people so as not to interrupt the Mass. On occasion they are responsible for reserving special seating. The designated Mass Coordinator selects those who will process with the gifts down the aisle before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Greeters/ushers are also responsible for passing the offertory basket and securing the offerings according to church protocol.

A genuine pleasant personality is the basic making of a greeter/usher. Equally important is the ability to commit to a particular Mass each week so that the services of the volunteer can be counted on. Members of this ministry are expected to arrive approximately twenty minutes early and stay after Mass until parishioners have cleared the church. If interested in becoming part of the Ministry of Hospitality Greeter/Usher team, please contact Bob Barnes, Ministry Coordinator at 878-1215. For more information in Spanish please contact Angelica Nuñez at (954) 839-4799.

ST. LUCIE SOUP KITCHEN



Every Thursday, beginning at noon and until all meals are distributed, St. Lucie Parish feeds those who are in need. Since the pandemic caused a change in how we operate our Soup Kitchen, a drive-through meal distribution has been established. We consistently distribute about 250-300 hot meals each Thursday. This ministry is entirely volunteer-operated, from the procurement of groceries, to food preparation, packaging to go boxes, distribution and clean up. Ideally, we would like a multitude of volunteers so that any one person isn’t unduly taxed with the time and talents weekly. Contact the Parish Office if you would like more information or to volunteer – (772) 878-1215.

THE LECTOR MINISTRY



Lectors are members of the Assembly who proclaim the Word in the first two scripture readings. They also assist in creating a hospitable and prayerful environment by praying the Prayer of the Faithful. Christ is present in His word since it is He Himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the church.

Therefore, training and preparation are especially necessary for those persons wishing to be Lectors. Proclaiming the Sacred Scripture is different from other kinds of public speaking. Not only do Lectors need to be effective communicators, but they need to absorb and express the spirit of the Liturgy as well. Lectors meet with their coordinator occasionally during the year. Anyone who can speak clearly while upholding the sincere piety and decorum of this ministry. Deacon Bill Hobby is the Coordinator of Lectors. Please phone the office at 772-878-1215 should you wish to join this important ministry. For more information in Spanish please contact Mayra Mendoza at (772) 291-3742.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS



Liturgy of the Hours (also known as the Divine Office) is one of the richest single prayer resources of the Christian Church. It provides prayers, psalms and meditation for every hour of every day. It has existed from the earliest times, to fulfill the Lord's command to pray without ceasing. Never monotonous, always new, it provides the means for the whole world, united, to pray together and sanctify every hour of every day or every year. All over the world, hundreds of thousands of priests, deacons, and religious have vowed to pray the Liturgy daily, and all over the world they do, in public and in private, in thin shacks and cathedrals, in palaces and in prison camps.

Two aspects of the Liturgy of the Hours were established very early on: the praying of the Psalms and the consecration of every hour to God. Taking this literally meant that prayer of some kind was offered every three hours, day and night, and confined the full implementation of such a liturgy to hermits, enthusiasts, and dedicated religious orders.

Every morning Monday through Friday following the 7:30 AM daily Mass and Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, a group of lay people, sometimes accompanied by the clergy, gather in the church to pray with the Body of Christ throughout the world and offer their praise and petition to God. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION



Getting married? A series of mentorship meetings pair engaged couples with a married couple specifically trained in marriage preparation. The sessions offer the time and opportunity for the engaged couple to question, examine, and deepen their relationship with each other and with God. Couples are challenged to explore their relationship in a deeper, more honest way than they have done so before. Topics span a variety of issues and include self-awareness, human sexuality, communications, decision making, Natural Family Planning, vocation, sacrament, unity and more. This program is offered through our Office of Family Life after setting up a marriage file. Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to their anticipated wedding date. Couples should not assume that their desired date to wed will be approved until done so by a priest. To find out more about this marriage preparation program contact the parish office: (772) 878-1215.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council, chaired by the pastor, is the pastoral planning body of the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council encompasses men and women from different ministries who reflect the parish's diversity. The Council, as a consultative body, advises and assists the pastor in areas of pastoral concern. It develops and recommends parish pastoral plans through consensus in an atmosphere of prayerful reflection.

