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Revelation 1:8

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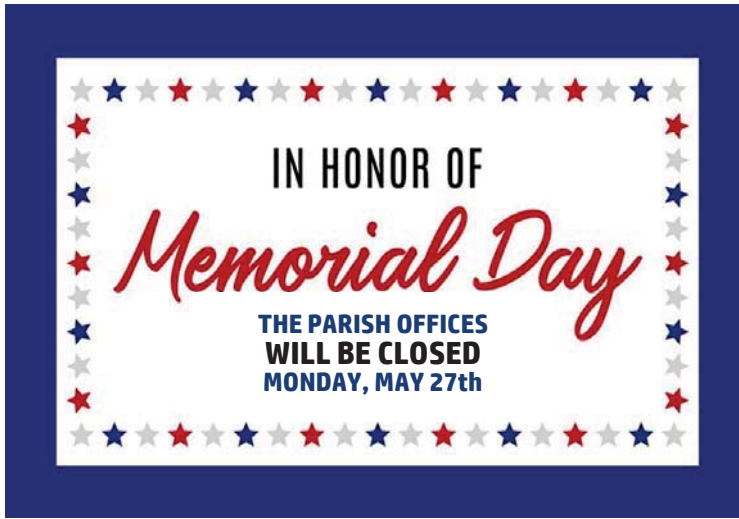
They say that a priest's life is not his own, which the Lord reminded me of in no uncertain terms last fall. For all of us, everyday belongs to Him even if we forget, but I got a direct reminder of the truth of that fact with the extra lease on life. So when I am asked how I feel about changing assignments, I answer that I am sad to leave Methuen, only cautiously optimistic about moving, and it kind of goes with the direction of this year in general.

I will miss our Collaborative very much, particularly the daily interactions with people of faith, the school kids and their families, as well as staff and volunteers. We have had a very eventful six years together. It's amazing to look back on the status of the collaborative and facilities at my arrival, the great upset of Covid, and the many projects of renewal that we have undertaken to improve our community. I am proud of what we have accomplished together to put St. Monica Parish, St. Monica School, and St. Lucy Parish on a better footing for the future.

More work needs to be done, of course, and is always needed, which is why being a pastor sometimes feels like being in a relay race: receiving a baton, giving your best effort, and then handing it off to the next runner. My prayer is that after this summer of transition, a new pastor with a different set of skills will be able to improve other aspects of our community (like ministry volunteerism) to help the collaborative flourish. I ask you to pray for that intention, too, and for me.

It will be difficult to move away from such beautiful spaces and reverent devotion and just as difficult to settle into different surroundings. I guess to look at it more positively: it means ready made projects to undertake in a new location! I suppose the timing is right, though, as I alluded to above. Six years is the length of an official assignment, actually, and this last year has been very eventful for me personally, so being asked to take on a simpler assignment (on paper, anyway) is not all that unexpected. I am very sorry to say a farewell of sorts, but like to keep in mind that a 20 minute drive is not that far at all for anyone who wants to stop by and say Hi. Let us continue to pray for one another in our future life of faith and may God bless you all.

Fr. Darin Colarusso



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27)



Join us as we share our well-wishes with Fr. Colarusso

Two opportunities:

1. Cookout

Saturday, May 25th
after the 4pm Mass
St. Monica House
Please bring a chair

2. Refreshments

Sunday, May 26th
after the 10:30am Mass
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

Contact Erin at 475-201-2344 with any questions

Memorial Day serves as so much more than the unofficial start of summer. Memorial Day is set aside for Americans to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated following the Civil War, which claimed the lives of more Americans than any other conflict in our history. Every family, every community felt the war and so following its conclusion--as early as the late 1860s--communities and towns throughout the United States began holding springtime tributes to the fallen soldiers of the war, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. While it is unclear exactly where the first celebrations were held, in 1966 the United States government declared Waterloo, NY the birthplace of Memorial Day. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. This weekend, when you gather with family and friends, please remember our fallen soldiers and turn to God in prayer for their souls and in gratitude for the sacrifice they made for us to have freedom.



The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents in the Chapel on Wednesday, June 5. All parents of students are welcome to attend. The Rosary will begin at 1:15pm, prior to school dismissal. Rosary prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

CELEBRATING FR. MICHAEL HARVEY

Last Sunday, May 19th, following the 10:30 Mass, parishioners and members of Fr. Michael’s family gathered together in St. Lucy’s Lower Church Hall to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.



Congratulations Fr. Michael! How wonderful it is to have a priest so like our Lord— faithful, wise and filled with compassion. Your ministry is a blessing to all.



Six members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality visited the ladies living at the Haven of Hope in Methuen on May 7th. Each lady was given a handbag filled with goodies. This is the fifth year that Sodality has visited those

housed there and the ladies are so appreciative of the gifts and the hour we spent visiting with them. Our prayers are with them.



FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

“BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD WOULD BE FULFILLED.”

May 31st

ULTREYA

Tuesday, May 28th 7 - 8:30 PM | St. Lucy Church Hall All Are Welcome!

Ultreya...this Spanish word means “Onward!” “Persevere!” “Hang in There!”...words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life’s journey. Ultreya this month will be begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality. Our guest speakers this month, Paul & Pam Guerico, from St. Michael Parish in North Andover, will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friends.

