

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

MAY 05  
2024



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love."

John 15:9

Collaboration and evangelization play integral roles in the fabric of a Catholic school, serving as pillars that uphold its mission and values. St. Monica School has embraced these partnerships during my tenure as principal, however, it feels as though this year it has come full circle - touching multiple grade levels and organizations right here in Methuen.

Collaboration fosters a sense of unity and belonging among students, teachers, parents, and local institutions. Through joint efforts, individuals within the community can leverage their diverse talents and resources to enrich the educational experience, creating a supportive environment conducive to holistic growth. Whether it's organizing service projects, cultural events, or academic initiatives, collaboration strengthens the bond within the school community and instills a spirit of cooperation and solidarity.

Secondly, evangelization lies at the heart of a Catholic school's mission, offering not just education but also spiritual guidance and formation. By actively engaging in evangelization efforts, the school community spreads the message of love, compassion, and faith to its members and beyond. Through religious education, prayer services, retreats, and outreach programs, students are encouraged to deepen their relationship with God and live out the Gospel values in their daily lives. Furthermore, the school acts as a beacon of faith in the broader community, inviting others to encounter the teachings of Christ through its actions and outreach initiatives.

Our fifth-grade class has been visiting with the residents at **Methuen Village** since the new year. Twice a month students engage with residents to chat, play games, read a story, share a snack and even dance. The relationships fostered are priceless. Our students look forward to their short walk to see the genuine excitement in the residents' eyes.

Our art teacher, Mrs. Lisa Buglione, has collaborated with **Nevins Library** by connecting children's literature to art. Once a month a librarian visits a grade level and Mrs. Buglione follows up with a related art project. In fact, we held our annual art show in Nevins Library in April. What a treat it was to see an original piece of work from each of my 270 students on display!

For the second year in a row, our second graders are the special guests of **Methuen's Office of Veterans Services** at their annual Flag Replacement. They will be singing their hearts out and replacing the flags to honor Veterans' contribution to our freedom and our nation.

Our collaboration with the **Methuen Music Hall** has brought a new dimension to our drama program. Our students have the experience of presenting at this beautiful, prestigious theater and appreciating this historical site. This year's show **Finding Nemo Jr** was a huge hit! Each year our production grows, we had over fifty students participate in this production!

Ultimately, as you can see by the few examples listed above-collaboration and evangelization work hand in hand to nurture a vibrant and faith-filled educational environment. By uniting in purpose and sharing the Good News with others, our Catholic school community not only strengthens its own bonds but also serves as a catalyst for positive change in society. Through collaborative efforts rooted in faith, individuals are empowered to make a meaningful difference in the world, embodying the values of love, justice, and service championed by Catholic teachings. In this way, community collaboration and evangelization become powerful vehicles for fostering spiritual growth, cultivating a sense of belonging, and inspiring lives of purpose and compassion within the Catholic school community and beyond.





***Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Sponsored by the BVM Sodality



**St. Lucy's Church  
Sunday, May 5th  
following the 10:30 Mass**

All parishioners are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

**Beginning**

**MAY 6, 2024**

**Beginning Monday, May 6**

**The Parish Offices will be open**

**9am - 1pm**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and**

**Friday**

**The offices will be closed**

**Wednesdays**

*The LORD has sworn and will not waver:  
"Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever."*

Psalm 110: 4

Please join us to celebrate the **25th Anniversary** of ordination to the priesthood for **Fr. Michael Harvey**



Sunday, May 19th  
after 10:30am Mass  
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall



Knights of Columbus Spring Plant Sale will be held after all masses on May 4th & 5th at St. Lucy and St. Monica. All proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Thursday, May 9**

**9am - St. Lucy Church**

**1pm - St. Monica Church**

**7pm - St. Monica Church**



Join us as we share our well-wishes with Fr. Colarusso.

