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**WEEKEND SAT** 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy

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## The Catholic Parishes of St. Monica & St. Lucy New Protocols for Gathering and Worship from the Archdiocese of Boston

**As of May 29, 2021, vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance for worship or other parish activities. The state does advise non-vaccinated people to continue wearing masks.**

We trust every parishioner and every family to make a sound, reasonable decision about whether they prefer to continue wearing a mask for worship and maintain social distancing. Parishes **will not** be enforcing any protocols regarding the status of parishioners' vaccinations, mask-wearing, social distancing, or movement within the church.

### Important Notes

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed for the sake of those who remain cautious about gathering in large groups.
- We continue to record the Mass each week and make it available on our Youtube channel.
- There is no longer a distinct set of protocols for parishes in "red zones."
- We plan to continue to disinfect the churches regularly.
- Congregational singing is allowed.
- Liturgical Ministers (Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) will be retrained and return to ministry sometime this summer.
- For the time being, the use of the main entrances and a single collection basket will be maintained.
- Those distributing Holy Communion will continue to wear masks and disinfect their hands prior to Communion. They will not pause in the middle of distribution to disinfect their hands.
- Communion under both species is not permitted at this time.
- This past year's protocols regarding the use of confessionals are rescinded. The wearing of a mask and disinfecting the kneeler and chair is at the discretion of the penitent.

- Group activities may resume including the serving of refreshments. However, as before, all events must be scheduled, and protocols are still to be determined for the use of parish spaces, in particular with regard to disinfecting the space after use.

In closing, all parishioners should respect the decision of others to wear or not to wear a mask and socially distance during worship and other activities. Further, as we resume other aspects of our worship, this is an opportunity to align our practices to the intentions of the Church. For example, Extraordinary Ministers will only depart from Mass to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Also, the sign of peace is intended as a subdued and reverent gesture of peace offered to one's immediate neighbor.

**Let us give thanks to God that this time has finally come. Thank you to all who volunteered in the innumerable ways that allowed our parishes to function during this very difficult time!**

**Congratulations to our parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday!**



### Seven Sisters Prayer Apostolate for Priests: Are You being called?

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There is a new ministry beginning at St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes. If you are led to pray one hour per WEEK for each priest, either at Eucharistic Adoration or at home, please contact Jean at 978-682-8477.

For more information, please visit [sevensistersapostolate.org/home](http://sevensistersapostolate.org/home)

# Congratulations

## Congratulations to our First Communicants!

On behalf of Fr. Darin Colarusso, Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio, and all of our staff and volunteers, we are delighted to extend our congratulations to all of the children who received First Communion at St. Monica's and St. Lucy's this year. May God continue to bless you and your families as we grow closer to our Lord and each other by his grace and mercy.

## St. Lucy's First Communicants

Sophia Rose Angelari  
Jack Bagley  
Anne-Audrey Iragi Busane  
Olivia Joy Carta  
Vincent Ciampi  
Nathan Da Silva  
Andru Dechane  
Patrick Dechane  
McKenna Dixon

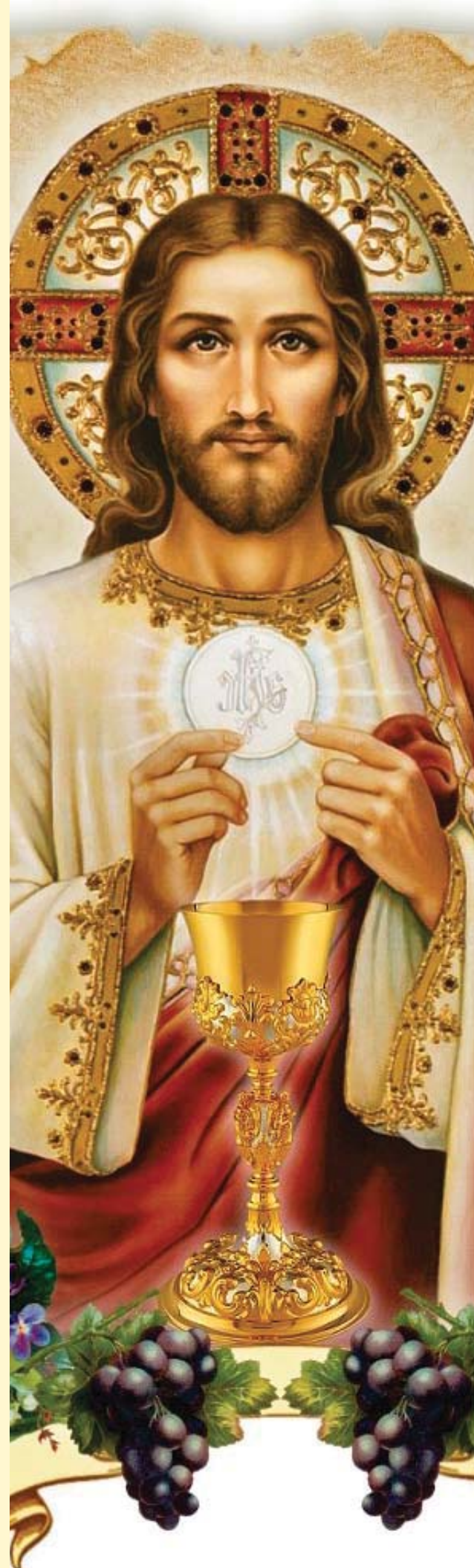
Colin Shea Dunlevy  
Emma Michelle Dunlevy  
Thomas Lucien Griffin  
Benjamin Herald  
Ella Mohs  
Emma Ramirez  
Joshua Rodriguez  
Nathan Nicholas Sirois  
Olivia Ann Wallace

