

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

MAY 14
2023



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – THE ADVOCATE

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” John 14:16-17

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ST. LUCY PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

The Collaborative Pastoral Council’s main purpose is to examine pastoral matters, to consider them thoroughly, and to propose practical recommendations to the Pastor. Below are the nominees for your consideration.



Nino Amoroso - parishioner for 33 years

As a member of the Collaborative Parish Council I hope to facilitate more volunteer activities by members of the parish, get more youth members involved in the parish and organize more parish social events.



John Santarpio - parishioner for 11 years

As a member of the Collaborative Parish Council I will bring my life and work experiences to a thoughtful team of people with the goal of serving/helping St. Lucy’s & St. Monica’s continue to grow in a fruitful direction.



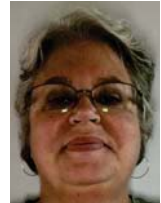
Mary Camuso - parishioner for 10 years

As a member of the Collaborative Parish Council I will listen, observe and pray that I can contribute to the Parish Council.



Ellen Wholley - parishioner for 25+ years

As a member of the Collaborative Parish Council I will help to form spirituality and advise the Pastor to the best of my abilities. Being retired after a career in medical transcription, office management & volunteering, listening is the skill I hope to bring to the Parish Council table.



Kerin McLaughlin - parishioner for 35 years

As a member of the Collaborative Parish Council I will support growth and community.



Mark Ward - parishioner for 23 years

As a member of the Collaborative Parish Council I hope to apply my skills and experience to help the parish collaborative thrive as a vibrant community of faith.

ST. LUCY PASTORAL COUNCIL BALLOT

TEAR OFF THIS BOTTOM PORTION AND DROP IN BALLOT BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

CHOOSE 2

NINO AMOROSO

JOHN SANTARPIO

MARY CAMUSO

ELLEN WHOLLEY

KERIN MCLAUGHLIN

MARK WARD

This Sunday, May 14, the second Sunday in May, is Mother's Day, a day to honor all mothers. I had frequently heard that Mother's Day was an invention of a greeting card corporation to make money. But in researching this article, I found that I was wrong, but not completely.

Mother's Day has a long history in our nation and in our Church. Since the first few centuries of the Church, the fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) was commemorated as a time to return to our mother church or home parish and leave an offering. This evolved into Mothering Sunday, as well as a time to honor our natural mother. This has developed into a holiday which is celebrated in different forms and at different times throughout the world.

In the United States, Mother's Day came to exist through the efforts of a woman named Anna Jarvis in 1908. Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, had died in 1905, and Anna had conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers had made for their children. She gained financial backing, and, in May 1908, she organized the first official Mother's Day Celebration at a Methodist Church in West Virginia.

Jarvis then started a letter writing campaign to newspapers and select politicians demanding the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. She established the Mother's Day International Association to promote the cause. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Jarvis had wanted Mother's Day to be a day of personal remembrance between mothers and their families. She originally planned the day as one where a mother would wear a white carnation as a badge of honor and where a family would visit their mother or attend a Church service in her honor. But, as is often the case, others took advantage of the opportunity to make money off the idea. Florists and greeting card companies and others began capitalizing on the popularity of Mother's Day.

Jarvis became disgusted and denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day cards and flowers and candy. She began an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers and even commenced several lawsuits against groups that had tried to use the concept of Mother's Day simply for profit. By the time of her death in 1948, Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

With all its commercialization and marketing and profit-making, Mother's Day still remains a day to honor all mothers. We celebrate it every year and, yes, we buy cards, flowers, and all kinds of gifts for our mothers, grandmothers, and wives. But we do it to honor them and to express our love for them.

Motherhood means so much more than a card, flowers, or a gift. Expressing love for their mother is not always easy for some people and cards and gifts can help to communicate it. But express it we must, in words, deeds, or gifts. Our mothers have given us life, so let us love them. They are a gift to us as much as we are a gift to them.

For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive---cherish them today. For those whose mothers or grandmothers have gone home to the Lord---remember them and pray for them.

Let us also honor Mary, the mother of Our Lord, today. She is the mother of all because she is the mother of Jesus, our brother. The whole month of May is dedicated to her. The Church is also our mother, and we ask our Lord to help us better understand the great mystery and gift of the Church as our mother.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS:

Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfill their maternal responsibilities. Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children. Pray for their children, so that they, too, will be faithful followers of Your Son. We offer these prayers in Jesus' name, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Unfortunately, not all have known the love and care from a mother that many have. And not all mothers have known the return of love from their children that they have sought. For them. A Methodist pastor wrote this prayer:

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies,

To the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

Mary, our heavenly mother, pray for us all.
God bless you all.

US CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom

Jan 5 - Jun 8

If interested, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Sunday, May 7th Sodality members gathered to celebrate the month of May with crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary. They were joined by families of Nina Saade, Lucas Montoyr, Henry Badia and Anne Carol Busane who received their First Communion in April. Nina and Anne Carol shared in crowning Mary while Lucas carried the pillow and crown and was assisted by Henry. Many parishioners joined in honoring Our Blessed Mother during our Crowning ceremony. Following the crowning, Sodality members hosted refreshments in the Parish Hall. Our appreciation to Sharon Waning, Father Armano, and Deacon Pierce. Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to the many Sodality members who helped prepare for this event with the gift of their time and talents. Such a beautiful Event!



