

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

OCT 06  
2024



27<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME.

Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.

Mark 10:14,15

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ST. MONICA CHURCH | 212 LAWRENCE ST.

**What God Has Joined**

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 128:1-6

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never at issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1-4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5-7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1-17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21-32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.



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## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Wednesday Evenings  
6-7pm  
St. Lucy Church

Saturdays  
9:30am-2:30pm  
Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church



**SECOND COLLECTION  
HOLY FATHER AND APOSTOLIC WORKS**

This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity and prayers will assist the Holy Father and the various Apostolic works at home and abroad.

For information on these Collections, go to:

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3. [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org)



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
Entered into the  
Sacrament of Matrimony:

*Benjamin Murphy & Katelyn Hulme*

*"Confirm them in faith, hope, love and just deeds.  
Make their marriage as honorable as the marriages  
of the righteous and just of old."*

*Rite of the Covenant*

**Knights of Columbus**



**Tootsie Roll Drive**

St. Monica & St. Lucy  
Churches  
October 5 & 6  
after all masses  
All proceeds go to  
helping Children with  
Special Needs.

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

**October 10th  
9:30-11:30am**

**St. Lucy Lower Church Hall**

Any and all parishioners from St. Monica & St. Lucy are invited to attend.

Our book this year is

*Mysteries of the Virgin Mary:  
Living our Lady's Graces*

Please contact Maureen Slattery at 978-683-0589 or by email at [twigs5mcs@gmail.com](mailto:twigs5mcs@gmail.com) to obtain a copy of the book.



*Sunday, October 6th  
3:00pm  
St. Lucy Church*

**HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS**

Please join us for refreshments

**Sunday, October 6th**

St. Monica School Hall  
After the 9am mass

**Sunday, October 20th**

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

Everyone is welcome!



**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**

<b>Free Admission</b>	St. Lucy Church Hall 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA	<b>9am-3pm</b>
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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

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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](mailto: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.  
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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel

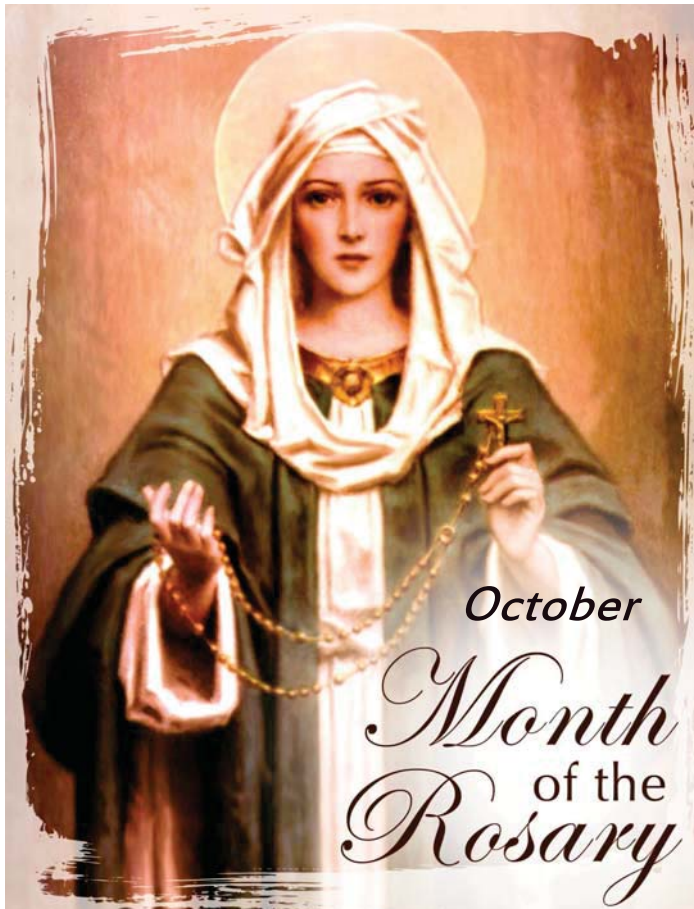


Knights of Columbus - St. Monica Council  
14725 is starting a new program:

### 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.





**PUZZLE**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

<del>Jesus</del>	husband	divorce
Moses	wife	papers
law	married	joined

Jssue	<u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>
marrdie	— — — — —
dvrccioe	— — — — —
Mssoe	— — — — —
hsbndua	— — — — —
jndoie	— — — — —
wfie	— — — —
lwa	— — —
pprsae	— — — — —



The Knights of Columbus will be leading a "Public Square Rosary Rally" on the Parish Grounds of St. Monica on Saturday, October 12, at Noon. Please join us as we gather to recite the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother for the Spiritual well being of America.

