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THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

OCT 13
2024



28th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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“You can never cross the ocean, unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.”

- Christopher Columbus

Grit describes someone who is passionate about a long-term goal and has the perseverance and the courage to overcome challenges. This very aptly describes Jesus in all the challenges that He faced. Through all the persecutions until eternal life in Heaven, He held strong.

It's what He called the young rich man to. But sadly, he had no grit, and no trust in He who called him. Jesus calls each one of us to follow Him intimately. Not from way off in the distance. Not from another time zone or even as close as a stone's throw away. He wants us to walk by His side, with Him, sharing in the joys and sorrows and being illuminated by His magnificence until we reach “eternal life in the age to come.”

This week we honor Christopher Columbus who had the grit when given the reins. When given the means and the navigational equipment, he sailed off with sailors, stone masons, soldiers, carpenters, metal workers, farmers, and priests.

Columbus was sponsored by Ferdinand II and Isabella I to open the way for exploration and colonization of the Americas. The goal was also to acquire spices, goods, and riches for the European market, as well as to mission as Jesus directed, “to make disciples of all nations.” This proved a very difficult task, as some of the natives welcomed them with murderous violence. The accounts of the North American martyrs, whose feast we celebrate this coming Saturday, clearly demonstrates this.

But Columbus (originally from Genoa) undertook four voyages. The first and most familiar voyage in 1492 aboard the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. They landed first in the Bahamas on an island he called San Salvador (Holy Savior). From there, they traveled to Cuba, then Hispaniola, and then returned home.

In museums today are the original letters detailing all of Columbus' journeys and how the Americas were first colonized and evangelized. Some of the journeymen had very good intentions, and some were less than noble. Some of the methods of colonizing were stellar, while others not so. Nevertheless, we thank Christopher Columbus who grew increasingly religious in his later years. We thank him for his grit and courage to explore and evangelize, to begin the formation of our great nation.

May we have that same grit and courage, to always listen to the Word of God, and never be found lacking in what our good and gracious God asks us to do.



**HAPPY
COLUMBUS
DAY**

**The Parish Offices will be
CLOSED
Monday, October 14th.**

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, October 20th

St. Monica School Hall
After the 9am Mass

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
After the 10:30am Mass

Everyone is welcome!

BVM SODALITY NEWS

Attention All Bakers...The Bakery Committee for the Sodality Fall Craft Fair is seeking donations of baked goods from the bakers in our parish. Please consider donating any baked goods: cookies, pies, cakes, candies, etc. Please **LABEL** if your contribution contains nuts and/or is gluten free. Happy Baking!!!

All donations should be brought to the Parish Hall on Friday, October 25th from 12 noon – 5:00.

Looking for something to do??? Mark Your Calendar..... October 26th is the Sodality Fall Craft Fair! The Sodality welcomes anyone interested in helping during the Craft Fair – anytime from 7:00am – 4:00pm. Come join the fun while helping to raise money for our Parish! If you can spare 1, 2, or 3 hours please let us know!

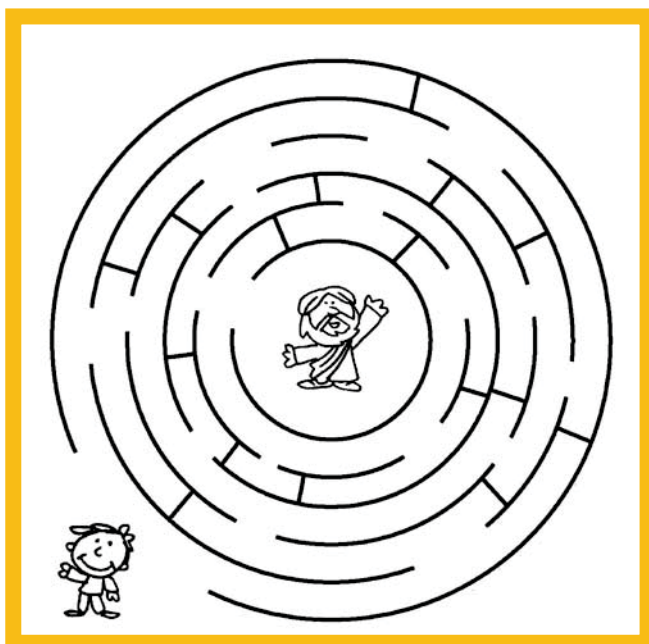
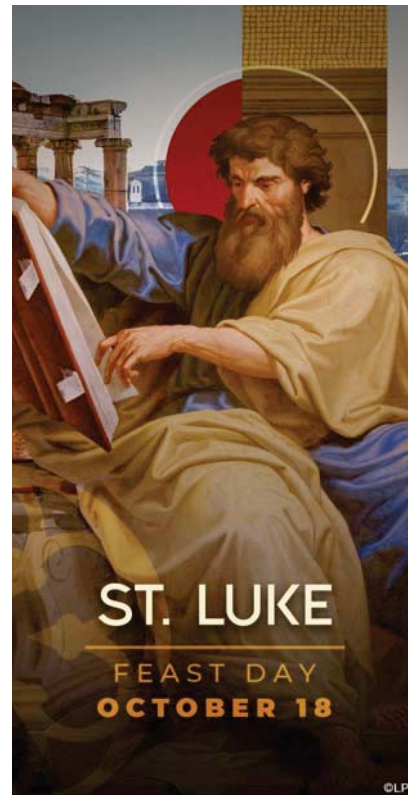
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**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 20**

