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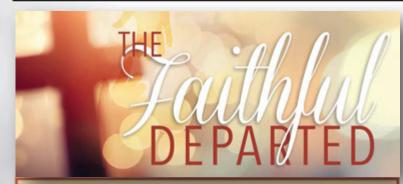
**November 11, 2018** 

WELCOME! We're glad you're here.

# ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH

RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

Many rich people put in large sums. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." - Mk 12:41c, 43-44



The Mass of Remembrance of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 am in St. Lucy Church. All are welcome to pray for their departed loved ones and join us as we remember those souls whose funerals we celebrated in the past year. Light refreshments will follow after Mass in the parish hall.

Please R.S.V.P. at 978-683-1193 to the invitation you have received or just let us know that you are coming.



#### **RCIA**

It's not too late for those interested to sign up. Classes meet every other Sunday at 11:00 am in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse.

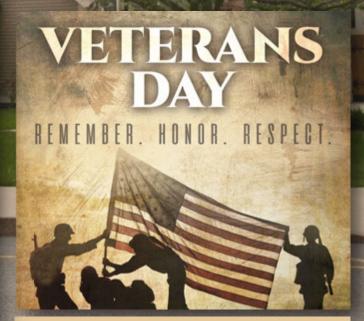
RCIA is a program for adults desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. The classes are also open to anyone who has received the Sacraments but is looking to refresh their understanding of the Faith. For more information, please contact Kevin Fitzgerald at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We were able to put a neighbor in a budget plan for electricity. His marital status has made a shambles of his finances.

#### **YES I CAN PROGRAM**

WE CAN USE... Small jars of peanut butter and jelly, baked beans, spaghetti and meatballs, and canned fruit. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.* 



Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.



Please do not infer that, by virtue of the fact that this is my second bulletin entry since I've been here, I will only

communicate on a quarterly basis. Nor should one assume that I haven't heard advice on this issue from, say, my own mother. I typically do not have much interest in activities of parishes other than our own, but rest assured others' best practices are brought to my attention. So it's not from any secretive mindset that I don't write an entry every week as much as it is trying to think about what to communicate. Hopefully, you all know me to be pretty open and forthright as it is, so feel free to ask questions when you see me. I'll try my best to give a helpful answer. Certainly it will always be honest, though perhaps to a fault. I've heard that, too!

As I enter my fifth month in Methuen, I am continually grateful for the welcome that you all still provide me in daily interaction. Your good will, combined with solid operations at both parishes and in the school, provides great freedom to accomplish the basics of parish life while still working toward making informed, deliberate adjustments where necessary. A great example of this process is our outreach to others.

From bringing Communion to the homebound, to collection drives, to seeking volunteers to help in the local area and more, we have a broad and remarkable commitment to serve those in need. How to best organize and expand these apostolates to be more effective, overlook no one, and yet not increase the number of times you are "pitched to" when walking in and out of the church doors, is one priority in this regard. I thank our deacons and helping organizations in this effort and I ask that you all stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer in emerging apostolates and ministries that already provide great charity to those often overlooked in our community.

Over time and in so many other areas of parish life, we will continue to do the best we can to honor the Lord and strengthen the Body of Christ right in our midst.



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#### FORMED PICK

#### The Miracle of Father Kapaun

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friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

#### **BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK**

# THEOLOGY AND SANITY

It is in this life that the soul grows: every piece of truth, every channel of grace, can be used by us, if we will, for growth. Whatever capacity the soul has grown to at death, that capacity will be filled in the glory and the joy of heaven. - Frank Sheed, pg 344, Ch24, an excerpt from Theology and

Sanity (Publisher: Ignatius Press)

This book can be purchased at https://smile.amazon.com. If you purchase the book from this link and choose St. Monica School as the organization to support, 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.

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For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637 or Sr Marian Batho@rcab.org.

# **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week Sandtrap Bar & Grille**

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, November 10

8:00 am

**4:00 pm** Joseph Indoccio

#### **Sunday, November 11**

**7:30 am** People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

**9:30 am** (multiple intentions)

Deceased members of the St. Monica

**Knights of Columbus** 

Virginia and Andrew Sullivan Michael and Laura Cote Marcelle and Jean Pelletier

John Adam Pynn William P. McGurn

**11:30 am** James Archambeau

#### **Thursday, November 15**

7:00 am

#### Friday, November 16

7:00 am Violet Wrobel Saturday, November 17

**8:00 am** Bernard Francis Farley

4:00 pm Patrick Mesiti

#### **Sunday, November 18**

**7:30 am** Joseph and Mary Augeri

**9:30 am Family Mass** (multiple intentions)

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro Virginia and Andrew Sullivan

William McGurn Dennis LaPearle

The Michaud, Ragonese, and DiBartolo

**Families** 

**11:30 am** Richard and Margaret McCarron

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Avery Elizabeth Magro Julien Michaud Kayden Pickles Blake Alicandro Calista Njogu



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.

#### **ROSES FOR LIFE**

**Roses for Life** have been donated in loving memory of

## Theresa A. Rickley Michael & Linda Giarusso

If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities, for a donation of \$10, we'll purchase a rose and place it in the vase before the statue of the Blessed Mother for a week. Please contact the parish office at (978) 683-1193.

