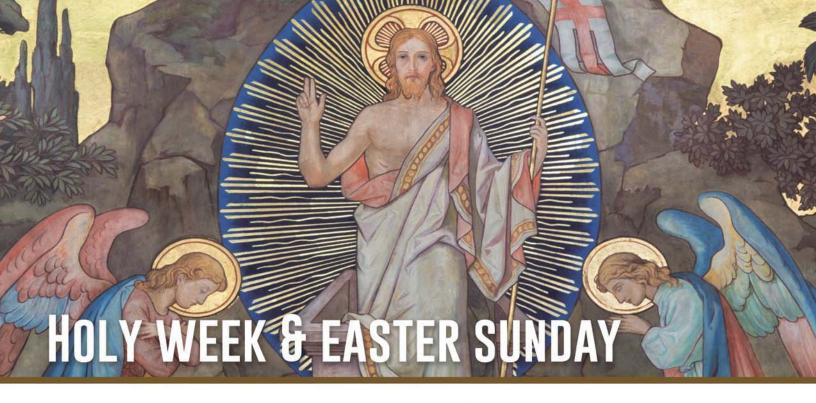


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Saturday, March 27 (Palm Sunday) (no registration necessary)

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Palm Sunday, March 28 (no registration necessary)

9:00am & 11:00am - Mass (St. Monica)

8:00am & 10:00am - Mass (St. Lucy)

Monday, March 29

9:00am - Mass (St. Lucy)

7:00pm - Confessions (Gethsemane Chapel)

Tuesday, March 30

9:00am - Mass (St. Lucy)

7:00pm - Confessions (Gethsemane Chapel)

Holy Thursday, April 1

9:00am - Morning Prayer (St. Lucy)

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Monica's)

Good Friday, April 2

*There will be no Stations of the Cross & no Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am - Morning Prayer (St. Lucy)

3:00pm & 7:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Lucy)

Holy Saturday, April 3

9:00am - Morning Prayer (St. Lucy)

10:00am - Confessions (St. Lucy & Gethsemane Chapel)

This is the last opportunity for Confessions before Easter

7:30pm - Easter Vigil (St. Monica and St. Lucy)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00am & 10:00am (St. Lucy)

7:00am, 9:00am, & 11:00am (St. Monica)

We request parishioners and visitors to register for the Holy Triduum & Easter Sunday Masses.

Registration will open on Sunday, March 21st at 5 pm and will close on Wednesday, March 31st at 5 pm.

You can register two ways: (a) go to methuencatholic.org or (b) call the office at (978) 683-1193. All Masses will be celebrated in the main churches of both parishes. **HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 21, 2021**



hear it's supposed to snow on Easter, but how can we possibly know that right now?

I certainly hope that doesn't happen, mostly because it would be more encouraging, rather, to continue the feel of progressively re-opening the parishes and the return of Spring. A prolonging of winter through snow would just be a downer--both emotionally and for the numbers of people who would attend the Holy Week services and Masses of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

So we are planning for increased numbers for sure. In fact, our most recent numbers for Sunday Mass attendance are as high as they've been at anytime since the lockdown started. This is a really good sign, probably due to the fact that, with the arrival of the vaccines, people are feeling safer about coming to Church. However, one

challenge during transitions is that some things change while others do not. Our protocols for safety, such as spacing and cleaning requirements, are an example of what is not changing while our attendance is. So the first thought to keep in mind is how we've addressed potential overcrowding at Mass for the past year--our Sunday Mass schedule is structured so that if Sunday schedule, which we a Mass at any given time at a particular parish is full, you can travel to the next Mass at the other parish. That still holds for the time being. Holy Week, though, will provide extra challenges, but with extra blessings.

Please read and consider the Holy Week schedule on the facing page very carefully. Please, also, note which Masses require you to sign-up in order to attend. The Triduum will be celebrated in the most reverent way we are able, in the locations listed, and

in order to maximize both attendance and safety. It may

be the case that a certain Mass or service is not in your favorite location, but which will provide the best ability to meet all the needs of the faithful. That's something that may require patience, and so I'm asking everyone to be patient. Similarly, the Mass schedule for Palm Sunday is different from Easter Sunday and both are different from our current will be returning to in the weeks following Easter. The weekly Mass schedule will only change in the future based on attendance numbers, changing safety guidelines, and in consultation with the staff and Collaborative Pastoral Council.