**Two opportunities:**

***1. Cookout***

**Saturday, May 25th**

**after the 4pm Mass**

**St. Monica House**

*Please bring a chair*

***2. Refreshments***

**Sunday, May 26th**

**after the 10:30am Mass**

**St. Lucy Lower Church Hall**

Contact Erin at 475-201-2344 with any questions

The Knights of Columbus Men's Group will be reviewing the book "What Makes Us Catholic" by Thomas H. Groome on Wednesdays, March 13, April 10 & May 8 at 7pm.



Men of the parish are encouraged to join us! Contact Bob Beaudry at ERBeaudry@aol.com if interested in participating, and for more details.

### FUNERAL MINISTRY

We are currently looking for several volunteers to assist with our Funeral Ministry. Training will be provided.

**Funeral Coordinators** will work with parish staff to accompany families with preparations for Funeral Masses celebrated at both our parishes. Duties will include calling families and walking them through the selection of readings, music, and any other pertinent information.

**Funeral Mass Volunteers.** We are also in need of volunteers to help with the funeral masses themselves, including: sacristan work, altar serving, lecturing, and set-up.

These roles do require availability during the week and on weekends, depending on the parishes' funeral mass schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karl Jackson at 978-683-1193 ext. 35 or [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com)



The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents in the Chapel on Wednesdays, April 10, May 8 and June 5.

All parents of students are welcome to attend prior to picking up their children from school. The Rosary will begin at 1:15pm, prior to school dismissal. Rosary prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

### Scripture Study

#### ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

Please join us for this study of St. Paul's beautiful letter

April 18, 20, 25, 27 May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

Classes are held in St. Lucy Schoolhouse at 2:30 on Thursdays and repeated on Saturdays at 2:30.

For questions or to register call 978-683-8138 or email [rachelvoiland@comcast.net](mailto:rachelvoiland@comcast.net)

Bibles will be provided for your use

### 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 May 9th. 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](mailto:twigs5mcs@gmail.com)

### 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)

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

#### Thursday evenings 6-6:30pm (ZOOM)

Rosary for world peace & individual intentions.

Contact Bonnie Doherty at [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com)

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



# CODE - BREAKER!



The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues:  
D = H and A = E.

DA KNZANAZ PDAI PK  
XA XWLPEVAZ EJ PDA  
JWIA KB FAOQO  
YDNEOP.

ANSWER *He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

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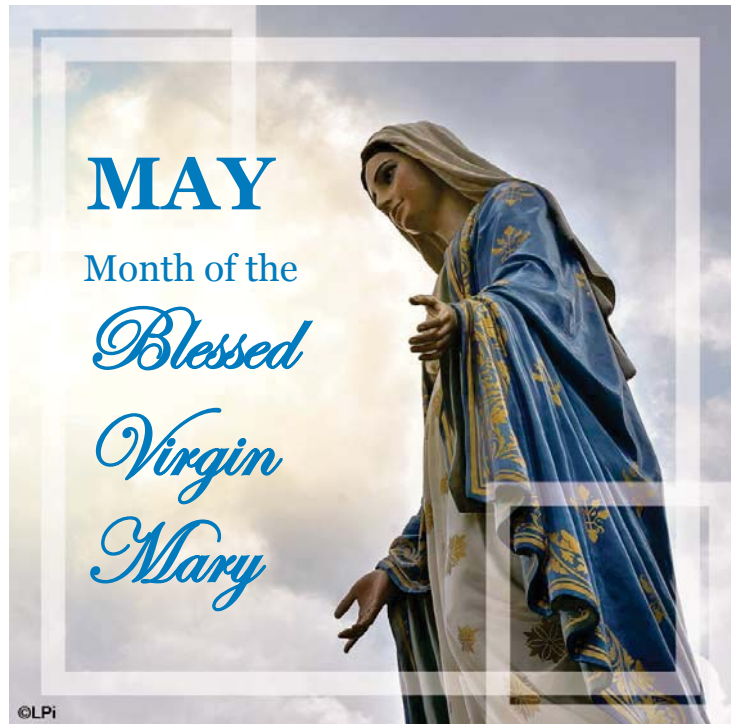
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*Mary*

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**September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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***Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.***



**Yes, I CAN...** We are in need of canned pasta, baked beans, mashed potatoes, jelly, pasta sauce, pancake syrup, canned fruit & instant rice. 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.

