

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

NOV 10  
2024

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Hebrews 9:28

I've been out of the workforce for 25 years, so I don't know if job applicants still do face-to-face interviews. If that were the case, and I were an employer I think my line of inquiry would be by asking the potential employee first not what position would you like or how much vacation time and sick time do you require? Or, what do you think your starting salary should be? But rather, can you be happy working here? Can you help others to be joyful - your co-workers and customers, those over you or below you? Can you make the world a better place by working here?

Certainly a just wage is important and what I do with that just wage is important. It is also important that I properly use God's gifts and the talents received from Him. "Everyone should make legitimate use of his talents to contribute to the abundance that will benefit all and to harvest the just fruits of his labors." (CCC, 2429) The good worker is called to lift up his work to God, to receive just compensation and in justice to give back to God that which is due. We provide for our family, care for our community, and contribute to the needs of Holy Mother Church.

We saw in the example of our two widows today, the widow of Zarephath and the poor widow at the Temple treasury, that God values our good intention and our generosity over how much we can give. These two widows who gave so discreetly, could never have known that we would be discussing their actions thousands of years later. Jesus was so impressed that He called His disciples over to teach them the importance of things which appear to be unimportant.

Once in a while, when I thank a veteran for their service, they downplay what they have done saying, "I was just a clerk," or "just a mechanic." Yet their work was essential to the outcome of our still being a great country. As long as we do our best and don't give reluctantly, God is pleased. Their service and sacrifice were cogs in the wheels of righteousness, of a brighter future. Maybe, depending upon attitude and intent, the means to a bright future in Heaven.

This old miser had it all wrong. He held on to every nickel and dime he had ever received. He begrudged every dollar he ever gave to the Church.

Then one Sunday, a friend noticed him putting two large bills in the collection. This then happened regularly. Finally, the friend asked him why the change of heart. "Well," he responded, "I finally realized that you can't take it with you, so I'm sending it on ahead."

Well, Christmas is around the corner. It's nice to put smiles on the faces of the "little ones" with gifts and treats. But as the season of "comfort and joy" approaches, let us strive to teach our children about the gift of giving by leading them to the child born into poverty who became our greatest treasure.

"Praise the Lord, my soul!/The Lord keeps faith forever,/secures justice for the oppressed,/gives food to the hungry."/The gift who keeps on giving - Jesus Christ - the Holy Eucharist!

And finally, - Thank You to all our U.S. Veterans!



Are you-or someone you know-seeking peace after an abortion? Project Rachel Ministry extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat on **Saturday, November 16 | 9am-5pm**. For more information on retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

*"I had never heard about Project Rachel until I read the blurb in my parish bulletin. If it hadn't been there, I shudder to think where I would be now. It's not just a 'blurb', for me it was life changing. The retreat was an experience I will take with me for the rest of my life. I received back the grace of God within me and felt a true sense of peace and self-forgiveness."*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
Entered into the  
Sacrament of Matrimony:

*Joseph Ruth & Lauren Demars*

*"Confirm them in faith, hope, love and just deeds.  
Make their marriage as honorable as the marriages  
of the righteous and just of old."*

*Rite of the Covenant*



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).

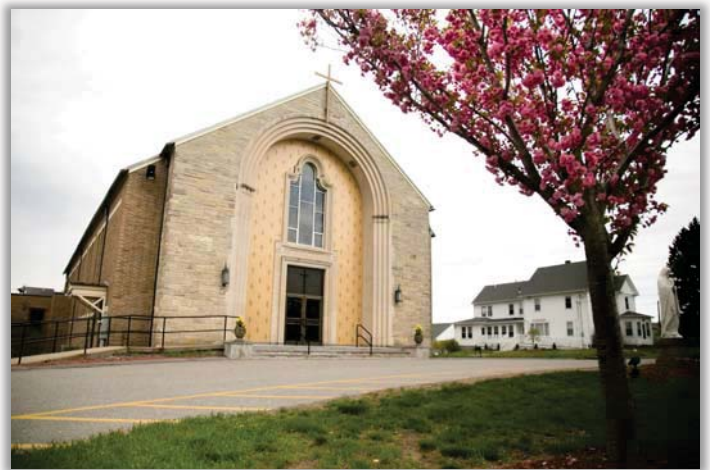
As I repeat at the end of every Mass, thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasures; and in a special way, thank you for your support of our Grand Annual appeal.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Marcos*



***St. Monica Parish***



***St. Lucy Parish***



# ADORE



**Adoration  
Confession  
Guest Speaker  
Live worship music by  
Mike McDuffee**

**St. Lucy Church  
254 Merrimack St  
Methuen, MA**

**Wednesday, November 13th  
6:00-8:00 PM**



**Mike McDuffee** has been leading worship in the Catholic Church since he was 12 years old. He currently lives in Lynnfield with his wife and four children and serves as the campus minister of St. Mary's School in Lynn, MA.

