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31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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A few days ago, we celebrated the Feast of All Saints. This is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, not just those who are known and canonized, but also those who are unknown. In the reading from the Book of Revelation on All Saints Day, we read of the 144,000 from each of the tribes of Israel and we read of the author’s vision of “a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.” When he, the writer (who many believe to have been St John the Evangelist), was later told who these people were, they were described as “the ones who have survived the time of great distress: they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.” It is a way of describing the great number of those who are in heaven and of the martyrs: a multitude unable to be counted. These are the ones we celebrate on All Saints Day.

The day after All Saints Day is All Souls Day. As we celebrate the Church Triumphant on All Saints Day, we pray for the Church Suffering on All Souls Day. We pray for all the souls in Purgatory awaiting their purification and entrance into heaven. They have been saved but are still being purified (i.e., being made ready for heaven). They cannot see God, but the Holy Spirit is in them. We (the Church Militant) intercede to the Lord for them. We pray that their sufferings may be lessened and shortened. We are engaged in a continuous war against evil and the enemies of Christ, and one of the ways we fight that battle is by praying for the dead. God is all knowing and all just. He knows all of our sins, our secrets, and our weaknesses. But he is also all merciful and all loving. He hears our intercessions and the intercessions of the saints for others and takes action on them. He makes souls pure and brings them to heaven. These are mysteries we cannot comprehend or explain, but they are truths that we believe.

Let us continue to do our duty of praying for the holy souls in purgatory and for all who have died. May all the saints in Heaven pray for us and for all the souls in Purgatory. Amen.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. And lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy. Amen.

Deacon John Kobrenski





Are you-or someone you know-seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat on Saturday, November 16 from 9am-5pm. Location is confidential. For more information on retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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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!

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, November 3rd

St. Monica School Hall
After the 9am Mass

Sunday, November 17th

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

Everyone is welcome!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME — NOV 3

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget that our clocks "Fall Back" at 2am!

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

1ST FULL WEEK OF NOVEMBER

We pray for all those discerning their vocations as holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.

DON'T FORGET TO



As we prepare for our Thanksgiving offering to local families in need, we are asking for whatever support you can offer to help our Society provide a meal so that families can enjoy the blessings of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be providing a Market Basket gift card to purchase a turkey. Please consider bringing Thanksgiving dinner items to either church & leaving them in the baskets for food donations. The items we could use are, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, quick bread or cake mixes. Once again we thank you for your continued support and generosity to "Help us Help People."

ADORE



Adoration
Confession
Guest Speaker
Live worship music by
Mike McDuffee

St. Lucy Church
254 Merrimack St
Methuen, MA

Wednesday, November 13th
6:00-8:00 PM



Mike McDuffee has been leading worship in the Catholic Church since he was 12 years old. He currently lives in Lynnfield with his wife and four children and serves as the campus minister of St. Mary's School in Lynn, MA.

*Last year, more than 150
adults and young people
gathered to worship our
Lord. Please join us.
All are welcome!*



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NOVEMBER 8TH
9:00 AM**

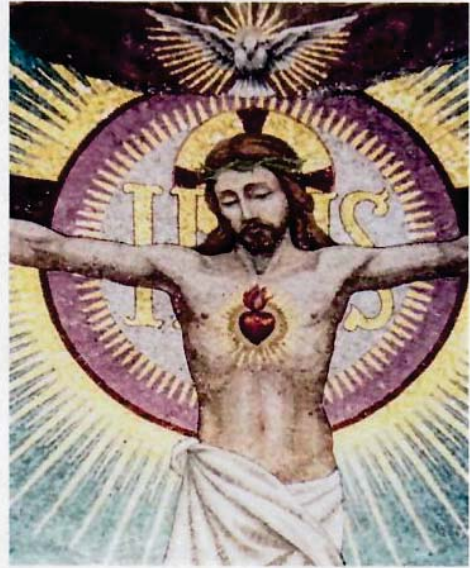
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Saturday, November 9, 2024
Holy Rosary Shrine
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Laity, and Students Invited

8:00am-4:00pm

On Friday, October 25th, from 5-8pm, Saint Monica School hosted TRUNK OR TREAT in the school parking lot to celebrate Halloween. The children...and parents alike...came dressed in costume and enjoyed a fun-filled night!!



OCTOBER 19 & 20

St. Monica - \$7,945 St. Lucy - \$4,370

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.



THANKSGIVING DINNER ITEMS. We could use Thanksgiving items such as stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, quick bread or cake mixes. Once again we thank you for your continued support and generosity!

