

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JUL 23

2023



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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“Where have the weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” His slaves said to him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?” He replied, “No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.”

God is so good, merciful and forgiving! He gives us the opportunity to turn to Him even up until the last moment - until harvest.

I thank God that He gave me many opportunities to turn back to Him after 20 years, flirting with the “enemy”, starting at the age of twelve. Fortunately, I received a solid foundation from my parents as well as an abundance of God’s amazing grace.

Prior to seminary at St. John XXIII National Seminary, and after college in southern Maine, I worked as a childcare worker at St. Vincent Home, Fall River. Then as a social worker for DARE Family Services, Taunton. Lastly, I toyed with my last vice, money, driving for UPS.

During my 8th year at UPS I received a less than gentle nudge from God, discerned, and finally answered the call I had received as a youth.

As a seminarian I assisted with various pastoral and liturgical duties in Charlestown, Waltham, Brockton, Framingham and St. Elizabeth’s Hospital. My deacon assignment was at St. Athanasius in Reading.

After ordination I served God and His holy people at St. Mary’s, Randolph; St. Bridget’s, Framingham; All Saints, Haverhill; St. Patrick’s, Stoneham; St. John the Baptist, Quincy; St. Ann’s, West Bridgewater; St. John’s, East Bridgewater and St. Cecilia’s, Ashland.

And now I thank God that He has brought me here to St. Monica’s & St. Lucy’s. My hope is that under the leadership of Fr. Darin we may all continue to grow in God’s grace, be inspired by the lives of the saints, devoutly and worthily receive the Holy Sacraments and with the help of our good Mother Mary, move ever closer to our true and eternal home.

“Lord, you are good and forgiving!”

Pax!

## REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION HAS BEGUN.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER. [METHUENCATHOLIC.ORG](http://METHUENCATHOLIC.ORG)

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(*Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist*) or learn more about your faith?

**QUESTIONS, CONTACT KARL AT**



# MARRIAGE

one flesh, given and received

**National Natural Family Planning Week Events**

July 23 to July 27, 2023



## Natural Family Planning Community Mass and Gathering

**Sunday, July 23 | 3:00PM to 6:00PM | Saint Mary's Parish, Waltham, MA**

Join families and friends from the natural family planning community as we gather for Mass, food, and fellowship. After a 3:00PM Sunday Mass, we will gather as a community in the parish hall to share a meal and discuss all things NFP. Children are welcome! Register at [bit.ly/NFPGathering](https://bit.ly/NFPGathering).

## Virtual Workshop on Natural Family Planning in Spanish

**Wednesday, July 26 | 7:00PM to 8:30PM**

Learn about Natural Family Planning (NFP) with an evening led by Leiri Bocanegra and presentations from Billings Method instructors Jennifer Acuna and Alicia Javier. See below for registration.

## Taller Virtual sobre Planeación Familiar Natural

**Miercoles, 26 de Julio | 7:00PM a 8:30PM**

Aprender sobre el tema de la Planeación Familiar Natural (PFN). Nuestro programa será conducido por Leiri Bocanegra, con presentaciones Jennifer Acuna y Alicia Javier de las instructoras del Método Billings. Registrarse en [bit.ly/PlaneacionFamiliarNatura](https://bit.ly/PlaneacionFamiliarNatura).

## Virtual Rosary for Couples Experiencing Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Miscarriage

**Thursday, July 27 | 7:00PM to 8:00PM**

Are you or is someone you know experiencing infertility, difficult pregnancies, or miscarriage? If so, you are invited to offer your prayers and petitions to our Mother Mary by meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Come and unite your prayers with others from the Archdiocese of Boston with Fr. Matt Williams leading us in prayer. Register at [bit.ly/NFPWeekRosary](https://bit.ly/NFPWeekRosary).



You can also learn more about Natural Family Planning (NFP) on our website ([bit.ly/NFPWeek2023](https://bit.ly/NFPWeek2023)). We have free fertility awareness booklets available in English and Spanish and a list of NFP instructors.



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# WELCOME, FR. MIKE

The parishioners of St. Lucy's gathered together at the Hospitality Hour last weekend to welcome Fr. Michael Harvey to the parish. Everyone enjoyed coffee & pastry while getting a chance to visit with Fr. Mike. A wonderful time was had by all!



## HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

**St. Monica's**  
**Sunday, July 23**  
**10-11am**  
**St. Monica School Cafeteria**

Reminder: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will **NOT** be held on Wednesdays & Fridays for the month of July.

Information on restart dates will be forthcoming.

## Need to Declutter - Here's Your Chance



Holy Rosary Shrine Center  
 34 Common Street  
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**Monday's Only** from 6-8pm  
 Starting July 17th thru August 21st

Holy Rosary Shrine Annual Fair is accepting donations for our white elephant table, crafts, Christmas, jewelry, handbags, unopened perfume, toys, games, books, religious articles, and **new items** you might not have any use for.

We **don't accept** suitcases, computers, TVs,





Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, JULY 23

- Hospitality Hour 10-11am St. Monica School Hall
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

### MONDAY, JULY 24

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church

### TUESDAY, JULY 25

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary (Zoom) 6-6:30pm
- AA 6:30-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

### FRIDAY, JULY 28

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

- Faith2Fitt 8am Methuen Track & Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church

## Saints Joachim and Anne

1ST CENTURY  
FEAST DAY: JULY 26

**N**ot mentioned in the Bible, Joachim and Anne are first named as the parents of Mary in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James, which may date from the second century. In this story, they are old and childless, like the Old Testament Hannah, mother of Samuel, when angels deliver the news that Anne will conceive a child. Anne was an especially popular saint in medieval England, and her feast was celebrated in the West by 1350; Joachim's feast was authorized or suppressed by various popes, but was joined with Anne's in 1969. They are the patrons of married couples; Anne is also the patron of childless women, expectant mothers, and miners.



“Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!”

—Pope Francis, Angelus, July 26, 2013



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**OFFERTORY JULY 8 & 9**

St. Monica - \$8,631.00

St. Lucy - \$4,943.00

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

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**Yes, I CAN...** We are in need of tuna, peanut butter, canned pasta, canned peas, canned carrots, canned fruit, pasta, and boxed spaghetti. 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.

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**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's

**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**  
SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 54 (53): 6, 8*

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor, of both great and small;  
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

1. In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
2. Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;  
3. Of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;  
4. Your an - gels a - dor - ing, all veil - ing their sight;

1. Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
2. Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
3. We blos - som, then with - er, as leaves on a tree,  
4. We too, God in - vis - i - ble, of - fer our praise;

1. Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
2. Your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
3. But you live for ev - er, who is and will be.  
4. O light in - ac - ces - si - ble, An - cient of Days!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Wis 12: 13, 16-19*

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 86 (85): 5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

℣. Lord, you are good and for - giv - ing.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.



SECOND READING*Rom 8: 26-27*

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

℣. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and **earth**; \*  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries *of the Kingdom*.

GOSPEL*Mt 13: 24-43*

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’”

He spoke to them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 111 (110): 4-5*

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders;  
He gives food to those who fear him.



COMMUNION HYMN*Gift of Finest Wheat*

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat, Come

Verses

give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the
2. With joy - ful
3. Is not the

1. shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So
2. lips we sing to you Our praise and grat - i - tude, That
3. cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured? Do

to Refrain

1. when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re-joice.
2. you should count us wor-thy, Lord, To share this heav'n-ly food.
3. not one cup, one loaf, de - clare Our one-ness in the Lord?

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Lift High the Cross*

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore

Verses

his sa-cred name.

1. Led on their way by this tri - um-phiant
2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci -
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev - er

to Refrain

1. sign, The hosts of God in con-quiring ranks com-bine.
2. fied Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. tree, As thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.
4. be: Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

**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.

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, July 22

9:00am Joseph Lavigne  
Yvette Moran  
Mike Milnes  
Pat Brennick

4:00pm Mark Elia

### Sunday, July 23

9:00am Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife  
Elicile Menos  
Chipite Jean-Baptiste  
Olivia Lamothe  
Patrick & Peter Joyce

12:00pm Michael Nugent & Breeda Coughlin  
and the Deceased Members of their  
Families

### Saturday, July 29

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
John & Rose Torla  
Deceased Members of the Torla Family  
Laura Mary Chmielecki

4:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

### Sunday, July 30

9:00am Jim Drelick  
Ludovick Extreme  
Avelina  
Cathy Olson  
Carl Olson

12:00pm Maria & Cheryl Laird

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, July 22

4:00pm Perry, Clara, Steven, & Beverly Autiello

### Sunday, July 23

10:30am For the Parishioners of  
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

### Monday, July 24

9:00am Edwiga Rovinski

### Tuesday, July 25

9:00am Manny Gianni  
Christine Gianni Eldridge

### Thursday, July 27

9:00am Antonio & Evelina Mollica

### Friday, July 28

9:00am Michael Mulligan

### Saturday, July 29

4:00pm Angelo Maimone

### Sunday, July 30

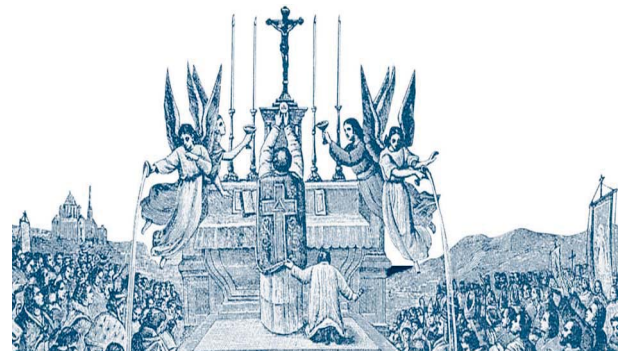
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Mon	07/24/23	Fr. John Arens	Dong Pham
Tues	07/25/23	Pope Francis	Ulises Diaz
Wed	07/26/23	Fr. Jiwon Yoon	Deacon Marcelo Ferrari
Thurs	07/27/23	Fr. Joseph Hubbard	Deacon Matthew Harrington
Fri	07/28/23	Msgr. Paul McInerney	Deacon David Joanis
Sat	07/29/23	Fr. Allan Butler	Deacon Chris Letizia



### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Bill R., Alberto G., Cheryl G., Ellen W., P.K., Patrice K., SJT, Erin C. & Matt W.

Please pray for Brian Gidley & Mary Ouellette whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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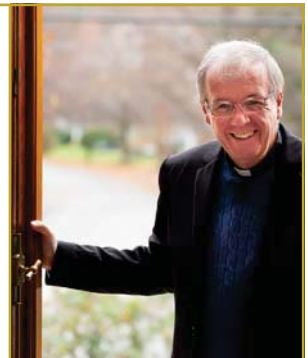
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