The Council, as a consultative body, provides a structure whereby the laity, religious and clergy work together collaboratively to promote the Reign of God – to build up the Body of Christ. They are rooted in prayer, open to guidance of the Holy Spirit, committed to patient listening and study, and work to recommend the plans and directions which will enhance the quality of parish life and promote parish vitality. All members are appointed by the Pastor.

PRISON MINISTRY

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink ...in prison and you visited me.” (MT 25:35-36)



Accept God's invitation to bring His message of love, mercy and forgiveness to men incarcerated in the Okeechobee Correctional Institution Main Unit. This facility is located off SR 441, north of Okeechobee City. Team members will visit for about ninety minutes, every Tuesday afternoon. For information, contact Deacon Charles Immordino, 772 285-3714.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY



It is the mission of the Religious Education department to work with families and individuals to build up the Church forming fully active disciples of Christ. Our emphasis is to provide the means to grow and discover the beauty of the teachings of our Catholic Faith and the means to be able to live it out.

St. Lucie Parish has embraced a format of Family Formation that will better serve the needs of its families. Our K-7 program is designed to support and empower the parent as the primary educators of the faith which is the philosophy of the Church as stated in the Catechism #2223.

Confirmation is a two-year formation preparation in conjunction with Youth Ministry. The aim is to assist our young people into a solid relationship with Jesus Christ and to be compelled to lead others to Christ too.

For individuals who are seeking to become Catholic, we offer a process called The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A). This process is designed to assist the candidate on their journey towards Full Initiation into the Church, by focusing on the Word of God, and the Tradition that has been passed down through the Church established by Jesus Christ. We are here to guide and support candidates in becoming Fully Alive in Christ spiritually and intellectually.

Please contact the Director of Faith Formation, Andrea Draper, OFS at (772) 878-1215

RESPECT LIFE



The Respect Life Ministry often addresses issues of abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment, while embracing a consistent ethic of life. The ministry is especially attentive to the Gospel's all-encompassing vision of respect for life. It serves an agenda of informing and praying with a community to respect all life from conception to grave. Peaceful and prayerful marches, prayer gatherings, governmental petitions for enactment of ethical life issues, are a primary focus the group undertakes. A large focus of the Respect Life Ministry is The Gabriel Project that offers hands-on support for pregnant women in need. They provide guidance, emotional and spiritual support, as well as physical support for the necessities necessary to welcoming a baby into this world. Maternity clothes and basic needs for a newborn are always in demand. Donations of baby furniture, baby equipment, baby formulas (within date and never opened), diapers, and clothes for both mother and baby. All donations should be in very good condition. Phone inquiries for the Respect Life Ministry should be directed to the parish office at 878-1215. Inquiries for The Gabriel Project: 344-3303. Meetings for Respect Life are held every first Monday of the month in the Parish Hall Library from 7:30 until 8:30 PM.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUPS IN ENGLISH



The Rosary (from Latin *rosarium*, meaning “rose garden”) or “garland of roses” is a popular and traditional Roman Catholic devotion. The term denotes both a set of prayer beads and the devotional prayer itself, which combines vocal or silent prayer and meditation. The prayers consist of repeated sequences of the “Lord’s Prayer” followed by ten recitations of the “Hail Mary” and a single recitation of the “Glory Be to the Father”; each of these sequences is known as a decade. The praying of each decade is accompanied by meditation on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, which are events in the lives of Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There are opportunities throughout the week to pray the rosary in our chapel. An early rosary time is available at 6:30 AM, Mondays through Fridays, and again at 9:00 AM. Should a Mass overlap the 9:00 AM prayer time, patrons of the rosary are asked to gather slightly later in the chapel. Saturday mornings offer rosary at 9:15 AM. The first Saturday of every month is special in that twenty decades of the rosary are recited. The rosary is a beautiful devotional. Pamphlets are available in the Parish Office for those needing instruction.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP IN SPANISH

You are welcome to join La Casa de Maria, our weekly prayer group that centers on the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as a weekly reflection upon the upcoming Sunday readings. Our goal is to increase devotion to Jesus through Our Blessed Mother Mary. We meet in the Parish Library from 9:30 AM until Noon on Tuesdays. The facilitator is Gina Malham, (772) 336-5878.

ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

Our Thursday morning Rosary Making Ministry meets at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center Library. The dedication and handiwork of this group makes thousands of rosaries every year that are distributed worldwide. Free handmade rosaries are also distributed from our Parish Office in hopes of increasing the prayerfulness of the faithful. The people who make our rosaries are eager to share their craft. They invite anyone interested to their Thursday morning gathering. Donations are always gladly accepted to offset their supply cost.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY



Founded in 1833 by six university students in Paris under the patronage of St. Vincent DePaul, today the Society includes almost 900,000 members spread among 46,000 confraternities in 130 countries of five continents. The Society’s purpose is to provide direct aid to those who suffer, and to help individuals reduce and even eliminate the causes of their suffering, themselves. Society members use their own resources, sharing not only possessions but the valuable gift of their presence and are sent in teams to evaluate and meet the needs of those soliciting the Church’s financial assistance. If you desire to assist those in need, possess the ability to not “judge,” and can help by making

homebound visits to access the needs of those seeking assistance, consider stepping forward to become part of this ministry. Your service could be as little as just a few days per month. Humanitarian need is great for food, clothing, and basic living necessities. Equally as great is the need for respectful adults willing to lend guidance. Please phone the St. Lucie Parish Office at 878-1215 if you are interested in becoming a vital member.

If you wish to lend a few hours per month in the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store located at 697 Biltmore in Port St. Lucie, please contact the store at (772) 344-1341. Donations of clothing, furniture, working appliances, etc. in good condition are accepted so that they can be sold at the store to help fund the charities of our St. Vincent DePaul local chapter. It is the primary source of income for the society and is shared by all of the Catholic churches in Port St. Lucie.



SAN DAMIANO DISCIPLES FOR MEN

San Damiano Disciples for Men is a group of men of all ages from the parish who come together in a spirit of fellowship, prayer and service to the community of St. Lucie Parish through regular attendance at Mass, lectures, seminars and pilgrimages. The group discusses matters of faith and morals while fostering an atmosphere of prayer in their daily lives.

The group serves our parish by Spiritual Works of Mercy and Corporal Works of Mercy. They are the founders of our Rice and Bean collections for the needy and deliver rice and beans every other month to the needy in our Parishes in Pahokee and Indiantown. The group also organizes the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary on the first Tuesday of every month, baby food and diaper drives. This wonderful group also hosts frequent faith-based movies and various pilgrimages to area churches, to name a few.

If you want to know more about our Catholic faith, fellowship and get to meet some of the dynamic men of St. Lucie Catholic Church, please attend any of their meetings every 2nd, 4th, or 5th Wednesday at 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM in the Parish Library. Every 3rd Wednesday is a night meeting beginning at 7:30 PM in PC Room 201. Please keep in mind that the First Tuesday of the month is reserved for Our Lady of Fatima rosary in the Church beginning at 6:45 PM. This is followed by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:00 PM and meditation to our Blessed Mother Mary at 7:15 PM.

You will not regret your choice of becoming a San Damiano Disciple of Men. There are no obligations or dues. Allow your spiritual growth to ignite by committing to Jesus' teachings and love. For more information please contact David Walline at (419) 215-7987 or Tony Uva at (772) 882-8844.



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER AT ST. LUCIE, SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

The Secular Franciscan Order, postnominal abbreviation O.F.S. also called the Third Order Secular, is a community of Catholic men and women in the world who seek to pattern their lives after Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Secular Franciscans are tertiaries, or members of the Third Order of Saint Francis founded by Francis of Assisi 800 years ago. They gather monthly on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center Hall. If you feel a calling to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis, please attend a monthly gathering or contact Rosemary Konas (772) 882-8777 or at rkonas@gmail.com.

SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB



If you are age 55 or older, there is a social group for you! The Seniors' Social Club meets in the Parish Hall on the second Thursday at 10:00 AM until Noon year-round. Some scheduled events take place off the church grounds. General meetings usually have a themed presentation and numerous activities including local trips scheduled throughout the year for every pocketbook. Come sit in on a meeting, introduce yourself, and get to know others. Yearly dues are a minimal \$15/person. Contact Marie Philippe at (772) 871-5555 or Geri Gregorian at (772) 224-2520. (COVID PERMITTING)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS

As we are aware many families or friends are afflicted with substance abuse problems. We are providing a ministry that will help anyone that may have an addiction problem. The ministry provides someone to talk to as well as education and direction to the right community resources. Be assured that all calls are confidential. You may reach Ron or Balla-Rena Jones who are both retired addiction counselors at the following numbers: Home: (772) 873-9809, Ron's Cell: (772) 618-3129 or Balla-Rena's Cell: (772) 618-3128.

TEENS FOR LIFE



Teens for Life at St. Lucie is a student led group which invites all teens, grades 6 through 12 to come together to share ideas and knowledge on the life issues that are of grave concern today. Some of these include (but are not limited to) abortion, embryonic stem cell research, capital punishment, physician assisted suicide/euthanasia and human cloning.

Teens have expressed their desire to serve those who are most vulnerable in our community and world. Some service ideas include participating with St. Lucie's Gabriel Project, discussed above. Praying for preborn children during the 40 Days of Life Campaigns; feeding the poor and homeless; visiting orphaned children and the elderly, just to name a few.

Teens for Life also plans on having FUN and FELLOWSHIP by going on field trips and challenging the youth group to some sporting events! If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, come check us out. (Young Adults are welcome to serve in this ministry also.) The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the Parish Center youth room from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Sign up for Flocknote to receive our messages. You can do this on the parish website www.stlucie.cc. For more information contact Nelson Sanchez 772-940-7920 or Pauline Pavlick 772-200-0574.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Summertime at St. Lucie is synonymous with Vacation Bible School for our youth. Every summer we offer a week of themed activities in the Parish Hall for half a day. Children increase their Bible knowledge through fun activities, arts and crafts, music, and stories. There is a nominal fee that covers supplies and snacks. Vacation Bible School invites children age four through ten years to join in the fun. Adults help supervise the program along with teens as their aides. Children depart the program with warm memories having added to their Catholic knowledge. Volunteers are needed to help with this one week program. Especially helpful are volunteers who can play a musical instrument or sing. Contact the Parish Office should you be interested.

WOMEN OF FAITH



Women of Faith meet on Wednesdays in the Parish Library from 1:00 until 3:00 PM. Rita Giordiano (772) 530-1324, coordinates a prayer and discussion group for women. There is a one-time charge for a workbook. The group does not meet in June, July or August.

YOUTH MINISTRY



The youth group is open to any teen in grades 9 through 12. The group meets twice a month on Sunday evenings after the 5 pm mass. All interested teens should contact Loretta Barnes at (772) 878-1215 for more information.

A final word to all our parishioners

Events such as picnics, special celebrations, dinners... nearly always require an RSVP. This is necessary for the purpose of planning activities, ordering supplies, preparing food, and providing ample space for an event. If you entertain at home you understand the importance of knowing how many guests will be present. Please give St. Lucie Parish the courtesy of responding to an RSVP when you wish to attend an event. An RSVP reminder is almost always printed in the bulletin along with a contact name and an RSVP deadline date. Equally important, once making your reservation, please attend the event. Nothing is more frustrating than preparing for a number of people and having only a fraction attend.

A Special Request Regarding Hurricane Preparedness

Events and ministries are numerous at St. Lucie but there is one that is critical to the safety and wellbeing of property and inhabitants: Hurricane Preparedness. We need a special team that is able-bodied and can give their service at a moment's notice. Basically, this is to aide in the installation of hurricane shutters on the, Parish Office and Friary. The Church and Parish Center already have new hurricane impact windows installed and no longer require shutters. Your services might never need to be summoned but we do need a team in place so that the work is evenly dispensed and can be accomplished within just a few hours. Please contact the Parish Office at 878-1215 if you are willing to lend a helping hand. This is one team that needs to be dependable during hurricane season.

