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2023



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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The Parish would like to thank the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and everyone who participated in making the Fall Fair a great success. A great time was had by all!

Thanks to our parishioners for attending and providing baked goods; thanks to our vendors for participating; the members of the St. Monica School Community (students, teachers, and parents) and our Confirmation Students and everyone who worked so hard to organize and execute this great event!

We want to extend a special thanks to the businesses who contributed donations and services:

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2024 MASS BOOK OPENS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

PRAYER FOR
All Souls Day November 2

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in Jesus' resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, for ever and ever. Amen

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

MARRIAGE BANNS

Second Banns of Marriage
Mark A. Saffie & Allison L. Smith

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments this Sunday, October 29th at St. Lucy Lower Church Hall after the 10:30am mass. Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Karl at the office, extension 35 or email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

SECOND COLLECTION
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

He said to him,
 "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
 [Matthew 22:37]

ROSARY GROUPS ON ZOOM

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am
 Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion.

Thursday evenings 6-6:30pm
 Rosary for world peace & individual intentions

If interested, please email bonnieocds@gmail.com for the zoom link.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
All Saints Day
 Wednesday, November 1st

Mass schedule: 9am St. Lucy Church
 1pm St. Monica School
 6pm St. Monica Church

**NOVENA TO
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
Every Tuesday from
September 13 - November 15
Saint Monica Church
7pm

Carmelite Day of Reconciliation
Disalced Carmelite Monastery - Brighton, MA

Saturday, November 11, 2023
10am-2pm

If interested, please go to
tinyurl.com/CarmelRec23 to register.



The BVM Sodality is sponsoring a bus trip to the **National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette** in Attleboro, MA on

November 25th. Sodality members and guests are welcome to participate.

The cost is \$50/pp. Seating is limited to 40.

Reservations are required. Call 978-314-8353.

Trip includes a Christmas Concert, Mass and the illumination of Christmas Lights!

The bus will depart from St. Lucy's parking lot at 10:30am and return around 8pm.

If interested, please complete the bottom portion and mail it to the Parish Office or drop it off at our next **Sodality Meeting on November 12th at 11:30am**.

SHRINE REGISTRATION FORM
(make checks payable to St. Lucy Parish)

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL #: _____

COST: \$50.00 pp # ATTENDING: _____

AMT. PAID: _____ DATE PAID: _____



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First Church Congregational, Methuen sponsors a Neighbors In Need food pantry every Tuesday. The food gets delivered to the church each Tuesday around 4pm. When it arrives, the food has to be unloaded, distribution tables set up inside the Parish Hall, and we need our volunteers to fill the bags with good to give to clients in the church parking lot.

The need has increased greatly over the years. In March of 2022 we were serving roughly 180 families, while we are not consistently serving close to 400 families each week.

We are looking for volunteers to help out. The commitment would be every other Tuesday from 4:30-6:30pm.

If interested, please contact Sue Newton at sunewton@comcast.net or 508-843-8007.



Join us at St. Lucy's
Lower Church Hall

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

To keep the First Saturday Devotion, attend Mass, pray rosary, meditate on the mysteries for 15 minutes. Go to confession within eight days.

9am Mass
Saturday, November 4 | St. Monica Church
Rosary to follow in Gethsemane Chapel



Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW!

The Massachusetts State Legislature is again considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2246 and Senate 1331, are identical in text and titled “*An Act relative to end of life options*”.

“The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.”¹

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you act:

- 1.) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.
NOTE- The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2.) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a “burden” may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
- 3.) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

How can your voice be heard?

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Public Health who will be considering these bills.
- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.



