



NOVEMBER 15, 2020

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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DAILY MASS **MON/TUE** 9 am St. Lucy **THURS/FRI** 9 am St. Monica
WEEKEND **SAT** 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy



MANY MOVING PARTS

You may find it unusual to think that the manner in which we run our Religious Ed classes or offer Mass for the students of St. Monica School could affect so many other events in our calendar, even on a different day, but it's true. In COVID world, everything produces a ripple effect. That's because the time and effort it takes to prepare for, run, and cleanup up after any event has many safety protocols. It's never just as easy as adding an event to the calendar or asking for more volunteers to help. Any change affects several aspects of what needs to be done for other events and who is available to make it work. And that's if everything goes as planned.

Of course, that's never the case. To the contrary, the staff is routinely talking about what future calendar events we can hold to enhance parish life, only to have the Church, State, or Methuen COVID code throw a monkey wrench into what we can or cannot do. This makes planning very difficult and requires almost a month-to-month, even week-to-week mindset. Another way things don't go as planned is when something outside of our expectations happens: someone informs us that they've tested positive for COVID-19 or a larger than expected number of people show up for an event. These circumstances require on the ground decisions or a contingency plan, but not a major change in how we operate.

As we do our best to keep our parishioners and visitors safe during these unprecedented times, we continue to ask for your patience and charity with all of the staff, volunteers, and each other. When something unexpected occurs, we thank you for finding ways to charitably and patiently work together to resolve any negative ripple effects that result. Stay safe and God bless!

Fr. Colarusso



A Memorial Mass on behalf of the deceased members of the St. Monica Knights of Columbus will be celebrated next Sunday, November 22 at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass.



RCIA Program

Are you interested in taking steps to enter the Catholic Church or complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist)? If so, please contact Bonnie at 978-609-7307 for more information.



Yes I Can Program

We are in need of soups, canned spaghetti, rice, canned carrots, peas, corn, and mashed potatoes.

We will have food collection baskets available in both churches in the usual locations. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but food donations are not to be left at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!



“When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”

- G.K. Chesterton

Fellow parishioners, thanks to your generous financial and prayerful support, the members of this Society of St. Vincent DePaul Conference are very grateful to you and your families. We value our partnership with you as we serve our fellow brothers and sisters who are vulnerable and underserved in this local community. Please call us if you know of any families in our conference district that need assistance with their upcoming holiday meals.

Our telephone number is: (978)-686-9573



Join us for **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation Bible Study** on Wednesdays at **6:00 pm** on Zoom.

Contact *Bonnie Doherty* for more information and to register:
bonnieocds@gmail.com
or 978-270-3366 (cell).



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We're raising money for St Monica Elementary (ID 189583), and we need your help. It's easy! No order forms, no checks to collect, no handing out items. Just send, share, and shop. 40% of purchases go directly to our cause. Fundraiser ends 11/30/2020.

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| Second Day of Christmas
<i>I'm Dreaming of a "Green" Christmas</i> | Eighth Day of Christmas
<i>I'll Make Myself At Home This Christmas</i> |
| Third Day of Christmas
<i>Baby, It's Cold Outside</i> | Ninth Day of Christmas
<i>I Wanna Win the Lottery for Christmas</i> |
| Fourth Day of Christmas
<i>Silver and Gold</i> | Tenth Day of Christmas
<i>We Need a Little "Spa Time"</i> |
| Fifth Day of Christmas
<i>You're a "Green" One—McGrinch</i> | Eleventh Day of Christmas
<i>Have Yourself a YETI Little Christmas</i> |
| Sixth Day of Christmas
<i>Feliz Navidad</i> | Twelfth Day of Christmas
<i>Christmas in Killarney</i> |

December 2- 18th

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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, November 14
4:00pm Richard E. Gerst

Sunday, November 15
9:00am *Multiple Intentions*
Chouinard Family
Joan Jackson
Tim Jackson
Charles Dobeck
Virginia Barry
Julius "Chuck" Kondrat
Shirley Rosatone
11:00am Helen Fredette

Thursday, November 19
9:00am Virginia C. Barry

Friday, November 20
9:00am Albert and Connie Zampelli,
Joseph and Alice Indoccio and
Family, Arthur and Gloria Royer

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, November 14
4:00pm Michelangelo Iuvara

Sunday, November 15
10:00am *Multiple Intentions*
Deceased Members of the
Methuen Sons of Italy
Luz and Maria Puentes
Claire M. Dumais
Dolores D. Perna
Brian Kingsley
Domenic and Guiseppi Rotonelli

Monday, November 16
9:00am Joseph Aiesi

Tuesday, November 17
9:00am Francisco and Alzira Cardoso



Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Contact Bonnie Doherty for the link to join.
bonnieocds@gmail.com