Sacraments at St. Lucie

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: At least one parent must be an active, participating, and registered as a member of the parish. Parental attendance at a two-hour preparatory workshop is required prior to the baptism. The class is usually offered in English on the second Wednesday of every month, and in Spanish on the first Wednesday of every month. Class begins at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office Conference Room located at 425 SW Irving Street. Parents are asked to phone the Parish Office before the class to confirm date and time. All baptismal requirements are outlined in a booklet that will be distributed at the baptismal class. Upon fulfilling and submitting the baptism booklet, all is reviewed and if all requirements have been met, a date for baptism will be set (but no sooner than one month after submitting the booklet.) Baptisms are celebrated at 12:45 PM on Sundays. Spanish Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays, English Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Please contact Andrea Cardoza Draper, SOFS, Director of Religious Education, for more information call (772) 878-1215. Older candidates wishing to be confirmed must first complete an adult religious education program.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: First Eucharist is usually celebrated in the second grade. Parents who are registered members of the parish are to contact the Director of Religious Education at (772) 878-1215 to register their child for the First Eucharist Program beginning in first grade. Preparation is a two-year program!

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at various times and Saturdays at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM only. Engaged couples should contact the church office a minimum of six months in advance in order to complete the necessary preparation. At least one member of the couple **MUST** be a registered and participating member of the parish for a minimum of six months prior to initially contacting the church. If the annulment of a previous marriage (Catholic, Non-Catholic, or civil) is required before a Catholic remarriage can take place, please contact the Annulment Advocate, Anne Tienter. For more information call (772) 878-1215.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday from 2:30 – 3:30 PM in the church, or by prearranged appointment with one of our priests. It is also celebrated on First Friday from 7:00 to 7:20 AM and 8:00 to 8:20 AM. Seasonal Reconciliation services are also held during both Advent and Lent. “First Reconciliation” for children is celebrated each February for second grade religious education students. Contact the Parish Religious Education Office for information.

Website: www.stlucie.cc

There is a multitude of information on our website. You can browse our calendar that shows at least twelve months of activities ahead, view current church bulletins, or be directed to watch masses in progress through the process of streaming. Our website shows how to donate on line and offers tremendous pictures to view as well as ministry information. Come visit through your computer!

E-MAIL

Parishoffice@stlucie.cc

Parish Business Manager/Bookkeeper, Doreen Recco:

Parish Office Manager, Denise McOsker.

Receptionist and Baptism Coordinator, M. Isabel Ricaurte

Religious Education: Andrea Draper

Secretary and Marriage Coordinator, Elsa Monteagudo:

Youth Ministry/Family Life:

parish mail

drecco@stlucie.cc

dmcosker@stlucie.cc

mrcaurte@stlucie.cc

adraper@stlucie.cc

emonteagudo@stlucie.cc

lbarnes@stlucie.cc

Importance of Registration

New families and individuals are most welcome to our parish. Registration in the parish is your affirmation that you are proud to be a member of our faith community, willing to receive the spiritual goods the church offers and willing to respond generously with your time, talent, and treasure to the needs of the parish community. Registration may be completed at the Parish Office located at 425 SW Irving Street, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM, or you may ask any usher for a registration card, print the requested information and return it in any offertory basket. Parish registration is a requirement for the following:

Sacramental preparation for Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage

Registration of your child for Religious Education

Sponsorship certificates for Baptism or Confirmation.

Celebrating a Quinceañera

Registering from Pew Envelopes

We are grateful that the white pew envelopes are being used for those who forget their offertory envelopes but for new parishioners requesting "I want to register" located on the envelope, please provide a legible phone number in addition to your name(s) and address so that you may be contacted. Be sure to PRINT. We do our best to contact you to complete your registration. Sometimes we begin this process and send you the paperwork to complete and return to us. If you receive such paperwork, PLEASE return it to the Parish Office or drop it in to any offertory basket.

