

November 19, 2017

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

Renew, Rebuild, and Reach Out: Disciples in Heartfelt Communion with Jesus Christ



**Saint Lucy Parish's
Annual Turkey Shoot**

Please join us for a
fun-filled afternoon!

Sunday, 11/19/2017

1:00 - 4:00 pm
in the parish hall

St. Monica Parish: 212 Lawrence Street
St. Lucy Parish: 254 Merrimack Street
Methuen, MA

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

MARRIAGES. Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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St. Lucy Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (for Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00am/9:30am/11:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

St. Monica Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 pm (for Sunday)

Sunday: 7:30am/9:30am/11:30am/5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church

Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366

For St. Lucy's, please contact Ellen Wholley at (978) 682 - 8459. If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

BAPTISMS. Please call the parish office.

St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

ST. LUCY PARISH *In Loving Memory*

We pray also for the families and friends who have lost the following loved ones this past year.

Deceased November 1, 2016 – November, 2017

NOVEMBER

Harold Holland
Fred Boucher

DECEMBER

Domenic Bertolone
Tony Longo
Carmela (Millie) Rapa
Mildred Bonanno
Mary (Marie) Abate

JANUARY

Jennie Santacrocce
Elaine Parrino
Frances Nadeau
Patricia Meeker
Alfred Augeri Sr.

FEBRUARY

Linda Caron
Pauline Mushow
Joseph Augeri

MARCH

Arthur Guptill Jr.
Domenic A. Nicolosi
Mary Ganimy
Eugene Campiola

APRIL

Marie Hajjar
Angelo Zappala
Francis Wolfendale
John Paris
Robert Lavin
Emil Camuso
Jeannette Lombardo
Richard A. Buco, Sr.

MAY

Mildred Palermo
Joyce Marie Finnegan
Charles Long
Richard Lebel
Rita A. Bonanno

JUNE

Lucy Girardi
Josephine Carelli
John Nicoletti

JULY

Dr. William Irving

AUGUST

Maria Arasi
William Hitchmoth
Anna Page

SEPTEMBER

Anita Gillespie
Anne Calderone
Anthony Padvaiskas
Peter DeFrancesco
Virginia Buckley

OCTOBER

Fr. Robert S. Maloney
Donna Meaney
Jane Davis
Michael Bonanno

NOVEMBER

Howard L. Hart, Jr.
Frank Welch

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

The Increased Offertory Campaign: COMMITMENT WEEKEND!!

Today is the day! All members of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes are asked to make their commitments to the Increased Offertory Campaign. This program is very important to the ongoing work of our parishes. Please give with a sacrificial heart.

Remember, our goal is to increase our regular giving by 20%. Here at St. Monica and St. Lucy's, the commitments secured during the Increased Offertory Campaign, and sustained for years to come, will be directed towards the most pressing needs at the parishes.

With all parishioners involved in this program, our parish's stability will be strong for generations to come.

One of our parishioners, a single adult female is in need of housing. If you are able to help, please contact us at the parish offices. Thank you in advance.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica's the day after Thanksgiving 11/24. Also on Fridays 12/22 and 12/29 due to Christmas and New Year weekends.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

Thanksgiving Office Hours:

Wednesday, November 22nd: 8:30 - 12:00

We will be closed on Thursday, 11/23 and Friday, 11/24.



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Got questions about the faith?
Join us for Alpha!

**Starting January 17
at 6:00 pm**

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

For more information, please contact
Karl Jackson faithformation.stlm@gmail.com
(978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35

St. Lucy/St. Monica Ultreya

**Tuesday November 28, 2017
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall**



All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Speaker to be announced.

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship.

Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

Our Pilgrimage to "THE HOLY LAND"

with Fr. William Lohan as Spiritual Director

November 1st to November 12th, 2018

12 days, 10 nights, 3 meals daily

To register or for more information, please contact
Mr. Claude Langlois, Group Leader
at (978) 682 - 6012.

