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THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.

Mark 3:35

Friends,

What a privilege it is for us to gather each weekend for the Sunday experience. There's a huge difference between "going to Mass" and "celebrating the eucharist." I believe most Catholics today go to Church by choice, not out of fear. Because we are here by choice, we are listening to the message, forming an opinion of whether the message is enhancing our lives and deciding if we will return. The Sunday experience should make us feel better about ourselves when we leave Church than we did when we arrived. As I mentioned last week, I truly believe people will return to a parish on a regular basis for 3 reasons: inspirational preaching, uplifting music and a spirit of hospitality.

I just arrived at St. Monica and St. Lucy parishes and will be here temporarily but I hope to add to the wonderful history of the Catholic Church in the city of Methuen. Both parishes have had many wonderful priests who have ministered over the years, a vibrant school community at St. Monica, staff who have responded to community needs, faith filled religious education programs, dedicated parishioners who have sacrificed for generations to build these faith communities, and many newer families who now call Methuen their home.

As you know, organized religion is not what it used to be. Peoples' understanding of God has evolved and matured as they have and many no longer have a need to celebrate their faith in a community. That is a huge loss for the Catholic Church and I believe it is a loss for those families (they may disagree).

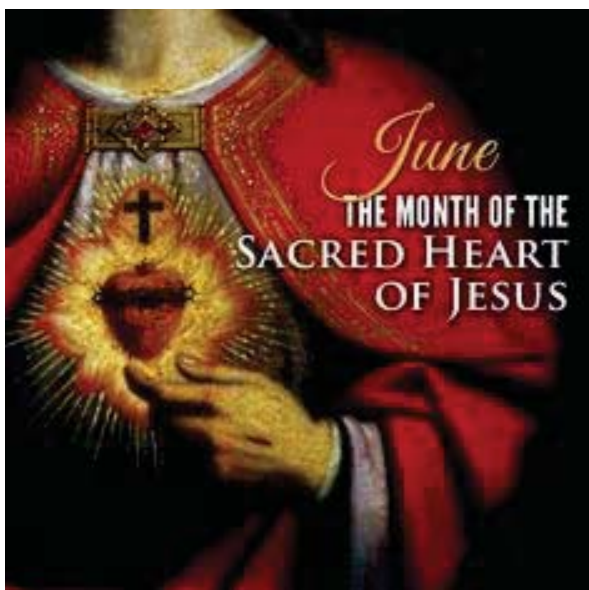
I was thinking about the purpose of Church today and there are many purposes: e.g. to acquaint us with God's presence in the world and how to recognize that presence; to give us the opportunity to celebrate our faith with others who believe as we do; to make us aware of our responsibilities to respond to those who struggle and may be marginalized or ostracized in our local community and society; to give us a sense of belonging to a faith community (parish) where we are nurtured and nourished spiritually through the sacraments at sacred moments in our lives; and to remind us that God's greatest gifts to us are unconditional love and unlimited potential.

For those who believe in God and are baptized Catholics what an opportunity for the Church to accompany them along their life journey.

I look forward to meeting many of our residents and parishioners over the summer months and am honored to serve you along with Fr. Michael Harvey, Fr. Patrick Armano, our deacons, staff and the many wonderful volunteers who minister in our parishes. May God bless you and those you love with peace, happiness and good health.

Enjoy life!

Fr. Ron Coyne





**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
followed by
WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**Wednesday, June 12th
6pm
St. Lucy's Church**

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

We hold our monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month after the 9am mass at St. Lucy Church. Our next meeting is June 13th. All men and women are invited especially those who are associates or have made the Rivier Retreat. This year our topic is

The Story of the Soul

Please contact Maureen Slattery for more information twigs5mcs@gmail.com

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PROMOTING THE GOSPEL - JUNE 16**

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PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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The first reading in today's liturgy is from the Book of Genesis. It takes place after Adam and Eve have eaten of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They know they have done wrong, but they each try to blame someone else. "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Adam is afraid of God because he knows that he has done wrong. He doesn't want to be seen, but he knows that God can see right into and through any hiding place he may find. He is naked before the Lord, and he knows it.

But first he tries to blame Eve. "The woman you put here with me---she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it." He's saying, "It's her fault because she gave it to me. It was her idea," or "It's your fault for putting that woman here with me. I have no responsibility here."

So, God then goes to Eve to see what she has to say about the situation. She immediately does the same thing and tries to blame somebody else for what happened. "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." She takes no responsibility for her actions. "He tricked me. It's not my fault." Or, famously, "The devil made me do it"

And so all of the blame goes back to the serpent, at least as far as Adam and Eve are concerned. But God knows better. He knows how they were tempted. They were told that they would become like Gods. But they were lied to. The devil is the father of lies and he lies immediately to our first parents. They did not need that fruit to become like God. They were already like God. They were created in the image and likeness of God. No fruit, even forbidden fruit, could give that to them. It had already been given freely. But they weren't even aware of it. They just wanted more.

They weren't satisfied with themselves or with all that had been given to them freely. They wanted more even though they weren't sure what that was and didn't even realize that they already had it.

