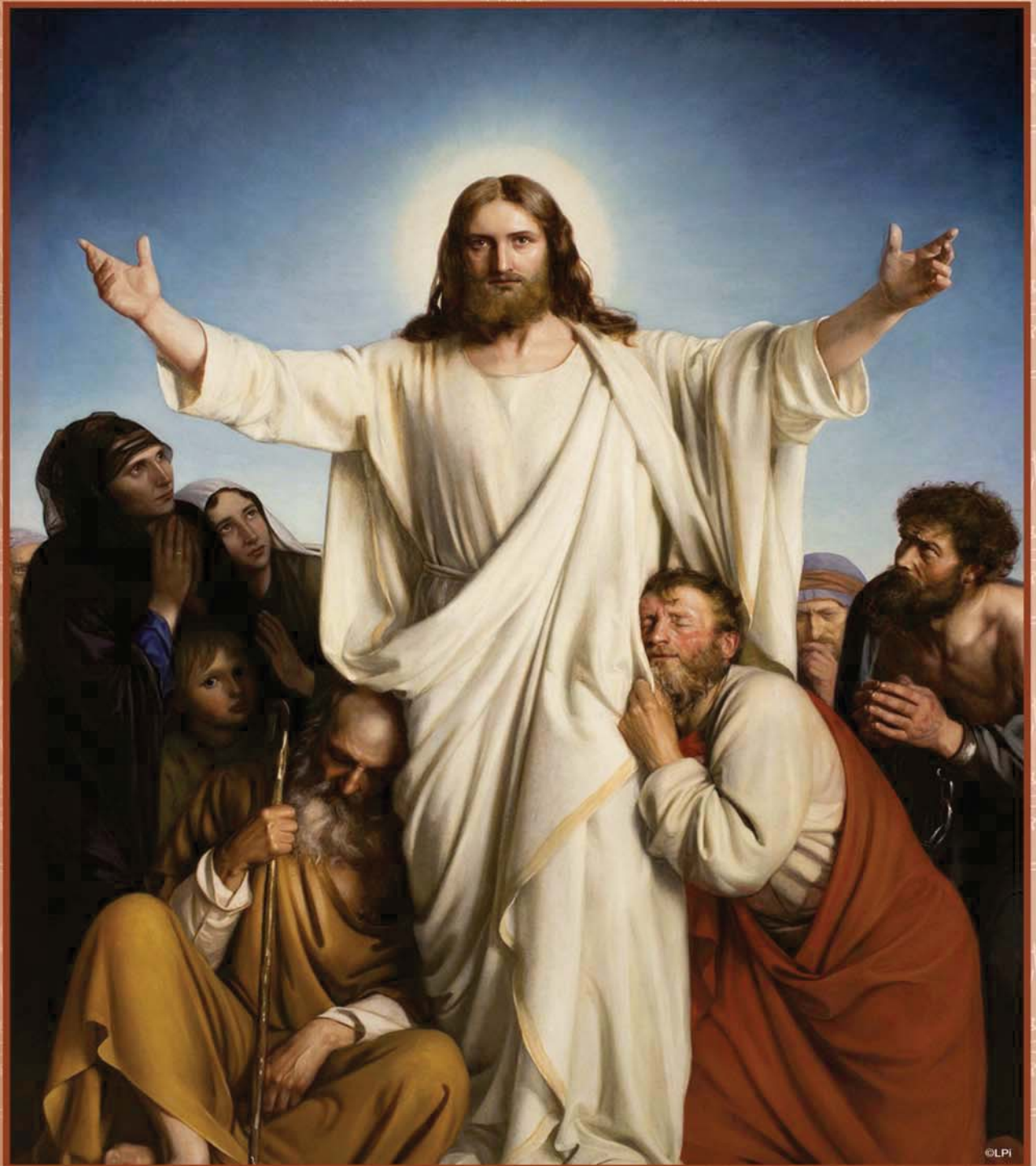


METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

NOV 17
2024



33rd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will
not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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November is a very special month. We begin each November with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st, followed the very next day with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). One of the many blessings of our faith is that while we live in chronological time we also live in liturgical time, wherein, as disciples of Jesus, we believe in the mysteries of faith in their fullness.

As we profess in the Apostles Creed, known also as the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, we believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. The creed we recite is a sign of Christian identity and communion between us. It is the creed of the early Church; we know in confidence that we share in the same faith proclaimed by Jesus and the apostles.

Like Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus we weep at the death of those we love, and in the beauty of our Catholic faith we believe that our relationship with them continues even after death; we remember them and we owe them our prayers. Filled with hope in the midst of sadness we begin the Order of Christian Funerals with the vigil prayers, "Lord our God, for those who believe in your love death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives."