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Electronic Giving Update

As of last weekend, many families have already enrolled in our on-line giving program. If you haven't done so already, please join us! It's easy to sign up. Simply check the on-line giving box and provide your email address on your commitment form and drop in the collection basket, or enroll on-line at www.methuencatholic.org. Please contact the parish offices to receive more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... pancake syrup and mix, mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned carrots, Hamburger Helper, and strawberry jelly. **Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.**

RCIA

Our next meeting is this Sunday, November 19th
at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy schoolhouse.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 17, 2017

2:00 p.m. St. Lucy Church

Advent Concert with Gregory Norbet

Gregory Norbet, formerly of Weston Priory, is a respected spiritual leader, composer, singer and retreat director. Some of his many compositions include "Hosea" (Come Back to Me) and "Wherever You Go" as well as new settings for Morning and Evening Prayer. Come join us as we **begin** a year of celebration for our **60th Anniversary** as a **Parish Faith Community! (1958 – 2018).**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BEGIN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

St. Monica Knights of Columbus, Council 14725, invites the families of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes to a movie night. We will be showing "The Polar Express" on Saturday November 25th in St. Monica's School Hall after the 4:00 Mass. Refreshments will be served.

We particularly invite the dads to bring the kids and give mom time to rest after Thanksgiving or for mom to go Christmas shopping. However, moms are more than welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children without an adult will not be admitted.

Children are encouraged to wear PJs, bath robes, etc. and bring a sleeping bag or bean bag chair to sit on. "Listen for the bells." This is a free event – all are welcome!

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday, December 5 from 6:30-8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica's Church. In addition to the recitation of the Rosary and the

Divine Mercy Chaplet, the evening's topic of discussion will include miracles attributed to Padre Pio's intercession, as well as other topics of interest within the Catholic faith. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. All interested are welcome.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

- Saint Padre Pio



FROM FR. BILL

Sr. Suzanne Fondini, MFIC- A tremendous gift to St. Monica School and the Church

A couple of weeks ago I wrote a column about staffing changes. One big one that I could not share with you then, but has now been announced, is the retirement of Sr. Suzanne Fondini, our beloved principal, which will take place at the end of this academic year. Sister recently celebrated her 50th anniversary in religious life. Though she remains very youthful and spry, she has been serving for many years and has earned a well-deserved retirement from the grind of leading a school. She won't retire from being a religious of course, but she will be able to slow down quite a bit, which is fitting and proper.

She is now finishing her sixth year as our principal and in that time has overseen so many great changes in the school. She has brought a wonderful Franciscan charism as the spirit of the school is imbued with an integrated Catholic spirit, a love of the poor and the environment. Like the Good Shepherd she knows each one of the students by name. During her years here so many good things have happened. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges awarded us their accreditation, a detailed Strategic Plan was written and implemented, many improvements were made in the area of technology, the pre-school was opened resulting in a 15% growth in student enrollment, tremendous improvements were made to the security of the school building so sadly necessary in our time, and a new office space was created for the principal and secretary making the school much more welcoming to parents and visitors.

As a new pastor, I could not have been more blessed to work with Sister. I have enjoyed tremendously learning about Catholic education from such a holy, kind and generous woman. Very soon a search committee will be formed to assist in selecting her successor and it is our hope to have a new principal named by early February allowing time for smooth transition. Please during these months take the time to thank Sister when you see her for the tremendous love that she has shown to our school and all of its students, faculty and staff. I have always joked with her that if I could snap my fingers and make her 30 years old again I would sign her to a 40 year contract. Her shoes will be huge ones to fill, may we pray that the Holy Spirit will send the right person to fill this important position.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Scout troops 55 and 61 collected over 100 bags of food and delivered them to our office. Thank you for your effort on behalf of the people we serve.

Breakfast With Santa



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd in the St. Monica school hall after the 7:30 and 9:30 masses at St. Monica's.

Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Giving Trees

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is placing two Giving Trees at St. Monica's this weekend. The trees help to enable our parish community to assist our parish's families in need and bring the light and love of Our Lord into this special time of year. Tags listing specific gift requests will be placed on both trees and we encourage you, if you are able, to take one or more tags and purchase the item(s) listed. The gifts should be returned unwrapped, or in a gift bag, and placed under the trees no later than Sunday, December 10th. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pat Wilkens, Nativity Program Coordinator, at 978-686-9573. Thank you.