¹ Boston Pilot - Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)

OFFERTORY OCTOBER 14 & 15

St. Monica - \$7,478.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,598.⁰⁰

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 soups, cereal, rice sides, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit & pancake syrup. 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

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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THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 105 (104): 3-4*

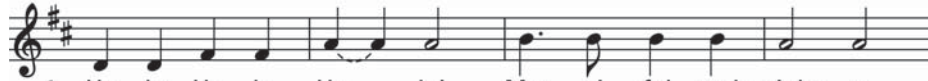
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



1. Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
2. Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
3. Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
4. All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
2. Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
3. On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



1. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
2. Who was, and is, and ev - er - more shall be.
3. Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
4. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Ex 22: 20-26*

Thus says the LORD: “You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then you own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

“If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 18 (17): 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51*

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior.
You who have great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

SECOND READING*1 Thes 1: 5c-10*

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Jn 14: 23*

✠. Whoever loves me, will keep *my word*, *
and my Father will love him and we will come *to him*.

GOSPEL*Mt 22: 15-21*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 20 (19): 6*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
 let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
 let us drink win together on our knees. (on our knees)


When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
 let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*


1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God That made the
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But makes thy




1. moun-tains rise, That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, And
 2. earth with food; He formed the crea-tures with his word, And
 3. glo - ries known; And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow By



1. built the loft - y skies. I sing the wis - dom
 2. then pro-nounced them good. Lord, how thy won - ders
 3. or - der from thy throne; While all that bor - rows



1. that or - dained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines
 2. are dis - played Wher - e'er I turn my eye; If I sur -
 3. life from thee Is ev - er in thy care, And ev - 'ry -



1. full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
 2. vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the sky!
 3. where that I can be, Thou, God, are pres - ent there.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 28

9:00am Wayne Wilson
4:00pm Roland Beaudoin

Sunday, October 29

9:00am Joseph Boren
Carmelo Carcia
Aracely Navas
Ruth Canney
Betty Pollard
12:00pm Mike Quintana

Wednesday, November 1

1:00pm All Saints Day Mass (SMS)
6:00pm All Saints Day Mass

Saturday, November 4

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS
4:00pm Roland & Irene Silva

Sunday, November 5

9:00am Yvonne Lacoste
Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Donald C. MacMillan
Ronald P. MacMillan
Francis Faucher
12:00pm Benjamin LaTorre
Helen Lariviere

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	10/29/23	Fr. James Rafferty	Gerson Garcia
Mon	10/30/23	Fr Robert Nee	Rafael Milla
Tues	10/31/23	Fr. Daniel Crowley	Thomas Rashid
Wed	11/01/23	Fr. William Robinson	Johnathan Saniuk
Thurs	11/02/23	All Deceased Priests	Brian Daley
Fri	11/03/23	Fr. Robert Monocle	Brian Delaney
Sat	11/04/23	All Seminarians	All Seminarians

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 28

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

Sunday, October 29

10:30am Charles & Evelyn DiDio
Coralia Artiga
Emilia Gonzalez
Scott & Shirley Levitte
Janet Frasca
Judy Celia

Monday, October 30

9:00am Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau
Bertrand LeBlanc

Tuesday, October 31

9:00am Eugenio & Paulina Azucena
Ana Lydia Mendez
Felicita Azucena

Wednesday, November 1

9:00am All Saints Day Mass

Thursday, November 2

9:00am George, Christine & Richard Ferguson

Friday, November 3

9:00am Deacon Bob Mulligan

Saturday, November 4

4:00pm Salomej a Rembisz

Sunday, November 5

10:30am For the Parishioners of
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Please pray for Nora N., Brian J., Michelle, Marlene, Kay, Jim, Carlos S., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason, & Matt W.

Please pray for Dr. Dennis Pellegrino & David Battiato whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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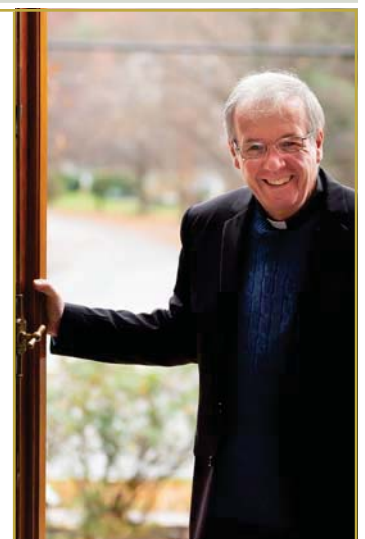


Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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