From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered intercessory prayers for them, above all at the Sacrifice of the Mass in the Eucharistic Prayer. During this month we are called in a special way to remember our dear ones who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance done on behalf of the dead. It is a great consolation to write their names in the *Book of the Names of the Dead* which we keep in our churches during this month.

In his Gospel St. John tells us of Jesus's appearance to St. Mary Magdalene. She had witnessed his death and on the third day, while it was still dark, she went to his tomb. Her grief was profound. She thought it was the gardener who asked why she was weeping and whom she was seeking. "Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni,' which means Teacher."

When we go out to the grave of a loved one Jesus is also there with us. We don't always recognize him immediately. He asks why we are weeping and whom we are seeking. Of course he knows, but he loves to speak with us and to care for us. He calls us by name. "He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." (Luke 20:38)



Jesus is longing for your presence.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Wednesday Evenings
6-7pm
St. Lucy Church

Saturdays
9:30am-2:30pm
Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church

UPCOMING COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 24 - COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Religious sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.



I look to the future with hope, and I invite you to do the same...we have an incredible opportunity to build the Kingdom of God by responding to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit for the good of our parish, our community, and ourselves. To become even more vibrant and active in spreading the Gospel and sharing the hope of Christ with others.”

...The Grand Annual Appeal represents a crucial step in achieving our goals. For this reason, I thank you for your generous support of the Appeal, and our weekly offertory/online giving. As Saint Paul write to the Corinthians, “Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.” (2 Cor 9: 6-8).

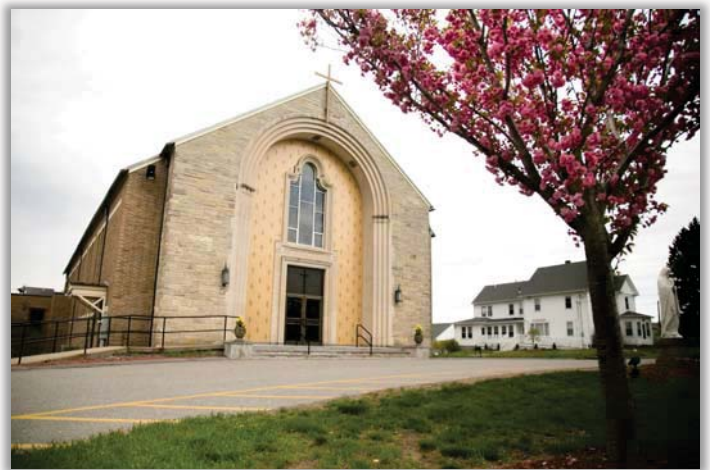
As I repeat at the end of every Mass, thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasures; and in a special way, thank you for your support of our Grand Annual appeal.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Marcos



St. Monica Parish



St. Lucy Parish





JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

Anyone interested in being part of our Christmas Choirs for our 4:00pm Christmas Eve Masses are encouraged to contact Karl to sign up. We will practice together (Day/Time is TBD), but we will have two choirs: one for each parish's 4:00pm Mass.

All ages are welcome, but we're really hoping to have adults to anchor this effort!

Karl
faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments
Sunday, November 24th in
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
following the 10:30am Mass



CHRISTMAS SHARING AT METHUEN CATHOLIC



In support of St. Vincent DePaul Society, our parishes will be collecting gift cards for children and families in need.

We are requesting gift cards from the following:
Walmart
Target
Market Basket

Any denomination will be accepted.

Designated boxes will be on display at the rear of each church from November 23rd- December 10th.

Realizing these are difficult times for all of us, whatever you can do to brighten another family with your generosity will be truly appreciated.
God bless you all.

If you have any questions, please call:

St. Lucy's - Annette Autiello - 508-783-1544
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"A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration helps to bring everlasting peace to earth." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Begins Saturday, November 30 at 4:00pm with Mass

Concludes December 2 at 8:00am

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40 HOUR DEVOTION

Saturday, Nov 30 – Monday, Dec 2
Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church
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Please contact Maureen
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Sign up as a family or
Partner with a friend

Dear Friends,

As you may know, people across several southern states of the United States are experiencing the impacts of two deadly Hurricanes within two weeks of each other: Helene and Milton. These storms created paths of destruction exceeding hundreds of miles. The death toll for both storms is at 280 people and there are still approximately 100 people reported missing.

In response, the Archdiocese is asking the parishes to once again step forward with a special collection to help our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Charities USA is providing immediate disaster relief with necessities such as water, hygiene kits, diapers, and blankets among many other items.

The Archdiocese of Boston has a proud history of stepping forward to assist people in need. Whether in response to the floods in Brazil, earthquake in Haiti, Tsunami in Japan, or the relief efforts in response to the fires in Maui, we have provided necessary resources to stem the suffering. Most recently, for the Brazil flood relief efforts, the Archdiocese of Boston raised \$245,000.