ST. LUCY PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

4:00 pm Richard A. Kirsch Sr.,
Richard A. Kirsch Jr., and
Deceased members of the
James V. Russo Family

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am Al & Margaret DeLuca and
Sandra DeLuca

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy
and St. Monica Parishes

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Vincent and Mary McCarthy
and Stephanie Abraham
Antoinette Lynch
Blondin St. Pierre and
Therese St. Pierre

Monday, November 20

8:00 am Concetta D. Bella

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 am Giuseppe and
Maria Grazia Consoli

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 am Therese Rousseau

Thursday, November 23

8:00 am For the intentions of
the people

Saturday, November 25

4:00 pm Domenic and
Guiseppi Rotonelli

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am Richard Lebel

9:30 am Angelo Coco

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Alyce Innis
Vincenza Terenzi

November 12, 2017:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,320.00

2nd Collection: \$1,592.00

Grand Annual: \$31,464.00 (total to date)

The second collection this weekend is for the retired religious sisters. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

"Sing A Joyful Song To The Lord"

We are looking to increase the membership of our choir. We rehearse on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 and sing for the 4:00 Mass each week.

We also sing for other Liturgies during the year. If you are not able to make a full year commitment, consider singing with us for Christmas. For more information, please e-mail me, Sharon Waning at sharon.waning@yahoo.com



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The next Sodality Mass will be at 11:30 am on Sunday, December 10th followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner in the church hall. Yankee Swap \$10.00 Gift!!! Be creative!!! If you have not given your name that you are attending contact Ursula Maggio at 978-886- 0915.

MEN'S GUILD

The next meeting for the St. Lucy's Men's Guild is next Sunday, November 26, 2017 after the 9:30 Mass. Our Deacon John Kobrenski will be our Guest Speaker. All are invited to come and listen to his presentation on 'Who is our Deacon and What are His Duties' which he will give at the beginning of our meeting.

Men's Guild to offer Thanksgiving Bread at the 8:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

ADVENT TREE OF LIGHT

Once again St. Lucy's Parish will partner with Lazarus House in assisting families over the Christmas Holiday. The Advent Tree of Light will be located at the main entrance to the Church from November 22 to December 6. Tags will be placed on the tree for specific requests. If you are able, please make another family's Christmas brighter by taking a tag and purchasing the item requested.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS

Place the gift in a GIFT BAG and place the tag on the outside of the bag. Leave the gift bags in the **rear of the Church.** **All gifts must be returned by December 10.** Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683-5159 or 508 783 1544 with any questions.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated
In loving memory of

**Michael and Linda Giarrusso
Veronica Murray
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St. Monica School PTO Presents-The:

1st Annual Christmas Carnival!

In the St. Monica School Hall
212 Lawrence St. Methuen, MA 01844

GAMES FOOD FAMILY FUN!
RAFFLE BASKETS GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE



Saturday, December 16th from 4-7PM

*Pasta Dinner from 5-6PM

*Visit from Sants Claus at 4:30 and 5:30pm



Tickets will be on Sale After Masses,
beginning 12/1/17 or by contacting
Kristen Snay at 978-853-8128 or
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*Grand Prize Raffle Drawing at 6:15!
(Dinner Anywhere in the World for 2)!!