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UPDATED SCHEDULE

September 6, 2020

PLEASE USE MAIN ENTRANCE ONLY

SATURDAYS

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH
VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MASS
9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH
10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY/TUESDAY

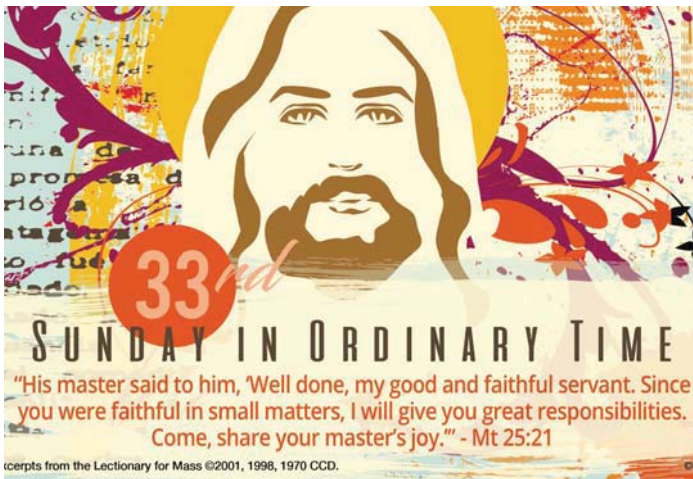
DAILY MASS
9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

THURSDAY/FRIDAY

DAILY MASS
9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL
CONFESSIONS 2:00 - 3:00 PM
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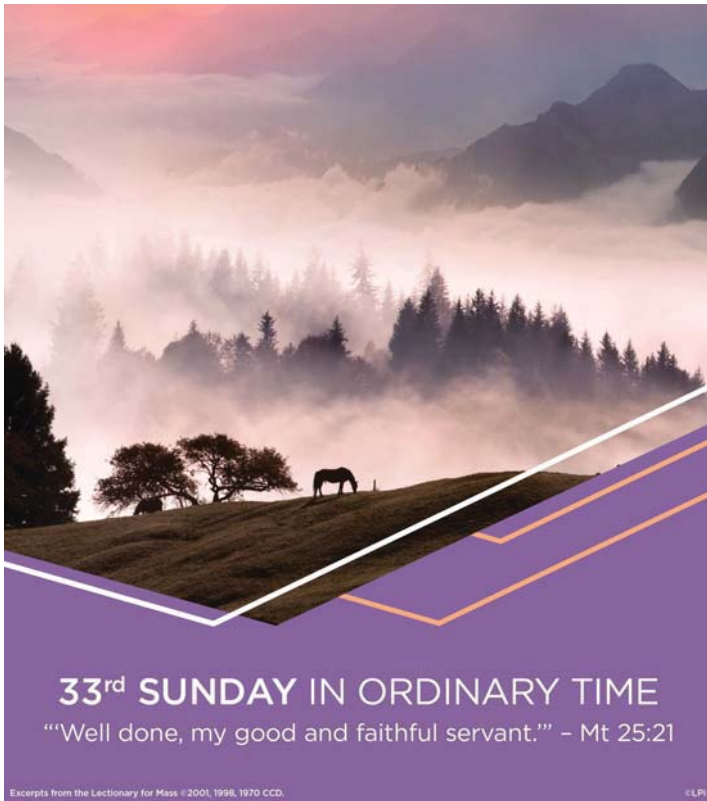
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With Gratitude

The Lawrence Ladies' Lodge #2026 of the Sons and Daughters of Italy would like to thank all of you who donated to last Saturday's Toys and Games Drive for the Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley. Your generosity was most appreciated. This Christmas season will be like no other in our lifetime. Know that your donations will help to bring joy and brighten the Christmas of so many children in the Merrimack Valley.



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Please pray for **Will F., Sarah Wilkens, Ann H., Julie M., Eric H., Pat, and Dick Lynch**

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Date	Priest	Seminarian
11/15/2020	Fr. Walter Carreiro	Peter Schirripa
11/16/2020	Fr. Joseph Hennessey	Hien Vu
11/17/2020	Fr. Jean Pierre Aubin	Jeremy Wagner
11/18/2020	Fr. Richard Santerre	Maxwell Chukwudiebere
11/19/2020	Fr. Timothy Shea	Colin McNabb
11/20/2020	Fr. Leo Martel	Patrick O'Connor
11/21/2020	Fr. Matthew Norwood	Nathaniel Sanders

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Kevin Fitzgerald	Facilities Manager (St. Lucy)/RCIA Coordinator

BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. **St. Monica:** 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | **St. Lucy:** 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

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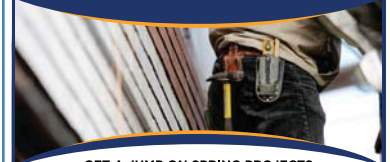
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