Next week’s second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope’s name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
FOLLOWING THE
10:30AM MASS**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE BLESSING OF THE
NEW STATUE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Last winter, the parish’s statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was destroyed in a wind storm. Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, the statue has been replaced, and two new garden benches have been donated. Please join us October 13th for the blessing of the new statue.



October 26, 2024

Craft Fair

Save The Date

30+ vendors

Free Admission	St. Lucy Church Hall 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA	9am-3pm
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JOIN THE FUN!!

Drop Off a canned food item and RECEIVE a **FREE** Ticket for our Door Prize Drawings! **Let's support the FOOD PANTRY at the Methuen Senior Citizens Center!**

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patroness of the Americas
Star of the First and the New Evangelizations
Patroness of the Unborn

**Nine Tuesdays from
September 10 - November 5
Saint Monica Church
7pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Praying the Rosary
The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Reading and Meditation/Reflection
The Novena Prayers
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not here? Are you not under my protection? So not grieve or be disturbed by anything."

GENTLY USED SECOND HAND ITEMS

A parishioner has volunteered to collect gently used second hand items and sell them at his flea market with all proceeds going to our parishes. This gentleman has a history of success in this area and has done this type of ongoing fundraiser for other organizations and churches in the past. If you are interested in getting rid of some old furniture or other items, please consider reaching out to Jim to arrange for pick up. Call 978-360-8796. Please no broken or damaged items.

Thank you to all who have already donated!

DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE


Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm
Rosary Prayer Group for Priests | Gethsemane Chapel
all are welcome to attend

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am (ZOOM)
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion. Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-7pm (ZOOM)
Rosary for world peace & individual intentions followed by Evening Prayer.
Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel



Knights of Columbus - St. Monica Council 14725 is starting a new program:

NEVER ALONE


Members of the Council will be visiting former Knights who are now homebound. Anyone who knows someone from either St. Lucy or St. Monica Parishes is invited to contact Council 14725 Family Director, Larry Giordano , at 978-360-9256 with the name, address and phone number of the former Knight who would like to receive a visit.

SAINT MONICA SCHOOL NEWS

The school year has gotten off to a great start! Here are a few peeks at the first month of school activities....students participated in the annual Walk for Education, which raised money for student programming and updating our school security; grade 5, who was responsible for the readings, prepped for a weekly Friday Mass with Fr. Marcos; and finally, our School Therapy Dog, Greta, has her own corner for weekly visits with students and visits classrooms as well.



OCTOBER 15TH
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Faith
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SATURDAYS 8AM

St. Lucy's
Lower Church Hall

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

St. Monica - \$7,837

St. Lucy - \$4,852

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.