"America Needs Fatima" is the sponsor of this Rally and approximately 20,000 other Rosary Rallies that will be taking place at the same time throughout the Country!



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*or me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."*

*~ Saint Therese of Lisieux*

**St. Lucy's Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality** wishes to thank ALL the parishioners who purchased raffle tickets or generously donated money for our Grand Prize Raffle! The Sodality collected more than one thousand dollars to help support our parish! Much appreciation to those who donated their time in selling tickets!

In preparation for our Annual Craft Fair we invite all bakers to contribute to our Bakery Table for the October 26<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair. Donated goods can be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 6:00.

The next meeting of the Sodality will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 mass. All women are invited to join or attend our meeting!

**SEPTEMBER 21 & 22**

St. Monica - \$8,166

St. Lucy - \$4,833

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, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice Sides, Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup. 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.

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**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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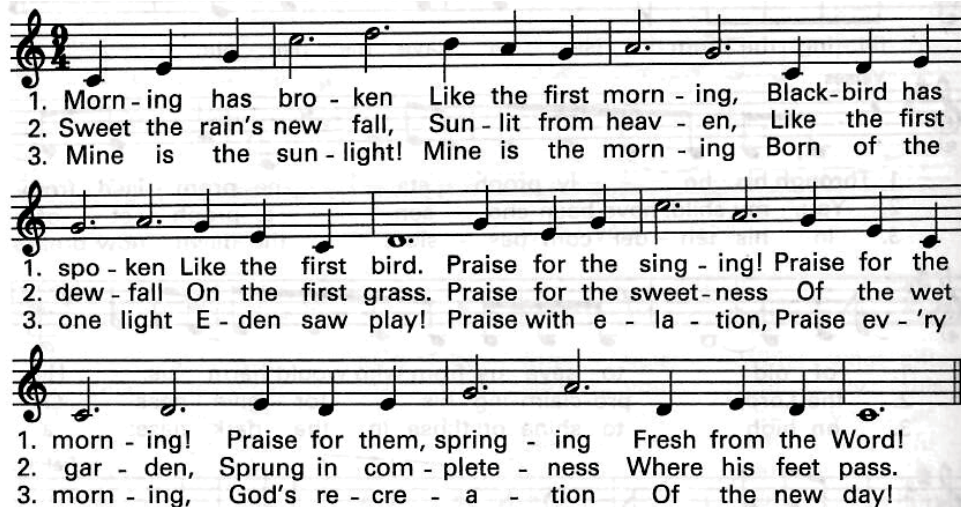
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Esther 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Morning Has Broken*


1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

1. spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
2. dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
3. one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - 'ry

1. morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
2. gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
3. morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Genesis 2: 18-24*

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called 'woman,'  
for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6*


℣. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home,  
your children like olive plants around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel.



**SECOND READING***Hebrews 2: 9-11*

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels, " that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***1 John 4: 12*

If we love one another, God remains in us  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