<p>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH Open 7 days per week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p>	<p>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE Open 7 days per week from 9am-5pm</p>
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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.

<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 38 (37): 22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

ENTRANCE HYMN*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing

1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee,
2. flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,
3. ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
4. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,

1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
3. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
4. Bind - ing all with - in its span. Ev - er sing - ing,

1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
2. vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
3. Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
4. march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;

1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
3. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
4. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Deuteronomy 6: 2-6*

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51*

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior, you who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

SECOND READING*Hebrews 7: 23-28*

Brothers and sisters: The Levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Jon 14: 23*

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord;
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

GOSPEL*Mark 12: 28b-34*

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is the : *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Psalms 16 (15): 11*

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

1. Je - su, joy of our de - sir - ing, Ho - ly wis - dom,
2. Through the way where hope is guid - ing, Hear what peace - ful



1. love most bright, Drawn by you, our souls as - pir - ing,
2. mu - sic rings; Where the flocks in you con - fid - ing,



1. Soar to un - cre - at - ed Light. Word of God, our flesh that
2. Drink of joy from death - less springs! Theirs is beau - ty's fair - est



1. fash - ioned With the fire of life im - pas - sioned, Striv - ing
2. plea - sure; Theirs is wis - dom's ho - liest trea - sure; You do



1. still to truth un - known, Soar - ing, dy - ing, 'round your throne.
2. ev - er lead your own, In the love of joys un - known.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*For All the Saints*

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors
2. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di -
3. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the
4. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious
5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest



1. rest, Who you ___ by faith be - fore the world con -
2. vine! ___ We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry
3. west; ___ Soon to the loy - al faith - ful comes their
4. day; The saints ___ tri - um - phant rise in bright ar -
5. coast, Through gates ___ of heav'n streams in the count - less



1. fessed, Your Name, O ___ Je - sus, be for - ev - er
2. shine; Yet all are ___ one with - in your great de -
3. rest; ___ Sweet is the calm of Par - a - dise so
4. ray; The King of ___ Glo - ry pass - es on his
5. host, ___ Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



1. blest.
2. sign.
3. blest.
4. way.
5. Ghost: } Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, November 2 - ALL SOULS DAY

9:00am The Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00pm Alice Ann Wiggins

Sunday, November 3

9:00am Yvonne Lacoste
Ron & Irene Silva
Donald C. MacMillan
Ronald P. MacMillan
Fred J & Jenny Bonaccorsi
Joseph Bonaccorsi

12:00pm Benjamin LaTorre
Helen Lariviere

Saturday, November 9

9:00am Dick Doherty
4:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

Sunday, November 10

9:00am Sally Mc Cafferty
Charles & Jenny Bonaccorsi
Eleanor Bonaccorsi Marchman
Virginia Meehan

12:00pm Philip, Johanna, & William Muhilly

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, November 2 - ALL SOULS DAY

4:00pm William James

Sunday, November 3

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

Monday, November 4

9:00am Deacon Bob Mulligan

Tuesday, November 5

9:00am Albert, Russell, Roland & Joan Raza
Kenneth & Dale Duncan

Wednesday, November 6

9:00am Marco Calia

Thursday, November 7

9:00am George O. Ferguson

Friday, November 8

9:00am Aline Duncan
Valorie Duncan
Mr & Mrs Mecleor Raza

Saturday, November 9

4:00pm Michelangelo Iuvara

Sunday, November 10

10:30am Domenic & Guiseppa Rotonelli
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Tues	11/05/24	Fr. William Cuddy	Br. Isaiah Klena OCD
Wed	11/06/24	Fr. Joseph White	Deacon Mateus Martin RMS Boston
Thurs	11/07/24	Fr. James O'Driscoll	Deacon Thuy Nguyễn SJS Boston
Fri	11/08/24	Fr. Kevin Hickey	Br. Andrew Olson, OMV
Sat	11/09/24	Pope Francis	Deacon Dong Pham SJS Boston



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Madelyn, Buddy B., Maria P., Phyllis T., Dan M., Kristin M., Barbara S., Family of Leo M., Janet C., Taylor, Dirk D., Claire M., & Patrice K.

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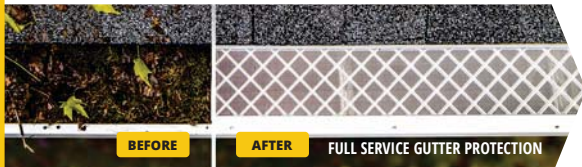
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