## St. Monica's First Communicants

Luca Bovenga  
Averie Brengola  
Aurora Chiola  
Karsyn Curran  
Kenzie Theresa Demers  
Nathan Edward Demers  
Brady Erban  
John Robert Fabiano III  
Nyalisse Zariah Figueroa  
Grace Gallagher  
Morgan Kelley  
Daniel Elias Khalil  
Laila Mae Khalil  
Camila Leonard  
Rosalina Leonard  
Nicolas Antonio Mancini  
Austin Moniz  
Eva Moreau  
Jaxon Noonan  
Aalia Liliana Rojas  
Jillian Seccareccio  
Neylanie Silva  
Scarlett Thach  
Toulou Thach

## St. Monica School First Communicants

Peter Alaimo  
Maura Armano  
Kylie Begin  
Gabriel Saluski Bejarano  
Gavin Boucher  
Nicholas Castoldi  
Olivia Consoli  
Grace Courtemanche  
Brent Dobson  
Nashira Jimenez  
Keyllan Karanja  
Gabriella Lopez  
Finn Ludgin  
Devyn Marchand  
Delaney Marchand  
Markus Maroun  
Julia Phair  
Bradley Pelletier  
Hannah Quinn  
Hailey Raiche  
Jayden Rose  
Jayde Wood





# MEMORIAL DAY

HONOR | REMEMBER

Memorial Day serves as so much more than the unofficial start of summer. Memorial Day is a holiday that is set aside for Americans to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated following the Civil War, which claimed the lives of more Americans than any other conflict in our history. Every family, every community felt the war and so following its conclusion--as early as the late 1860s--communities and towns throughout the United States began holding springtime tributes to the fallen soldiers of the war, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. While it is unclear exactly where the first celebrations were held, one of the earliest was held by formerly enslaved people in Charleston, SC less than a month following the surrender of the Confederacy. Nevertheless, in 1966 the United States government declared Waterloo, NY the birthplace of Memorial Day.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance to be held on "the 30th of May, 1868...for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land..." By 1890, every state in the union had declared Decoration Day a state holiday.

As time went on and the United States found itself embroiled in further wars, Decoration Day became a memorial for the members of our military who died in those wars as well. Throughout, Decoration Day was celebrated on May 30. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

This weekend, when you gather with family and friends, please remember our fallen soldiers and turn to God in prayer for their souls and in gratitude for the sacrifice they made for us to

have freedom. The following is an excerpt from General Logan's original Memorial Day order:

"We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, 'of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion.' What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and found mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, -- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."



Please welcome Father Theo Okpara from Cross Catholic Outreach who will be visiting St. Monica Parish next weekend.

Fr. Okpara will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing

worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.

To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach), text BLESSINGS to 474747, or scan this QR code.



## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Justine C., Tom C. Edera M., Roger Branchaud, and Annalize.**

Please pray for **Bernard C. Keegan** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

# THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the entire school community, please accept my most sincere thank you for your support of our school fundraisers through this past year. Your generosity exponentially impacts our school and allows us to continue to strive for excellence in faith formation and academic success. Please know your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Our school community will continue to pray for our parish and school benefactors and all those who continue to support the various ministries of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes.