*Last year, more than 150 adults and young people gathered to worship our Lord. Please join us. All are welcome!*

## St. Monica School

NOVEMBER 23, 2024



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

**9:00-5:00**

**RAFFLES | GAMES | SWEET SHOP  
CRAFTS | COUNTRY KITCHEN**

ST. MONICA SCHOOL HALL | 212 LAWRENCE ST | METHUEN

### THE MARIE RIVIER ASSOCIATES (MRA) OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY

**November 14th  
9:30-11:30am  
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall**


Any and all parishioners from St. Monica & St. Lucy are invited to attend.

Our book this year is  
*Mysteries of the Virgin Mary:  
Living our Lady's Graces*

Please contact Maureen Slattery at 978-683-0589 or by email at [twigs5mcs@gmail.com](mailto:twigs5mcs@gmail.com) to obtain a copy of the book.

### ST. MONICA SCHOOL NEWS

The Saints were on at school to help us celebrate All Saints Day!

A Memorial Mass for the Deceased Members of the St. Monica Knights of Columbus will be Celebrated on November 17 at the 12:00 PM Sunday Mass.

**HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS**

Please join us for refreshments **Sunday, November 17th** in St. Lucy Lower Church Hall | following the 10:30am Mass

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 next 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*

### 2024 ST. LUCY'S CRAFT FAIR

**Congratulations to all our Raffle Winners! Thank you to all who attended our Sodality Craft Fair or volunteered to work at the fair or donated items to help make this year's Craft Fair the best ever!**

#### **Grand Prize Raffle Winners:**

\$500 Visa Gift Card-Pam Carey-Dugan | \$300 Visa Gift Card-Geri Lucas | \$100 MB Gift Card - Millie Stumpo

**50-50 Raffle Winners:** 12pm Raffle \$444-Vanessa Isola 3pm Raffle \$460-Andrea Ellard

**Canned Food Donation Drive Door Prizes:** Cookie Silva; Chris D'Agostino; Kris Anctil; Karen MacKenzie; Lorena; Ellie Andrews; Lorelee Kazanjian; Donna Henderson; Patti Cronin; Barbara Begin

**Basket Raffles:** #1 Tina Pellerin; #2 Elaine Aziz; #3 Karen Gomes; #4 Marianne Rafferty; #5 Judi Alaimo; #6 Barbara Begin; #7 Julie Lang; #8 Angie Rizzo; #9 Cathy Hylton; #10 Elizabeth Hale; #11 Cathy Gabriel; #12 Elaine Aziz; #13 GERALYN FRIEDRICH; #14 Jane Smore; #15 Eric Yahiaoui; #16 Jean Beninato; #17 Kathy Lynch; #18 Cathy Gabriel; #19 Cassie Viser; #20 Karen Kucukispecanoglu; #21 Debbie Gates; #22 Curtis Childs; #23 Teresa DeFranzo; #24 Steven Giordano; #25 Becky Megerdichian; #26 Pam Desando

**Halloween Door Prize:** Phyllis Dalby.

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OCTOBER 26 & 27

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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Open 7 days per week from morning rush hour until 7pm

**CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE**  
Open 7 days per week from 9am-5pm

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

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 88 (87): 3*

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*


1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his  
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our  
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -

1. feet thy trib - ute bring; Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
2. chil - dren in dis - tress; Praise him still the same as  
3. fee - ble frame he knows; In his hands he gen - tly  
4. hold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be -

1. giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. fore him, In his ho - ly dwell - ing place. Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*1 Kings 17: 10-16*

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10*


*ff.* Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

**SECOND READING***Hebrews 9: 24-28*

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Matthew 5: 3*

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**GOSPEL***Mark 12: 38-44*

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, “Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

**CREED***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Luke 24: 35*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

**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*Shepherd of Souls*

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,



1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2. Man-i-fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mir-rored in thy ho-ly Word;



1. Man-i-fest-ed by the star To the sag-es from a-far;
2. And at Ca-na, wed-ding guest, In thy God-head man-i-fest;
3. May we im-i-tate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;



1. Branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem In thy birth at Beth-le-hem;
2. Man-i-fest in pow'r di-vine, Chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine;
3. That we like to thee may be At thy great E-pi-pha-ny;



1. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed, )
2. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed, ) God in flesh made man-i-fest.
3. And may praise thee, ev-er-blessed, )

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, November 9

9:00am Dick Doherty

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

### Sunday, November 10

9:00am Sally Mc Cafferty  
Charles & Jenny Bonaccorsi  
Eleanor Bonaccorsi Marchman  
Virginia Meehan  
Luz Maria Puentes  
Verta Figueredo