<p><b>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH</b> Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p>	<p><b>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE</b> Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm , Sat &amp; Sun 9am-5pm</p>
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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.

<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes SUN 9 am &amp; 12 pm St. Monica 10:30 am St. Lucy MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica</p>	<p><b>CONFESSIONS</b></p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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Deacon John Pierce	Senior Deacon
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON***Isaiah 48: 20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard,  
proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**ENTRANCE HYMN***Come Now, Almighty King*

1. Come now, Al-might - y King, Help us your name to sing,
2. Come now, In - car - nate Word, Who for us death en-dured.
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Your sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To you, O Trin - i - ty, E - ter - nal prais - es be



1. Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
2. Our prayer at - tend: Come, and your peo - ple bless, And give your
3. In this glad hour: To us your grace im - part, And rule in
4. For - ev - er - more! Your sov - 'reign maj - es - ty May we in



1. to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
2. word suc - cess; Fill us with righ - teous - ness, Sav - ior and friend.
3. ev - 'ry heart! Nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
4. glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore!

**PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA***Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4*

℟. The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav - ing pow'r.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

**SECOND READING***1 John 4: 7-10*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***John 14: 23*

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

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

**GOSPEL***John 15: 9-17*

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON***John 14: 15-16*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

**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*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*


1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans Are we  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on

1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;  
2. he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:  
3. here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day:

1. Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
2. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the  
3. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -

1. like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry  
2. for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his  
3. deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the

1. na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.  
2. prom - ise? "I am with you ev - er - more!"  
3. sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, May 4

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

4:00pm Lindy Surawski

### Sunday, May 5

9:00am Phillip Hamel  
Jeanette Hamel  
Richard Hamel  
Deceased Members of DiNoto Family  
Frank Wholley  
Bob Walsh  
Robert A. Murad

12:00pm Theresa Witkos

### Thursday, May 9 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Lucy & St. Monica

7:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Lucy & St. Monica

### Saturday, May 11

9:00am Adelajda Lewandowski

4:00pm Alice Indoccio  
Connie Zampelli  
Ruth Cady  
Gloria Royer  
Mary Serpa  
Ida Makovitch

### Sunday, May 12

9:00am Deceased Members of the Lavigne Family  
Richard Ferland  
Susan Guimond  
Thomas Verzi  
Claire Waterworth

12:00pm Richard Viano  
Thomas Finucane

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, May 4

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

### Sunday, May 5

10:30am Deceased Members of BVM Sodality  
Frank Wholley  
Andrew & Isabel Mulvaney  
Philip Maggio  
Patrick & Peter Grelle  
Francesca Garcia

### Monday, May 6

9:00am Francis R. Covey, Sr.

### Tuesday, May 7

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

### Thursday, May 9 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

### Friday, May 10

9:00am Deceased Members of the Autiello Family

### Saturday, May 11

4:00pm William G. Klier

### Sunday, May 12

10:30am For the Parishioners of  
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Tues	04/30/24	Fr. Richard McLaughlin	Michael Castellon
Wed	05/01/24	Fr. Arthur MacKay	Alexander Charow
Thurs	05/02/24	Fr. Nicholas Stano	Gerson Garcia
Fri	05/03/24	Fr. David Lewis	Rafael Milla
Sat	05/04/24	Fr. Adrian Milik	Thomas Rashid

### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Josephine P., Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Richard D., Maureen S., Eddie R., Susana M., Joyce M., Michelle O., Brian J., Bill R., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Charles J. Rimas whose funeral we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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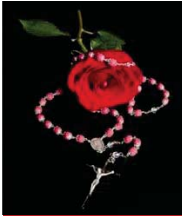


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