Thank you!

Mrs. Donna Henderson  
Principal

On Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> we picked the winners of our Spring-a-Palooza Basket Raffle. The winners were:

PK3 - "Wine" Down Basket - Jane Kinsella  
 PK4 - S'mores Station - Sheri Johnson  
 KA - "Slice" of Heaven Basket - Renee Leone  
 KB - Taste of Methuen - Cindy Griffin  
 Gr. 1A - Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Basket - Jackie Johnson  
 Gr. 1B - "Sip" Back and Relax Basket - Mary Taylor/  
 Ava Couture  
 Gr. 2 - Summer Beach Fun - Mark Alaimo  
 Gr. 3 - "Fairway" to Heaven Basket - Barbara Begin  
 Gr. 4 - Let's Go On A Pub Crawl - Pam Serwatka  
 Gr. 5 - Mom's Night In Basket - Lorraine Boush  
 Gr. 6 - Pamper Your Pub Basket - Heather Stannard  
 Gr. 7 - Lobsters by the Beach Basket - Jennifer Pujo  
 Gr. 8 - May your spring flowers "bloom" with luck - Luisana Lizardo  
 Summer Sports Basket - Dick Barrett  
 Primitive Americana Basket - Carol Lebreque

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser!!

Congratulations to our students who recently received their First Communion.



Please join the St. Monica School Community in wishing Mrs. Andrea Korbey, our Grade 1A teacher, a very happy and well-deserved retirement. She has been with St. Monica since 2008 and started her teaching career in 1974. Although we are very happy for her and her new found freedom - we will miss her and know it will be difficult to fill her shoes moving forward. On behalf of the students that graced a spot in her classroom, and the teachers and staff who worked with Mrs. Korbey - we thank her for sharing her gifts and talents with our school community and her friendship with so many of us. We will be honoring her with a car parade on **Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM**. Please enter the Park Street entrance and proceed to drive in front of the school and exit out to the regular exit on Lawrence Street. We hope to see you there!

## St. Monica Art Show

The students have been working very hard with Mrs. Buglione, our Art Teacher, and there are sure to be some spectacular works of art at the SMS Art Show to be held this weekend, Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 31. Projects and pieces of work will be on display in the windows on the first floor of the school. Please feel free to walk around the school after Masses to catch a glimpse of their masterpieces that weekend. A huge thank you to Mrs. Buglione for being innovative and thinking out of the box to continue our Art Show tradition!

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, May 29

4:00pm Catherine Olson

### Sunday, May 30

9:00am *Multiple Intention*  
 Carole & Cecile Locke  
 Charles & Mary Lamarche  
 Timothy & Margaret Woods  
 Leo & Agnes Maher  
 Margaret Nimerowski  
 11:00am Carlos Apentenco

### Saturday, June 5

9:00am **First Saturday Mass**  
 4:00pm Wayne Wilson

### Sunday, June 6

9:00am *Multiple Intention*  
 Christine Ferguson  
 Dick Doherty  
 Charlie & Rose Hanafin  
 11:00am Roberta Palmisano

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, May 29

4:00pm Real Taschereau

### Sunday, May 30

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*  
 Vincenzo Grande  
 Robert Sacchetti  
 Francesco Damico  
 Pasquale Giliberti  
 Angelo Patti  
 Sebastiano Tine  
 Leonita A. Klier  
 Francis R. Covey, Jr.  
 Carole Charles

### Monday, May 31

9:00am For the members of the Military who have died in defense of our nation

### Tuesday, June 1

9:00am Richard T. Muraco

### Thursday, June 3

9:00am Elizabeth Chojnowska

### Friday, June 4

9:00am Joseph Demboski

### Saturday, June 5

4:00pm Vincenzo Fragola

### Sunday, June 6

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*  
 Rickley Family  
 Salvatore R. Boragine, Jr.  
 Cecelia Delli Colli  
 Loretta Saulen  
 Margherita A. Gilbert  
 Michael Arcidiacono



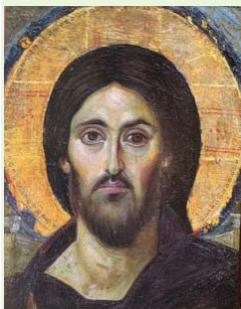
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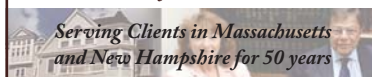
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