Maybe life would be made simpler with snowfall during Easter, but it wouldn't be happier and it wouldn't be holier. Let's pray and work for a safe, happy, and holy Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday; and may all of that continue to improve from here on out.







Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign for the Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) offers, loving, confidential support to those facing an

unplanned pregnancy. The goal of the PCC is to journey alongside women to let them know they are not alone. Additionally, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items, food, etc.). The services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches. The PCC has locations in Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell.

If you would like to participate, please scan

the code to the right on your phone, visit pccfriends.org, or mail a check to the Pregnancy Care Center at 158 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA 01845. If sending a check, please write either St. Monica or St. Lucy in the memo line.



Thank you in advance for your support!

Readings for this week

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/

Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-

62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54,

55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a,

9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

[cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf.

10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps

22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Yes I Can Program

We are in need of canned fruits and canned spaghetti.

We have placed food collection baskets in both churches. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but please do not leave food donations at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

TRIDUUM

Offertory

Holy Thursday - collection will benefit our local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul (this is the only collection that St. Vincent de Paul has had all year)

Good Friday - collection will benefit the Holy Land

Easter - collection will benefit the Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our active and senior priests



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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, March 20

4:00pm Don Lavigne & Yvette Moran

Sunday, March 21

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Cheryl Laird

Deceased members of the

Polomoscanik Family

Afam Ofoedu Carl Fiacchino Elaine Arsenault

11:00am Monica Allen

Saturday, March 27

4:00pm Evelyn Fitzpatrick

Sunday, March 28

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Nancy Tardif

Deceased Members of Stella and

Corsaro Families

11:00am Maurice Lariviere ,Sr. and

Maurice Lariviere, Jr.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

SUNDAY MASS

9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH 10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY

CONFESSIONS

7:00 - 8:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

FRIDAY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

2:00 - 5:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

CONFESSIONS 4:00 - 5:00 PM

GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM

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VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM

ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, March 20

4:00pm John & Louise Salmi

Sunday, March 21

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Manny Gianni & Christine Gianni Eldridge

Pasquale Petralia Bertrand LeBlanc Real Taschereau Paula Nichols

Monday, March 22

9:00am Living Intentions

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Paul Jackson Family

Tuesday, March 23 9:00am Melanie Klier

Thursday, March 25

9:00am Francis T. Roberge

Friday, March 26

9:00am Joseph Indoccio & Arthur Royer

Saturday, March 27

4:00pm Agatina LaCarubba

Sunday, March 28

8:00 am

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Walter Charles Robert Maurais Margaret LoPiano Vincenzo Minicucci

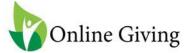
Gerardo & Mattia D'Andrea

Observances for this week

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of

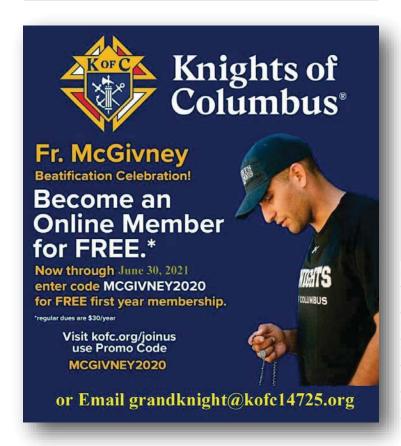
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Please pray for Gracie Theroux, Ashley Ward, Frank Manzer, and Matthew W.

Please pray for Arline Roy and Muriel Mahoney whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

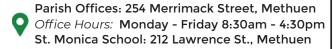
Please pray for our priests, seminarians, and vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Day	Priest	Seminarian
Sunday	Fr. Timothy Hynes	Michael Dickson
Monday	Fr. William Palladino	David Pineda
Tuesday	Fr. Richard O'Brien	Alexander Charow
Wednesday	Fr. E. Paul Sullivan	Johnathan Saniuk
Thursday	Pope Francis	Brian Daley
Friday	Fr. Gregory Vozzo	Zachary Francisco
Saturday	Fr. Edward McDonagh	Dong Pham

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley and Cheryl Laird





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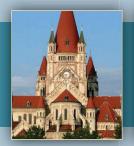
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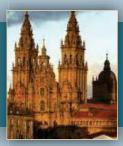
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