12:00pm Philip, Johanna, & William Muhilly

### Saturday, November 16

9:00am Joseph Lavigne  
Yvette Moran  
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Philip, Johanna, & William Muhilly

### 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

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, November 9

4:00pm Michelangelo Iuvara

### Sunday, November 10

10:30am Domenic & Guisepe Rotonelli  
Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality  
Deceased Members of the  
Sons of Italy Methuen  
Patricia Jankowski  
Bart Perillo  
Philles DiFruscia  
Salvatore & Nancy Toscano  
Gina Toscano Thibault

### Monday, November 11 - VETERANS DAY

9:00am Barbara Sheehan

### Tuesday, November 12 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Sharon & Randy Wetzell  
Phyllis Thomas

### Wednesday, November 13

9:00am Leonard Slye

### Thursday, November 14

9:00am Carol Arkley

### Friday, November 15

9:00am Victor Andreoli

### 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

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	11/10/24	Fr. Leonardo Moreira	Deacon Zach Sullivan SJS Worcester
Mon	11/11/24	All Military Chaplains	<b>Veteran's Day Thank you Veterans</b>
Tues	11/12/24	Fr. Joseph Kim	Br. Moses Urlakis OCD
Wed	11/13/24	Fr. Maxwell Chukwudiebere	Giris Azize PJ23 Boston
Thurs	11/14/24	Fr. Charles Collins	Stephen Baruffi PJ23 Boston
Fri	11/15/24	Fr. Albert Stankard	Thomas Rashid PJ23 Boston
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Please pray for Robert L., Madelyn, Buddy B., Maria P., Phyllis T., Dan M., Kristin M., Barbara S., Family of Leo M., Janet C., Taylor, Dirk D., Claire M., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Margaret Dawson, Fr. Charles Kinsella, Teresa Walsh & Paul C. Smith whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

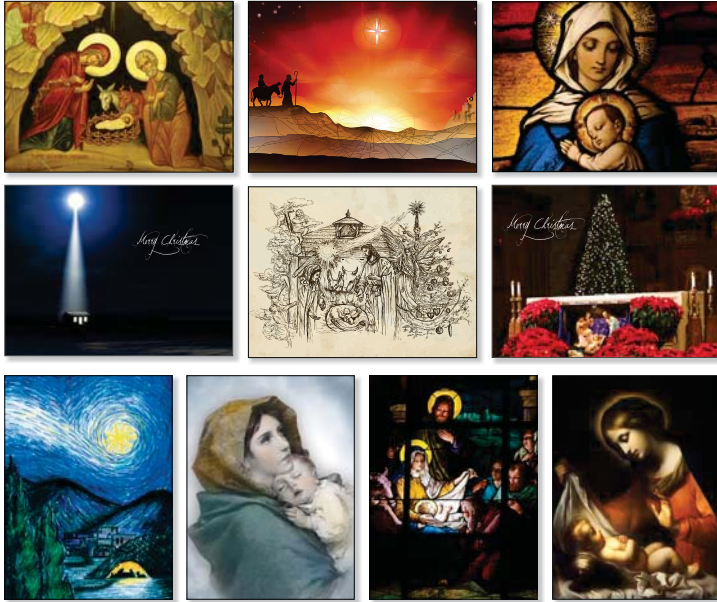
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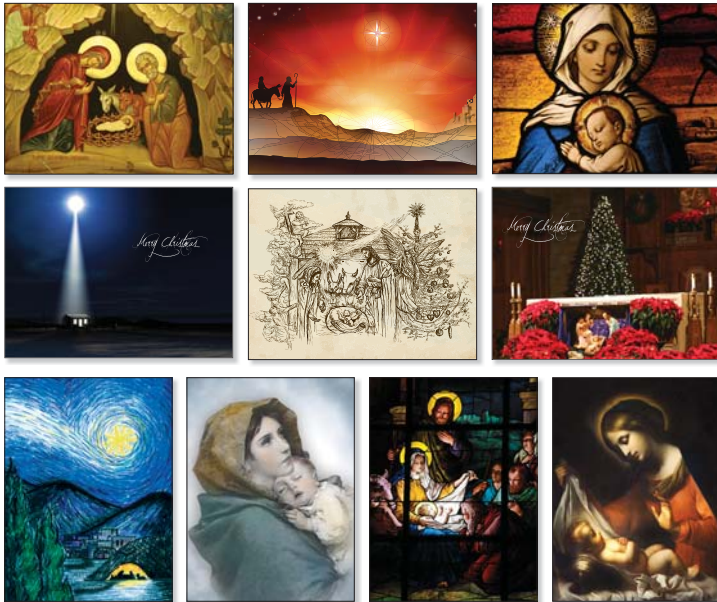
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