Today, we continue to imitate our first parents. We deny our problems are our own and blame others for them. "He made me do it." "She made me do it." "The devil made me do it." Or if we do take the blame, we add, "I just didn't know any better. It's still not really my fault."

And we all want to be better. Better looking, smarter, more respected, richer, and a whole list of "betters" which we believe we need. But, as we are told in the Book of Genesis, we are made, and always will remain, in the image and likeness of God. What more could we ask for? There is no "better" than that.

And so, we seek solutions where they can't be found. And then we ask why we are so unhappy and why there are so many problems in the world that seem unsolvable.

The only way to true happiness is by being who we were created to be. We were made to be the image and likeness of God and we never will be happy or satisfied until we realize that is who we are and what we are meant to be.

Do not be deceived. Realize who you are: a child of God, a brother or sister of Christ, an heir to the kingdom of heaven. Live in and from this truth. It is the only way to true happiness.

Deacon John Kobrenski



MAY 25 & 26

St. Monica - \$7,743.⁰⁰

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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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 27 (26): 1-2*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
 When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

ENTRANCE HYMN*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of



1. of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice
 2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
 3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -
 2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
 3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the



1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
 2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our
 3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is



1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
 2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
 3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Genesis 3: 9-15*

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8*

R. With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re-demp-tion.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

SECOND READING*2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1*

Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*John 6: 51*

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Now the ruler of this world will be driven out, says the Lord;
And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

GOSPEL*Mark 3: 20-35*

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***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 ANTIPHON*Psalm 18 (17); 3*

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

COMMUNION HYMN*Psalm 42 (As the Deer Longs)*

1. As the deer longs for flow-ing streams, so longs my
 2. My tears have fed me day and night, while some have
 3. Why do I mourn and toil with - in, when it is

1. soul for you, O God. My soul does thirst
 2. said "Where is your God?" But I re - call,
 3. mine to hope in God? I shall a - gain

1. for the liv - ing God, when shall I come to see your
 2. as my soul pours dry, the days of praise with-in your
 3. sing - praise to him, he is my help, he is my

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1. face? 3. God. He is my God.
 2. house.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*At the Name of Jesus*

1. At the Name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a Name
 3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,
 4. In your hearts en-throne him; There let him sub - due
 5. Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior, Shall re - turn a - gain,

1. Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2. From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom he came,
 3. Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
 4. All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true:
 5. With his Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;

1. 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call him Lord,
 2. Faith - ful - ly he bore it Spot - less to the last,
 3. To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
 4. Crown him as your Cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;
 5. For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on his brow,

1. Who from the be - gin - ning Was the - might - y Word.
 2. Brought it back vic - to - rious, When through death he passed.
 3. Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
 4. Let his will en - fold you In its light and power.
 5. And our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, June 8

9:00am Bernadette Lemaire
4:00pm Richard Gerst

Sunday, June 9

9:00am Leo Hamel
Gerry Hamel
James Minor
Claire McCarthy
Demetrio Faunillan

12:00pm Mallie Silvey
Deceased Members of
the Maclsaac Family

Saturday, June 15

9:00am Joseph Indoccio
Albert Zampelli
Arthur Royer
Anthony Makovitch
Andre Serpa

4:00pm Marianna Zielinski
Diane Margosian

Sunday, June 16

9:00am Walter Witkos
Kevin Waterworth
Dominick DelGavio Jr.

12:00pm Natalie Ann Haradon

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Mon	06/10/24	Fr. Steven Restrepo	Jack Monbouquette
Tues	06/11/24	Fr. Ronald Gariboldi	Connor Roukey
Wed	06/12/24	Fr. Michael Doyle	Paulo Carvalho
Thurs	06/13/24	Fr. Raymond O'Sullivan	Nicholas Colon
Fri	06/14/24	Fr. Michael Bova Conti	Ryan Henderson
Sat	06/15/24	Fr. Leonard O'Malley	Jake Livingstone

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9

10:30am Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality
Carole Charles
Charles Rimas
Giuseppe & Angela Montano
Josephine Piazza

Monday, June 10

9:00am Leonard & Gemma Theberge

Tuesday, June 11 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Anthony Cianci
Donna & Joe Vicari
Hughes Denis
Michelle Denis
Kimberly Rovinski
Mary Hernandez

Thursday, June 13

9:00am George O. Ferguson

Friday, June 14

9:00am Carl Provost

Saturday, June 15

4:00pm Dennis Miele
James Jessick
Arnold, Jane, & Linda Chinetti

Sunday, June 16

10:30am For the Parishioners of
St. Lucy & St. Monica



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Floyd N., Ernie R., Micah, Adrienne M., Josephine P., Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Michelle O., Bill R., & Patrice K.

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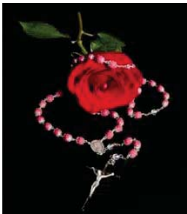
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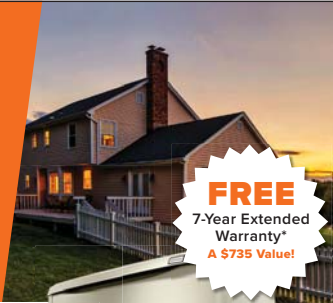
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