AND

Sunday, December 17th from 9AM-1PM

*Santa Visit at 11AM

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

**Eleanor Jane Bruno
Jovanni Luis Colon
Charlotte Ann Roy
Jayden Timothy Chenard**



Immerse them in the waters of your life and love. Seal them with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate their path with the light of your hope. Clothe them with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Rick Dizazzo
Stanley and Josephine Faucher
Winifred Mulcrone

4:00 pm

Sunday, November 19

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
Richard McCarron and
Margaret McCarron
Frank, Antonette, & Angelo Ragonese
Chanel Michaud and the
Michaud Family
Rev. Joseph X. O'Connor, OSA
Gilbert Jerome

11:30 am

5:30 pm

Thursday, November 23

7:00 am

For the intentions of the people

Friday, November 24

7:00 am

Rita Doherty

Saturday, November 25

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Nyhan Family
Alberico "Albert" "Butch" Savastano
Joseph Bonaccorsi **(Living)**
Mark McComiskey & Michael Cestrone

4:00 pm

Sunday, November 26

7:30 am

Thomas Jernberg

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Nancy Tardif
George W. LaFland
Fred J. Rapisardi
Leo and Patricia Deschamps
Willard Barnes
Veronica Murray
Deceased members of the
St. Monica Knights of Columbus
Maureen Imielkowski

11:30 am

5:30 pm

OFFERTORY NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering: \$10,302.77

2nd Collection: \$2,019.50

Grand Annual: \$35,754.00 (total to date)

The second collection this weekend is for the retired religious sisters. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Saint Monica School Holiday Raffle *January 2018*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. \$150	2. \$50	3. \$50	4. \$50	5. \$50	6. \$50
7. \$150	8. \$50	9. \$50	10. \$50	11. \$50	12. \$50	13. \$50
14. \$150	15. \$50	16. \$50	17. \$50	18. \$50	19. \$50	20. \$50
21. \$150	22. \$50	23. \$50	24. \$50	25. \$50	26. \$50	27. \$50
28. \$150	29. \$50	30. \$50	31. \$150			

Please return this portion of ticket with payment to Sharon Tully in the School Office.

We must sell 215 tickets. If we do not sell 215 tickets, we will have a 50/50 raffle and one winner will be drawn and the winner will receive 50% of the monies collected and the school will receive the other 50%.

(This raffle has always sold enough tickets to be held!)

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

\$10 per ticket – checks made out to St. Monica School by 12/21/17

Name _____ Phone (REQUIRED) _____

Address (REQUIRED) _____

St. Monica Student who sold ticket: _____ (if purchased through a school child.)

Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize.

If there is only one winner due to 50/50, that child will win a prize (if a St. Monica Child sold ticket).

Dinner for 2 Anywhere in the World!?!

St. Monica School PTO is sponsoring a Special Raffle. The prize will be dinner for two anywhere in the world. Each Ticket costs *\$30.00. The prize includes round trip airfare, a dinner for two, and overnight accommodations. The winner will be drawn at our Pasta Dinner, during our Winter Carnival on Saturday, December 16th in our school hall located at 212 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA.

Where do I get my tickets??

- ***On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:30-8:15am***, tickets will be sold in the School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$30.00 each. ***For St. Monica Families who have paid their \$125 Fundraising Fee, you will be able to purchase ONE ticket for \$5.00 (\$25.00 of the ticket cost is covered by your Fundraising Fee). Any other tickets must be purchased at the \$30.00 price. You must request and pay for your ticket. It will not be provided to you.***
- ***Starting 12/1:*** After all Weekend Masses, tickets will be sold in the back of the church. You may also call Kristen Snay at (978) 853 - 8128 or kristensnay@gmail.com for ticket sales. ***You do NOT need to be present to win, but tickets MUST be bought in person. Cash or Checks accepted. Checks made payable to St. Monica School***



**A moment of thanks—
a lifetime of service.**

Say thank you to those women who have given so much—the Retired Sisters who have served the Church of Boston with great dedication for so many years.

The collection for Retired Sisters of the Archdiocese of Boston will be taken on November 18–19.

Please support the more than 1,700 sisters who devote their lives to service in our communities. Their many roles include: teachers, counselors, contemplatives, social workers and advocates for the poor and forgotten.

Today, rising median ages and escalating health care costs leave our beloved sisters with **80% of their medical and living expenses unmet by Social Security benefits.**

Please consider supporting a special collection on November 18-19. They need your help to continue their active ministry well into “retirement” years.

For ways you can help support the sisters, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ at 617-746-5637 or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org.

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