Yes, I CAN...We are in need of Mashed Potatoes, Canned Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Baked Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Rice Sides. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH
Open 7 days per week from morning rush hour until 7pm

**CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd 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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 130 (129): 3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

ENTRANCE HYMN*We Gather Together*


1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; He
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, Whose
3. We all do ex - tol you, our lead - er tri - um - phant, And

1. chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known; The
2. king - dom calls all to the love which en - dures. So
3. pray that you still our de - fend - er will be. Let

1. wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing: Sing
2. from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning: You,
3. your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion: Your

1. prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
2. Lord, were at our side; all — glo - ry be yours!
3. name be ev - er praised! O — Lord, make us free!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Wisdom 7: 7-11*

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.
Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 90: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17*


R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children;
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND READING*Hebrews 4: 12-13*

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*1 John 4: 12*

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

GOSPEL*Mark 10: 17-30*

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***1 John 3: 2*

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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*Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Now Thank We All Our God*

1. Now thank we all our God With heart, and hands, and
2. O may this gra - cious God Through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



1. voic - es, Who won - drous things hath done, In whom his world re -
2. near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
3. giv - en, The Son, and Spir - it blest, Who reigns in high - est



1. joic - es; Who, from our moth - er's arms Hath blessed us on our
2. cheer us; Pre - serve us in his grace, And guide us in dis -
3. heav - en, E - ter - nal, Tri - une God, Whom earth and heav'n a -



1. way With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
2. tress, And free us from all sin, Till heav - en we pos - sess.
3. dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be, ev - er - more.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 12

9:00am John J. Whittaker

4:00pm Stanislaw Arabudzki
Todd Tisdale
Marie Bisson

Sunday, October 13

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

12:00pm Jimmy Oliveri
Greg L'Heureux

Saturday, October 19

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Paul Valliere

Sunday, October 20

9:00am Neil Perry
Anthony Giuffrida
Nora Noyes

12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

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Saturday, October 12

4:00pm Guido & Guida Iannalfo

Sunday, October 13

10:30am Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality
Louis J. DeMarco
Antonietta Petteruti
Neil Perry
Michael J. Archetti
John McDermott

Monday, October 14

9:00am William & Margaret Collins
Msgr. Richard Little

Tuesday, October 15

9:00am Dick Doherty

Wednesday, October 16

9:00am Roland & Yvonne Soucy

Thursday, October 17

9:00am Pasquale Petralia

Friday, October 18

9:00am Bruce Beverley

Saturday, October 19

4:00pm John McKenna
Raymond Richard

Sunday, October 20

10:30am Josephine & Anthony J. Carelli
and Deceased Members of their family
Sid & Nancy DeMarco
Joe & Marie Querol
Roger & Grace Barbin
Salvatore R. Boragine, Jr.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	10/13/24	Fr. Kevin O'Leary	Henry Seuffert
Mon	10/14/24	Fr. Daniel Riley	Tim Walsh
Tues	10/15/24	Fr. Joseph Ferme	Fritz Anacreon
Wed	10/16/24	Fr. Henry Yang	Aaron Arbizo
Thurs	10/17/24	Fr. James Barry	Giris Azize
Fri	10/18/24	Fr. Ronald Bourgault	Stephen Baruffi
Sat	10/19/24	Fr. Michael Alfano	Michael Castellon



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for 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 those whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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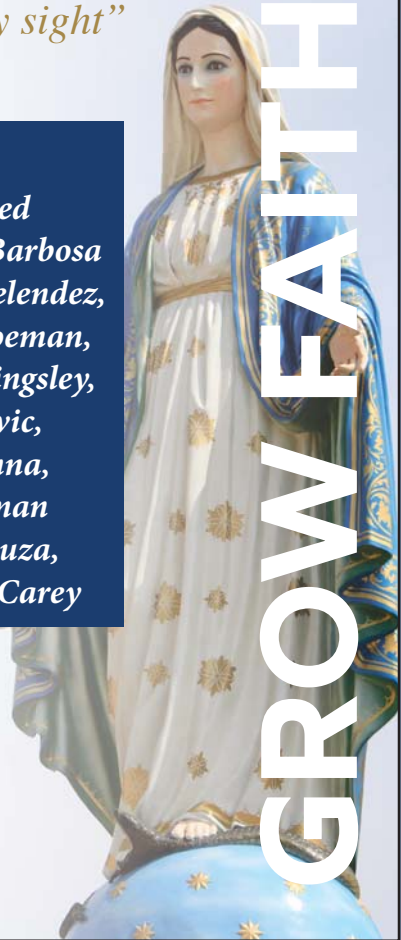
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