We will have a special collection at all Masses at both St. Monica & St. Lucy this weekend, November 16 & 17. Parishioners are asked to address their checks to either **St. Lucy Parish** or **St. Monica Parish**, with "Hurricane Helene Relief" in the memo. The parish will then send what has been collected to the Archdiocese of Boston for distribution to Catholic Charities USA.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for everyone impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

God bless,

Fr. Marcos

🎄 Join Us for our Annual Christmas Fair at St. Monica School! 🎄

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Monica,

The most wonderful time of the year is just around the corner, and we're thrilled to invite you to our **Annual Christmas Fair!** Get ready for a day filled with festive fun, family-friendly activities, and plenty of holiday cheer!

🎁 What's waiting for you?

- **Basket Raffles & Lottery Raffles** – Amazing prizes just in time for the season!
- **Gingerbread Cookie Decorating** – Create sweet masterpieces (and sneak a taste or two)!
- **Sweet Shoppe** – Homemade treats for all!
- **Children's Crafts** – Fun, creative activities to bring out the holiday spirit in little ones.
- **Country Kitchen** – Delicious and refreshing lunch options available.

Games, Games, Games! – Nonstop fun for all ages, from classic favorites to holiday-themed surprises!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the joy of Christmas with us. Whether you're shopping for unique gifts, enjoying tasty treats, or joining in the fun with crafts and games, there's something for everyone. The spirit of giving and community is what makes this event truly special.

Mark your calendars and come share in the holiday magic at **St. Monica School**—we can't wait to see you there!

📅 **Date:** Saturday, November 23rd

🕒 **Time:** 9:00 – 5:00

📍 **Location:** St. Monica School

Park in our school lot and head up to watch Methuen's own Santa Parade! Keep an eye out for our parish float! Make a point to stop by before the 4PM Mass! Make time to treat yourself and take a chance to be a lucky winner!

Let's make this Christmas season unforgettable together!

Warmly,

Mrs. Henderson



OCTOBER 25 & 26

St. Monica - \$7,149 St. Lucy - \$3,905

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.



As we prepare for our Thanksgiving offering to local families in need, we are asking for whatever support you can offer to help our Society provide a meal so that families can enjoy the blessings of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be providing a Market Basket gift card to purchase a turkey. Please consider bringing Thanksgiving dinner items to either church & leaving them in the baskets for food donations. The items we could use are, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, quick bread or cake mixes. Once again we thank you for your continued support and generosity to "Help us Help People."

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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.

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
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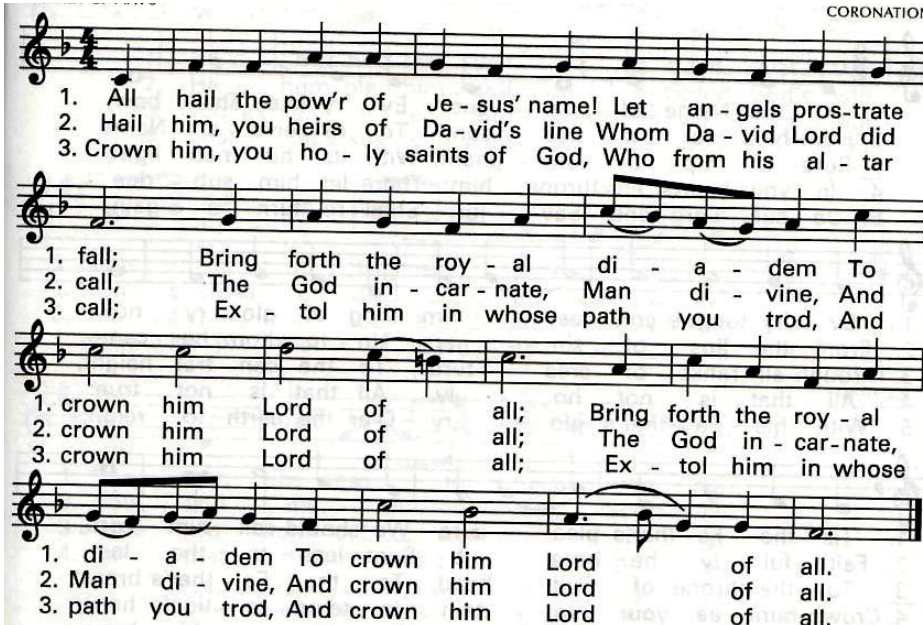
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Jeremiah 29: 11, 12, 14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

ENTRANCE HYMN*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2. Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line Whom Da - vid Lord did
3. Crown him, you ho - ly saints of God, Who from his al - tar

1. fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem To
2. call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
3. call; Ex - tol him in whose path you trod, And

1. crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al
2. crown him Lord of all; The God in - car - nate,
3. crown him Lord of all; Ex - tol him in whose

1. di - a - dem To crown him Lord of all.
2. Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
3. path you trod, And crown him Lord of all.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Daniel 12: 1-3*

In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord:

“At that time there shall arise

Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;

it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;
some shall live forever,
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

“But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11*


R. You are my in - her - i - tance, O Lord!

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.
I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, and delights at your right hand forever.

