September 10, 2017

Alpha

Join us for Alpha beginning this Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm in the St. Lucy Church Hall

For more information, please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

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

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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 Friday 6:30-7:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm **St. Lucy Parish** Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

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

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

WELCOME we are glad you're here

New to our community? We're so happy you joined us this weekend and we'd love to have you worship with us regularly. Come discover the peace that comes from following our Lord Jesus. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church **Fridays** 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica's 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned corn and beans, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, soups, and canned fruit.

In support of the relief efforts to those areas devastated by Hurricane Harvey, Cardinal Seán has authorized a special collection to be taken this weekend in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Our new office hours for Wednesdays are 12:00 - 4:30 pm until December 6 so that our staff can attend Alpha.

Join us for Tea and Treasure Thursday, September 14 at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House. For questions, please call Millie at (978) 686 - 0339



Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Place: St. Monica Church Time: 7 p.m. Nine consecutive Mondays from September 11, 2017 - November 6, 2017

This year our annual novena will be to *Our Lady of Guadalupe*: Patroness of the

Americas, Queen of the first and the new evangelization, and Patroness of the unborn.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- praying the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- reading the *The Nican Mopohua*, the account of the Guadalupan apparitions of 1531 written in 1548 by Antonio Valeriano
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Forgiven: A course on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Offered over 6 weeks beginning on Thursday, October 12 at 6pm in the St. Monica Rectory 1st floor sunroom. Each video is about 40 minutes or less followed by discussion. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information,

978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK AFC Urgent Care

380R Merrimack St., Methuen (978) 975 - 0700

The Reason For Our Hope September 30, 2017 - 8:00am to 6:00pm Lowell Memorial Auditorium

A Catholic conference focused on renewing the vital gift of Hope - an essential virtue which every heart desires, and all of humanity hungers for. Come and join 2000+ other Catholic men and women for a full day filled with five powerful talks, incredible Christian Music, and the fellowship of thousands who unite their hearts in Hope. The Holy Mass, Confessions and Adoration will all be included in this amazing day of grace. Please visit www.HopeConferences.com for more information and to register.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week, the diocese-wide collection will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 590 Boston priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ's good news, joyfully perform good works, and spread good faith to all they encounter. You can show your gratitude by giving generously to the collection. You are also invited to make your gift online at **clergytrust.org** or text the word **PRIEST** to 56512 (msg. & data rates may apply). And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "**@ClergyTrust.**" Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests. All are most welcome to come to Prayer and Study "Under Our Lady's Mantle" formerly called "Women of Grace".

We will be meeting each Wednesday morning at 10:15 am for coffee or tea beginning on September 13. Promptly at 10:30am we will say the Rosary and the Diving Mercy Chaplet. We will then commence with either a Catholic dvd presentation or a chosen Catholic book for reading and discussion over the following weeks.

The first dvd will be 'Speaking of Saints' by Susan Conroy who lived and worked with Mother Teresa in India.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered for adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, a program commonly known as RCIA.

Anyone interested in receiving any or all of these sacraments, which they may have not received in their youth, are **encouraged and welcomed** to attend. If YOU know of anyone interested, please let them know and we will gladly welcome them and explain the process offered. Also, these sessions are open to anyone who has received their Sacraments but might want to come to a deeper appreciation of what these Sacraments are about. You too are welcome to join in a very interesting and relaxed atmosphere.

Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

Prayer Vigil For Unity and Peace

The Methuen Police will be hosting a night for unity and peace in our communities. The event will be held at St. Monica Church on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm. Following the service is a light reception in the school hall. Please join us.



Please join Father Lohan and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the annual Friends of the Poor Walk.

September 23, 2017

We will kick off from St. Monica at 9:00 am for the one mile walk. Please register to be a walker and ask all your friends and relatives to support you. No amount is too small! For more information contact John Gibney at 978 - 857 - 2081 or Dick Larnard @ 508 - 954 - 4939

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In lieu of soliciting for the Friends of the Poor Walk outside the churches, please make your donations on the Pledge Sheet below and preferably bring it to the Walk or to the office.