#### **OFFERTORY**

**Last Sunday, (11/4/18):** \$ 10,991.00 **All Saints Day and All Souls:** \$ 1,817.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The second collection next weekend is for our retired religious sisters.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

Join us for Tea & Treasure at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on Monday, November 19

For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

There will be no Adoration and Confessions on Friday, November 23 (Thanksgiving weekend).

#### Under Our Lady's Mantle

A prayer group that meets every Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the ranch house. We pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, read and discuss Catholic books, and watch Catholic DVD's. Join us next Wednesday!





Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>
9AM - 6PM
St. Monica School Hall
212 Lawrence St., Methuen

<u>Games Galore</u> - Reindeer Races, Turducken, Children's Punchboard, and more!

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4:00 -6:00 PM - Pasta Dinner!



Our students were full of Spirit on Spirit Day this past week! Pumpkin Golf was a big hit. Great job to all of those who prepared the pumpkins and helped our students have a great time.

# Saint Monica School invites you to a





Join us November 17<sup>th</sup> in the school hall 4:00-6:00 PM \$6.00 Adults \$4.00 Children (2 and under are free)



Parishioners can purchase tickets at the door! School families can reserve their tickets by completing the form below and returning it to school with payment.

This event is the culmination of our Christmas Fair. Raffles will start being drawn at 5:30.

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#### **Saturday, November 10**

**4:00 pm** Anthony Carsanaro

#### **Sunday, November 11**

9:00 am Family Mass

Sid and Nancy DeMarco Grace and Roger Barbin

Marie Querol

11:00 am Walter Cheltowski

Anthony and John Fiato

Michael Sign Charles Pattavina Nancy DiSalvo Mylinh Nguyen

Aurora and Gavino Ilagan

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#### **Monday, November 12**

8:00 am Linda Ciambella

#### **Tuesday, November 13**

**8:00 am** For a special intention

#### **Wednesday, November 14**

8:00 am Joan Jackson

#### Saturday, November 17

**10:00 am** Mass of Remembrance **4:00 pm** James (Jimmy) Melnick

#### **Sunday, November 18**

**9:00 am** People of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes

**11:00 am** Domenic and Guiseppi Rotonnelli

Vincent and Mary McCarthy

Stephanie Abraham Anthony Campagna Vincenzo Tagliaferri

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#### **ADVENT TREE OF LIGHT**

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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 20 to December 8. 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 11.

Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683-5159 or 508 783 1544 with any questions.



High Altar (Tabernacle) - We have purchased six candle sticks to be placed on the High Altar (Tabernacle) in the church. A pair of 6", a pair of 9", and a pair of 12" candles. Please contact our Parish Office if you would like to donate to the parish by purchasing one of the candles in memory of a loved one. We have one 6" and two 9" candles available. 6": \$600, 9": \$700 Thank you to the families of Michael L. Glynn, Ruth Raterman Westerfield, and Margaret Fiocca Fitzpatrick for your generous donation to our parish.

#### **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

We would like to thank everyone who made our Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Craft Fair held on October 27<sup>th</sup> a success this year. The weather wasn't the best but the turnout was great!

The winners of our Grand Raffle were:

\$200 Visa Card - Stephen Compagnone

\$100 Visa Card - Mildred DiDio \$50 Market Basket - Doris Parthum \$50 Market Basket - Pat Doherty

Congratulations to the winners.

The next Sodality Mass will be at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner in the church hall.

Yankee Swap \$10.00 Gift!

Be creative!!! Please give your name by Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are attending. Contact Ursula Maggio at 978-886- 0915.

Thank you to all 35 Crafters/Vendors who participated at our Annual Craft Fair. We were blessed to have so many different product offerings and hope you found that special item to start your holiday shopping.

Also, a special thank you to the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) for their help throughout the day. These young ladies volunteered and are a great example of the purpose and mission of the JCDA program of message, service and community.







#### **Parents or Grandparents:**

Would you like to see your child or grandchild help serve at the Altar? We are currently offering training classes for any child that wants to become an Altar Server. Classes will begin shortly and are held at the church, after school hours. Classes are once a week and run 3 to 4 weeks. Please complete the form below and drop it into the collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office, or return it to your child's religious ed. teacher.

#### **Contact Information:**

Guardian's or Parent's Name:

Guardian's or Parent's phone or e-mail:

Child's name:

Day of the week that is best for you to bring your child to the training classes:





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

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

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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: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### 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: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish

Friday 4:30-5:30 pm and Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Fridays: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month: 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

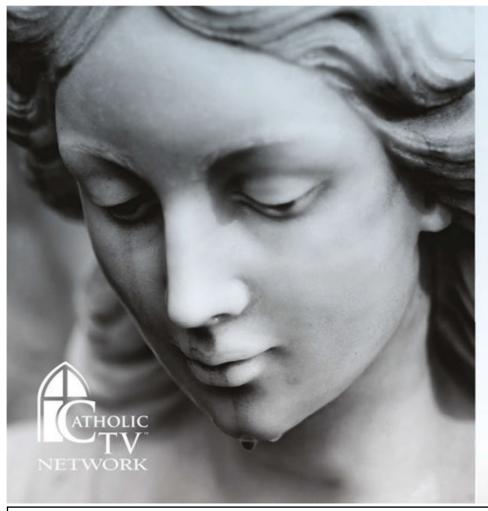
For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366
If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

**BAPTISMS.** Please call the parish office.

St. Monica's Parish: 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

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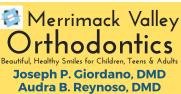
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