**GOSPEL***Mark 10: 2-16*

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

**CREED***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Lamentations 3: 25*

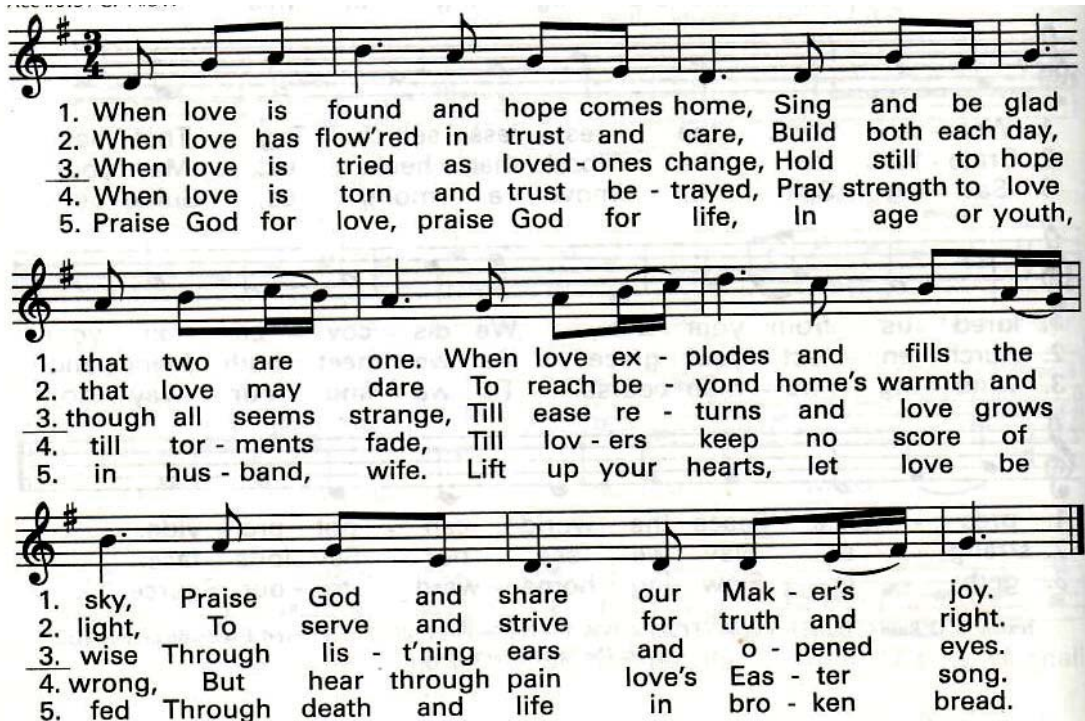
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**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*When Love Is Found*


1. When love is found and hope comes home, Sing and be glad  
 2. When love has flow'ed in trust and care, Build both each day,  
 3. When love is tried as loved-ones change, Hold still to hope  
 4. When love is torn and trust be-trayed, Pray strength to love  
 5. Praise God for love, praise God for life, In age or youth,

1. that two are one. When love ex - plodes and fills the  
 2. that love may dare To reach be - yond home's warmth and  
 3. though all seems strange, Till ease re - turns and love grows  
 4. till tor - ments fade, Till lov - ers keep no score of  
 5. in hus - band, wife. Lift up your hearts, let love be

1. sky, Praise God and share our Mak - er's joy.  
 2. light, To serve and strive for truth and right.  
 3. wise Through lis - t'ning ears and o - pened eyes.  
 4. wrong, But hear through pain love's Eas - ter song.  
 5. fed Through death and life in bro - ken bread.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*


1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your  
 3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your  
 2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -  
 3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
 2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with  
 2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you  
 3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.  
 2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
 3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, October 5

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS  
 4:00pm For the Parishioners of  
 St. Monica & St. Lucy

### Sunday, October 6

9:00am Deceased Members of the Gray Family  
 Kevin Waterworth  
 Sandra Griggs  
 12:00pm Theresa & Walter Witkos  
 Patricia Wright

### 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  
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 12:00pm Jimmy Oliveri  
 Greg L'Heureux

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### Sunday, October 6

10:30am Eugene Azucena  
 Leda Crescenzo  
 Palmerino Delli Colli  
 Terry Pollina

### Monday, October 7

9:00am Rocco & Amelia Bonanno and  
 Deceased Members of their Family

### Tuesday, October 8 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Elizabeth, Joseph, & Marilyn  
 Beth & Frank Monaco  
 Matthew Jackson  
 Leslie Family  
 McDonald, Desrosier, and Maloney  
 Families

### Wednesday, October 9

9:00am Joan Jackson

### Thursday, October 10

9:00am John Rovinski

### Friday, October 11

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

### 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

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	10/06/24	All Carthusians	Kennedy Ogujiuba
Mon	10/07/24	Pope Francis	Luca Contini
Tues	10/08/24	Fr. Philip Desrosiers	Matthew Thoni
Wed	10/09/24	Fr. George Morin	Giovanni Trimboli
Thurs	10/10/24	Msgr. William Hemlock	Juan Ortega Bran
Fri	10/11/24	Fr. Mark Derrane	Joseph Jasinski
Sat	10/12/24	Fr. Paul McManus	Diego Mendoza

## PRAYER CORNER

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

Please pray for Neil Perry whose funeral we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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(2 Corinthians 5:7)*



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