Use of a pew envelope does not mean you are necessarily registered, even if you use them often. If a donor wants contributions to be recorded, they need to be posted to an account number that belongs to the donor. If there is a question regarding your registration status, please phone the Parish Office at 878-1215 and we will be glad to check!

Time, Talent and Treasure at St. Lucie Parish

Our Church stretches beyond walls. It comes alive with every parishioner trying to live the Word. The volunteering of time and talent is essential to St. Lucie. Our ministries flourish with dedicated individuals willing to lead in our Catholic faith. Individual talents go a long way to provide essentials to ministries, whether it is in organizing, cooking, sewing, serving, washing and ironing altar linens, teaching our faith, praying, singing... A practicing Catholic does more than just attend Mass. Become involved in our St. Lucie family!

However you choose to give your time, talent and treasure, we thank you! Our parish ministries thrive only with your help. Donations are a necessity.

How do I get started?

Visit our parish website: www.stlucie.cc

Once on the main page, click on the "Online Giving" link.



Click on Create New Account link.

You will be prompted to create an account, by typing a User ID and Password. Continue to follow the easy instructions.

If you do not wish to donate through Online Giving, the ladies at the Parish Office can set up a **Parish Offertory/Collection Envelopes** for parishioners. This is done upon registration. Since it takes nearly two months to start or stop envelopes, new parishioners are issued temporary offertory envelopes to cover the interim. This is the primary way our church pays its bills and allows ministries to flourish.

Donations are gladly accepted at any time. Some like to support our **St. Lucie Soup Kitchen** where we feed many in need every Thursday. If your donation is \$25 or more, you may request a beautiful certificate as a gift for someone living or a memorial certificate for the family or friends of the deceased.

Donations are accepted at the Parish Office for **Mass Cards/Spiritual Bouquets**. The requested donation of \$15 per Mass is a beautiful gift. Please remember that announced Masses are typically available for the following year. Unannounced Masses are always available.

Candle donations may be requested for a year at \$150. A plaque is placed before your candle at one of four areas in the church: Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, or Saint Lucy. Parishioners are also welcomed to submit their donation and light a candle by properly folding a bill(s) and sliding it into the candle dispenser.

Another beautiful donation is to donate \$150 for **Bread and Wine** for a week. Your intention is listed in the bulletin for your corresponding week. We can book these well in advance.

Whatever your means in providing “treasure” we remain grateful. We even encourage parishioners to think of us when setting up their **will and estate planning**. It is a way to help our church tend to upcoming needs. No gift is ever too small.

We Love Babies!

We love babies and believe that families should come to church together. It's really the best way for kids to learn how to behave in church. However, if your baby or toddler is really causing a distraction to the people seated around you, the lector, or the priest, please take him or her **into the chapel, or narthex, or out to the rotunda** for a few minutes to calm down. **Then return to church.**

Hospital Visits

Some parishioners have asked why a priest did not visit them when they were in the hospital. In most cases, this happens because we do not know you are in the hospital. No one told us. If you are in Lawnwood or St. Lucie Medical, call us or have someone call us, so we know. The sacramental responsibility for Lawnwood Hospital falls to St. Mark Parish in Fort Pierce, since the hospital is within their territory.

Likewise, St. Lucie Medical falls to Holy Family Parish and Martin Memorial in Tradition falls to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We take care of Treasure Coast Hospice on Dunn Road near Midway, in our territory, but we do visit our parishioners in the local hospitals if we know they are there and want a visit.

With 3,000 registered families and close to 7,000 parishioners, it's almost impossible to know where everyone is on a given day. Also, we are a very mobile community. People like to travel, go on cruises, are out-of-town to visit relative and friends, or leave Port St. Lucie for months at a time to homes in northern states or Canada. If we do not see you, and do not hear otherwise, we presume you are traveling.

It is important to realize that **patients admitted through the Emergency Room never show up on the list of Catholic patients**. Therefore, if you or family members wish to have a priest visit please phone us during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM). Also, make certain that hospital administration adds you to the Catholic list!

One Final Note of Importance

Please know that neither our Friars nor Staff will ever solicit for money or gift cards by phone call, email, or text. Should you receive such a request, please do not comply, and notify the office as soon as possible.