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm
Rosary Prayer Group for Priests
Gethsemane Chapel - all are welcome to attend

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am (ZOOM)
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion.
Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-6:30pm (ZOOM)
Rosary for world peace & individual intentions.
Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel

**Immediately following
the 12:00pm Mass
St. Monica Church
Sunday, June 2nd**

Corpus Christi

PROCESSION

**There will be no spring picnic this year.
We will still honor the Feast Day with a Procession.
We look forward to seeing you there!**

MAY CROWNING CEREMONY

On May 5th, following the 10:30 Mass, parishioners were invited to join the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality in the May Crowning. Much appreciation to Father Gianni and Deacon Kobrenski who led the group in prayer and to Sharon Waning who provided songs as a tribute. Gracie McMahon volunteered to crown the statue. Thank you to the Cote and McMahon family for sharing their beautiful daughter with us! She did an outstanding job! Refreshments were served in the Parish Hall for all who attended.



MAY 11 & 12

St. Monica - \$8,560.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,228.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of mashed potatoes, canned corn, canned carrots & canned fruit. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

<p>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p>	<p>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm , Sat & Sun 9am-5pm</p>
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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's
Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule.

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes SUN 9 am & 12 pm St. Monica 10:30 am St. Lucy MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God,
And also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

ENTRANCE HYMN*O God, Almighty Father*

1. O God, al-might - y Fa - ther, Cre - a - tor of all
2. O Je - sus, Word in - car - nate, Re - deem - er most a -
3. O God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who lives with - in our

1. things, The heav - ens stand in won - der, While earth your
2. dored, All glo - ry, praise, and hon - or Be yours, O
3. soul, Send forth your light and lead us To our e -

1. glo - ry sings.
2. sov - 'reign Lord. } O most ho - ly Trin - i - ty,
3. ter - nal goal.

1-3. Un - di - vid - ed u - ni - ty, Ho - ly God,
1-3. might - y God, God im - mor - tal be a - dored!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40*

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth, ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 33: 4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22*

R. Bless-ed the peo-ple the Lord has [cho-sen,] cho-sen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host.
For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,
to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

SECOND READING*Romans 8: 14-17*

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

☩. Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
To God who is, who was, and who is to come.

GOSPEL*Matthew 28: 16-20*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Galatians 4: 6*

Since you are children of God, God has sent your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN*Beautiful Savior*

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion, Son of
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



1. God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru -
2. flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je -
3. spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je -
4. God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise,



1. ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. sus is pur - er; He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
3. sus shines pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
4. ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



1. all, we bow be - fore thee! All on earth thy
2. choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and
3. Spir - it, Three we name thee; While in es - sence



1. scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
2. Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
3. on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;



1. In - fi - nite, thy vast do - main, Ev - er -
2. Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,
3. And a - dor - ing, bend the knee, While we



1. last - ing is thy reign. In - fi - nite, thy
2. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!" Fill the heav'ns with
3. own the mys - ter - y. And a - dor - ing,



1. vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2. sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
3. bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, May 25

9:00am Gerardo & Mattia D'Andra
Vincent Minicucci

4:00pm Aline Duncan
Valorie Duncan
Mr. & Mrs. Mecleor Raza

Sunday, May 26

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

12:00pm Mallie Silvey
Deceased Members of the Silvey Family

Saturday, June 1

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

4:00pm Charles and Mary Lamarche

Sunday, June 2

9:00am Francis T. Roberge
Claire McCarthy

12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

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Sunday, May 26

10:30am Guiseppe Sangiorgio
Leo & Jeanne LeDuc
Vincenzo, Vincenzina,
Paul Sr., & Anthony Meli
Vincenzo & Isabella Dadducci
Theresa DiCenzo

Monday, May 27

9:00am Alice Beverley

Tuesday, May 28

9:00am Richard Kelleher

Thursday, May 30

9:00am Francis R. Covey, Jr.

Friday, May 31

9:00am Charlie Szablowski

Saturday, June 1

4:00pm Robert Koralishn

Sunday, June 2

10:30am Adua DiFelice
Charles rimas
Josephine Piazza
Cecilia Delli Colli

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	05/26/24	Fr. Charles Stanley	Ulises Diaz
Mon	05/27/24	Fr. Ed Riley	Mateus Martin
Tues	05/28/24	Fr. Stephen Koen	Gustavo Neitzke
Wed	05/29/24	Fr. Robert Meehan	Javier Padilla
Thurs	05/30/24	Fr. Arnold Kelley	Diego Pena
Fri	05/31/24	Pope Francis	Aaron Sanz
Sat	06/1/24		



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Floyd N., Ernie R., Micah, Adrienne M., Josephine P., Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Richard D., Maureen S., Eddie R., Michelle O., Brian J., Bill R., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Sarah Menzies whose funeral we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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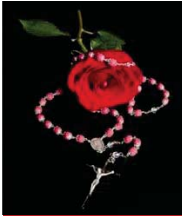


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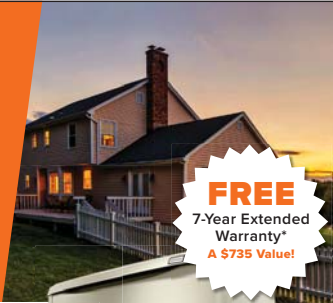
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