SECOND READING*Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18*

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Luke 21: 36*

Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

GOSPEL*Mark 13: 24-32*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“In those days after that tribulation
The sun will be darkened,
And the moon will not give its light,
And the stars will be falling from the sky,
And the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Psalms 73 (72): 28*

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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*Heard the Voice of Jesus*

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1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
 2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
 3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
 2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
 3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
 2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
 3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
 2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
 3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Amazing Grace*

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved *a
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing

1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 5. as the sun, We've no less days to

1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
 2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

ST. MONICA PARISH

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, November 16

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes
4:00pm Philip, Johanna, & William Muhilly
Wendy Guthrie

Sunday, November 17

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy
12:00pm Deceased Members of
The Knights of Columbus
John & Mary Walsh
Kirk Walsh
Jonathan Walsh
John DeRosa
George J. Abdulla, George P. Abdulla, &
Georgette Abdulla

Saturday, November 23

9:00am Souls in Purgatory
4:00pm Mr. Alphonse Sammataro
Mrs. Linda Marie Porter

Sunday, November 24

9:00am Neil Perry
George & Gloria Baker
Joan E. Chase
Mrs. Concetta D. Bella
Dan Traficante III
Jose Roman
Alexandra Torres
12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

Saturday, November 16

4:00pm John Woolley

Sunday, November 17

10:30am William Ward
Joan Jackson
Tim Jackson
Phil Cormier
Nina Bettyman
Dr. Ralph C. Belmonte
Maria Carelli
Louis Duhamel

Monday, November 18

9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, November 19

9:00am Anibal Garcia

Wednesday, November 20

9:00am PMA Sisters & Associates

Thursday, November 21

9:00am Antonio & Evelina Mollica

Friday, November 22

9:00am Rita Doherty

Saturday, November 23

4:00pm Ana Lydia Mendes

Sunday, November 24

10:30am Maria Arasi
Anna & John D'Agata
John McDermott
Peter J. Torrisi
Susan Livingston
Lawrence & Miriam Livingston
Patrick Joseph Livingston

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	11/17/24	Fr James Ronan	Max Muenke PJ23 Boston
Mon	11/18/24	Fr. Desmond Tynan	John Lynch PJ23 Boston
Tues	11/19/24	Fr. Frank Silva	David Cataline SJS Rochester
Wed	11/20/24	Fr. Tinh Nguyễn	Gerson Garcia RMS Boston
Thurs	11/21/24	Fr. Lambert Nieme	Br. Vladimir Guada- lupe Huber OCD
Fri	11/22/24	Fr. Michael Rora	Rafael Milla RMS Boston
Sat	11/23/24	Fr. Michael McNamara	Jonathan Saniuk SJS Boston

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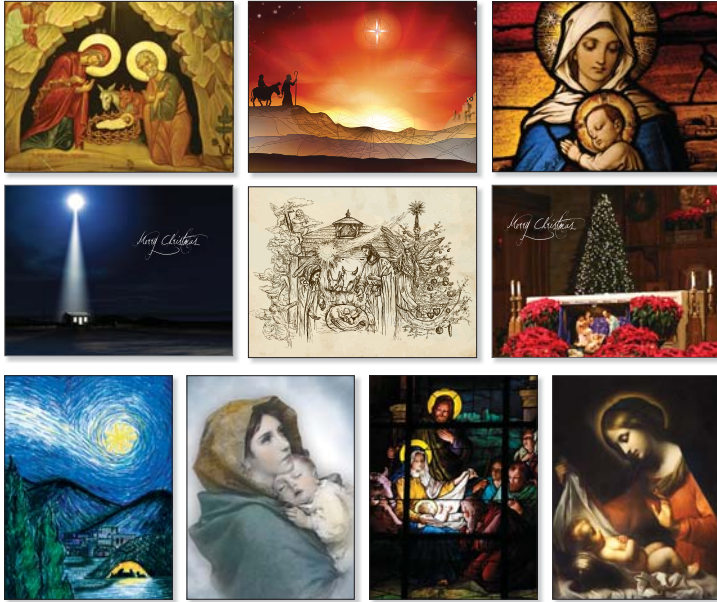
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