

Fourth Sunday of Lent

ST. MONICA PARISH

ST. LUCY PARISH

212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA 254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA Renew, Rebuild, and Reach Out: Disciples in Heartfelt Communion with Jesus Christ

DAILY MASS MON/TUE/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes SUN 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy

From St. Augustine's *Confessions*, Book 8, no. 10-12

... For this very thing did I sigh-to be devoted to you alone-bound as I was, not by another's irons but by my own iron will. The enemy had control of my will, and out of it he fashioned a chain and fettered me with it. For in truth lust is made out of a perverse will, and when lust is served, it becomes habit, and when habit is not resisted, it becomes necessity. By such links, joined one to another, as it were-for this reason I have called it a chain-a harsh bondage held me fast. A new will, which had begun within me, to wish freely to worship you and find joy in you, O God, the sole sure delight, was not yet able to overcome that prior will, grown strong with age. Thus, did my two wills, the one old, the other new, the first carnal, and the second spiritual, contend with one another, and by their conflict they laid waste my soul.

Thus, I understood from my own experience what I had read, how "the flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh."- I was in both camps, but I was more in that which I approved within myself than in that other which I disapproved within me...Yet I was still bound to the earth, and I refused to become your soldier. - I was afraid to be lightened of all my heavy burden, even as I should have feared to be encumbered by it.

Thus, by the burdens of this world I was sweetly weighed down, just as a man often is in sleep. Thoughts wherein I meditated upon you were like the efforts of those who want to arouse themselves but, still overcome by deep drowsiness, sink back again. Just as no man would want to sleep forever, and it is the sane judgment of all men that it is better to be awake, yet a man often defers to shake off sleep when a heavy languor pervades all his members, and although the time to get up has come, he yields to it with pleasure even though it now irks him. In like manner. I was sure that it was better for me to give myself up to your love than to give in to my own desires. However, although the one way appealed to me and was gaining mastery, the other still

afforded me pleasure and kept me victim. I had no answer to give to you when you said to me, "Rise, you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you." When on all sides you showed me that your words were true, and I was overcome by your truth, I had no answer whatsoever to make, but only those slow and drowsy words, "Right away. Yes, right away." "Let me be for a little while." But "Right away-right away" was never right now, and "Let me be for a little while" stretched out for a long time.

...Unhappy man that I was! Who would deliver me from the body of this death, unless your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord?



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Observances for this week

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Lent;
	Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Patrick, Bishop;
	St. Patrick's Day
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and
	Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed
	Virgin Mary

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MARCH 14, 2021



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!



Year of St. Joseph Patron Saint of the Universal Church and The Catholic Family

Easter Men's Retreat "The 10 Wonders of St. Joseph"

Saint Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church Saturday, March 20 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

To register, please call the rectory at (978) 685-7233 or Deacon Michael at (508) 982-5130

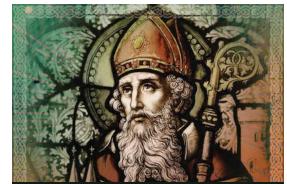


Yes I Can Program

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!





Happy SAINT PATRICK'S DAY March 17

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me. Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down. Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.



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LENT 2021

Prayer Group

Mondays, 7-8 pm Email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com for the Zoom link

Confessions

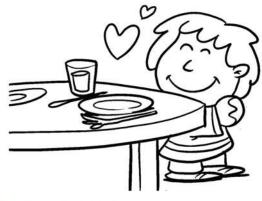
Wednesdays, 7-8 pm (Gethsemane Chapel) Fridays 4-5 pm (Gethsemane Chapel) Saturdays 3-3:45 pm (both churches)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7 pm (St. Lucy's)

More Lenten offerings & the Holy Week schedule to be announced soon

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Whenever the Israelites touched the rod with a snake on it in Moses' hand, they were healed. In the same way, Jesus wants everyone to be healed from sin. Clean up your bedroom. Set the table. Take out the trash. Pull the weeds from the garden. Pray for the sick on your street. When you do good things everyone will know how much you love God and everyone God made.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, show me how to be helpful to my family and friends.

WORSHIP

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, March 13 4:00pm Cathy Blanchette

Sunday, March 14

9:00am Multiple Intentions Charlie & Rose Hanafin Matthew Brouder James Baker Deatrah Reilly 11:00am Guy & Marie Labrie

Saturday, March 20 4:00pm Don Lavigne & Yvette Moran

Sunday, March 21

9:00am Multiple Intentions Cheryl Laird Deceased members of Polomoscanik Family Afam Ofoedu Carl Fiacchino Elaine Arsenault 11:00am Monica Allen



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 ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

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Saturday, March 13 4:00pm Lainao Brosco

Sunday, March 14 10:00am Multiple Intentions Linda Buonano William York Josie Amato

Monday, March 15 9:00am Alexander D'urso & Rosemary D'urso-Scrofano

Tuesday, March 16 9:00am Janet Szostak

Thursday, March 18

9:00am Living Intentions Jackson Family Coules Family Dow Family Richard R David Kulikowski

Friday, March 19

9:00am Joseph Caruso

Saturday, March 20 4:00pm John & Louise Salmi

Sunday, March 21

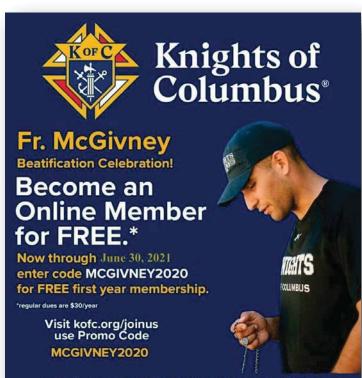
10:00am Multiple Intentions Manny Gianni & Christine Gianni Eldridge Pasquale Petralia Bertrand LeBlanc Real Taschereau Paula Nichols



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The Bible Timeline

This is a continuing Bible study that can be joined at any time. Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366 for the Zoom link and more information.



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PRAYER CORNER

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

Please pray for **Mary Mambro** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May her 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. Hal Obayashi	Gustavo Neitzke
Monday	Fr. Mark Olejnik	Michael Casstellon
Tuesday	Fr. Thomas Rafferty	Ulises Diaz
Wednesday	Fr. Patrick Fiorillo	Aaron Sanz
Thursday	Fr. David Marcham	Edward Rodriguez
Friday	Fr. Joseph Smyth	Julio Flores
Saturday	Fr. Philip McGaugh	Bertrand Proulx

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week Theresa A. Rickley

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

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