Walker Pledge Sheet

Donor's Name	Donor's Address	\$ Amount	
Example: Bob Smith	1212 Main Street, Anytown, MO 12345	25.00	1
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FAITH FORMATION START DATES ST. MONICA

Kindergarten – 7th grade Sunday, September 24th from 9:10am - 11:15am Please meet in the Main Church

8th Grade Monday, October 2nd from 4:00 - 5:00pm Please meet in St. Monica's Rectory

Confirmation I Sunday, September 17th from 5:00-6:00pm Please meet in St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall

Confirmation II Sunday, September 17th from 6:00-7:00pm Please meet in St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall

Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

St. Lucy's:

Blake Alexander Anderson Jonathan Melo DeLima Aria Patricia Fowler Naime Munui Isabella Marie Parolisi Tessa Ann Queen



St. Monica's:

Logan Ferrant Baylee Bowles Jose Xander Azevedo Elias Marrero Autumn Heilborn Riley Sordillo

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.

FAITH FORMATION START DATES ST. LUCY

1st – 7th grade Sunday, October 1st from 9:10am-11:15am Please meet in the Main Church

8th Grade Monday, September 25th from 4:00-5:00pm Please meet in St. Lucy's Schoolhouse

Confirmation I Sunday, September 17th from 5:00-6:00pm Please meet in St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall

Confirmation II Sunday, September 17th from 6:00-7:00pm Please meet in St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. LUCY PARISH

The parish's Faith Formation Office is looking for disciples of Jesus Christ who are passionate about sharing their faith to volunteer with our faith formation team. We have openings in 1^{st} through 7^{th} grade. We meet (nearly) every other Sunday morning starting in October and ending in April. The sessions meet from 9:10am-11:15am and include Mass Preparation, Mass itself, and 45 minutes of formal instruction in a traditional classroom setting.

Our teachers should also expect to spend up to 2 hours preparing for each 45-minute formal instruction period.

Volunteers need to have been confirmed and have completed or be willing to complete VIRTUS training and a diocesan background check (CORI).

To volunteer or for more information please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 686-3311 ext 35 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated In loving memory of

Michael and Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich

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.

SAINT MONICA PARIS 100 TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Come join the fun at Lenzi's Restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Tickets are going fast. Get yours now by calling Jane & Bill Shawcross at (978) 794 - 8681 or (978) 273 - 8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

Offertory September 3, 2017: \$8,997.00 2nd Collection for Catholic University: \$1,700.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts. The second collection next weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

Please pray for Laura Sierpina and June A. Teloian whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parish. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



Saturday, September 9 8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

Robert Emery Dalmazia Mesiti

Sunday, September 10

7:30 amLouise Anne and Mathieu Roy9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro Norman Lavoie Marie - Paule Labrie Michael P. Tinney Lillian Rapazzo Marie Theresa Longo Baxter Living and deceased members of the Leslie, Monaco, Wetzel, and Vicari Families Gerald Leduc Thomas N. Ward Mercedes Melendez Margerite Lowey Robert S. Pierce Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

Thursday, September 14 7:00 am

Friday, September 15 7:00 am

Saturday, September 16 8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

11:30 am

5:30 pm

11:30 am

5:30 pm

John F. Houlihan Connie and Albert Zampelli

Armand and Josephine DeRoche

Sunday, September 17 7:30 am Frank Doherty 9:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Mercedes Melendez Lucille Frechette Rachel Caron Pat Leslie Francis Doran Jr.

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ST. LUCY PARISH

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

The first Sodality Meeting of the new season is **this Sunday**, **September 10th** after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. The Craft Fair is **Saturday**, **October 21st**.

We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish.