St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes are forming a new Pro-life group.

Please come and join us at our first meeting

What: Viewing of the award-winning video, *The Matter of Life* (approx. 100 minutes).

When: Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30pm

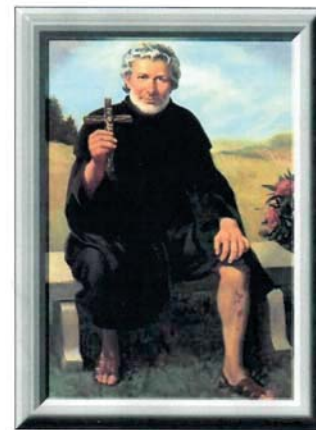
Where: St. Monica Ranch House

All are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

For more information, please contact Monica Silvey at mmsilvey@verizon.net or Claire Lacerte at normand_lacerte@comcast.net

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HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments this Sunday, May 14th at St. Monica School Hall after the 9am mass. Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Karl at the office, extension 35 or email



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 18

Mass Schedule: 9am Mass - St. Lucy Church
1pm School Mass - St. Monica Church
7pm Mass - St. Monica Church

!!SAVE THE DATE!!



Corpus Christi

PROCESSION AND PARISH PICNIC

following the 12:00pm Mass at St. Monica Church on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION 1:00pm
BBQ to follow until 3:00pm all are welcome!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

- Hospitality 10am St. Monica School Hall
- Sodality Meeting 11:30am-12:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Baptisms 2pm St. Monica Church
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, MAY 15

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- CFC Meeting 5-6pm St. Monica House
- Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Pro-Life Meeting 6:30-8:30pm St. Monica House

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- Scripture Study (Repeat) 2-3:30pm St. Lucy School House
- Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St. Lucy Church
- SVDP Meeting 6:30-8pm St. Monica House
- CPC Meeting 7-8:30pm St. Lucy School House

THURSDAY, MAY 18 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- Holy Day Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Holy Day School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Rosary 6pm (Zoom)
- Baptism Preparation Class 6:00-7:30pm
- AA 6:30-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Holy Day Mass 7pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- Faith2Fit 8-9am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Retreat 10am-1:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Scripture Study 2-3:30pm St. Lucy School House
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church



OFFERTORY APRIL 29 & 30

St. Monica - \$7,840.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$3,809.⁰⁰

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.



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

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

MASS SCHEDULE 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

CONFESSIONS

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes | Sat
4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel | Fri
6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church | Wed

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel
6 - 7 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Is 48: 20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN*All Creatures of Our God and King*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your



1. let us sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
2. sail a - long, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
3. Lord to hear, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and



1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!



- 1-7. O praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17*

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 66*

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not, my prayer or his kindness!

SECOND READING*1 Pt 3: 15-18*

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. But do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Jn 14: 23*

∕. Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, *
and my Father will love him and we will *come to him*.

GOSPEL*Jn 14: 15-21*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

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*I Have Loved You*

Refrain

I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love, I have called you
and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love,

Verses

I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and

to Refrain

1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans Are we
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on

1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!
2. left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;
2. he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;
3. here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day:

1. Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
2. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the
3. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -

1. like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
2. for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
3. deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the

1. na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.
2. prom - ise? "I am with you ev - er - more!"
3. sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, May 13

9:00am Scott LaTulippe
4:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Sunday, May 14

9:00am Alice Indoccio
Connie Zampelli
Claire Waterworth
Richard Ferland
Mary Palermo
12:00pm Rita Kilgore

Thursday, May 18

7:00pm THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, May 20

9:00am Mary Serpa
Ida Makovitch
4:00pm Ernest Ofoedu

Sunday, May 21

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes
12:00pm Ann & Thomas Thornton

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Mon	05/15/23	Fr. Robert Doherty	Deacon Jose Ignacio Montero Burgos
Tues	05/16/23	Fr. Baldemar Garza	Deacon Paul Born
Wed	05/17/23	Fr. Marc Bishop	Deacon Rodrigo Martinez
Thurs	05/18/23	Fr. Eric Velasquez	Deacon Peter Schirripa
Fri	05/19/23	Fr. Paul Flammia	Deacon Hien Vu
Sat	05/20/23	Bishop Hennessey (ordained 1978)	All Seminarians being ordained to the Priesthood

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, May 13

4:00pm Nathaniel "Nate" Patrick Melo

Sunday, May 14

10:30am William G. Klier
Laura Miele & Deceased Members of the Miele Family
Louise O'Connell
Pedro Puentes
Blanca Figueredo

Monday, May 15

9:00am Gloria Royer
Ruth Cady

Tuesday, May 16

9:00am LIVING INTENTIONS
Peter, Juana & Darek Siekiera
Hughes Denis
Marissa Roma Mastrocola
Matthew Waning

Thursday, May 18

9:00am THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Friday, May 19

9:00am Alfio, Maria, Salvatore & Dino Greco

Saturday, May 20

4:00pm Vincent & Mary Rizzo

Sunday, May 21

10:30am Anotnio & Evelina Mollica
William Dean
Theresa DiCenzo
Jennie Ciardello
Anne Carelli



PRAYER CORNER

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