Mass

Saturday, September 9 4:00 pm Luisa and Pia Rea

Sunday, September 10 8:00 am 9:30 am

Michael Kenny Raymond Palmegiano, Mary and Joseph Santomassino, Brian Ludwig

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Andrea Cugno John Fitzpatrick Jr. A Special Intention

Monday, September 118:00 amStanley and Josephine Faucher

Tuesday, September 128:00 amKathy and Giovanni Privitera

Wednesday, September 13 8:00 am Joseph Rapisardo

(Living)

Saturday, September 164:00 pmDomenic Pappalardo

Sunday, September 17 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes 9:30 am Margaret J. Covey 11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Dominick "Rex" Campone Domenica Buggea

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Men's Guild

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Members are invited to gather in the vestibule for the 9:30 Mass. Meeting will begin at **10:30 in the church hall** (immediately following the 9:30 Mass)

All men are invited to come and learn more about our mission. We have many new and exciting projects to support our parish. Bring a Friend.

ST. LUCY VOLUNTEERS

THE 2017-2018 CORI FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

I will be available after all masses downstairs in the hall this weekend September 9^{th} and 10^{th} . Please have your photo ID with you. Contact me at 978-683- 6142 if you have any questions.

All church volunteers 17 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI every year. As always, please know that the information provided by you is kept safe and secure.

Anyone who volunteers at Saint Lucy Parish is required to complete a CORI form each fiscal year. Once completed, the form needs to be reviewed and your license verified by myself or a staff member. In addition: Any <u>new volunteer</u> needs to sign a "Code of Conduct" form (good for the duration of your time at the parish)

- You must also attend the "Protecting God's Children Program" (VIRTUS). If you have not attended this program, please contact the office to be informed of upcoming dates that the program will be held.

We sincerely value your ministry and appreciate your ongoing support as we work with the Archdiocese to remain compliant.

Connie Mercier -- coordinator

Reception for Sister Rina Brunetti, pm for her years of service at St. Lucy Parish

> Next Sunday, September 17, 2017 After the 9:30 Mass in the Parish hall

Come and wish Sister well for all her years at St. Lucy vising our Homebound.

Coffee and will be served.

Sponsored by St. Lucy Blessed Virgin Sodality

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

In the next few weeks you will see poems written by some students from St. Monica School. These poems were submitted to The American Library of Poetry 2017 Student Poetry Contest. They will be published in a special book of poetry entitled Treasured. The students' poems will also have a chance to become an **Editor's Choice** Winner, a Division Winner or a Runnerup, with prizes awarded accordingly. Please enjoy the poems of our students that will be in the bulletin for the next few weeks.

Beach Wind

By: Izabella Zouein

Grade 6 St. Monica School

It blows serenely, moving the waves

The sand departs from the ground.

Slowly

Then it calms and the land seems lonely.

Until it returns



Mission Statement - Saint Monica School is a distinctively Catholic School, a faith community of the Catholic Church. Our mission is that of the Church; to spread the Gospel and prepare students for their state in life. In our striving for academic excellence, we keep in focus that this is a Catholic School where religious and moral formation are the first in the hierarchy of values. In fostering leadership in our students, we prepare them to take their place in the Church and Society as leaders who will be prepared to serve all with respect, dignity, and justice.



Meet Fr. Sinisa— Bringing truth to the youth of today's world

Fr. Sinisa Ubiparipovic has been working at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and St. Paul in Hingham since he was ordained in 2015. Realizing the potential for a strong youth program, Fr. Sinisa immediately set to forming a strong faith formation for teens in the parish and to delivering the truth of God's mercy in a way that teens can not only understand, but truly relate.

Today's teens face pressure from many different angles and it can be very difficult for them to find their own way. Fr. Sinisa reminds teens that their faith in God is what is most important in their lives—not grades, appearance, or popularity. "We as priests have to help the kids to remember that their dignity does not lie in those pursuits, that their dignity always lies in the fact that they are made in the image and likeness of God."

Fr. Sinisa is actively working to help teens open their hearts and minds to God's mercy, which is transforming the way they see themselves and the world around them.

To help ensure priests like Fr. Sinisa are cared for as they live out their vocation, please support the special collection on September 16-17.



"The people of God need to be guided by pastors whose lives are spent in service to the Gospel."

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, please visit clergytrust.org/intentions.

To see Fr. Sinisa's video story, visit **clergytrust.org.**



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