

July 2, 2017



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**Regular Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

\*Our Parish Offices will close at noon on Fridays until September 8.

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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

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: 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm



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.

**ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION**



**TUESDAYS (ST. LUCY CHURCH) 1:30-4:30PM**  
**FRIDAYS (ST. MONICA CHAPEL) 7:30AM-7:30PM**

FOR MORE INFO ON ADORATION  
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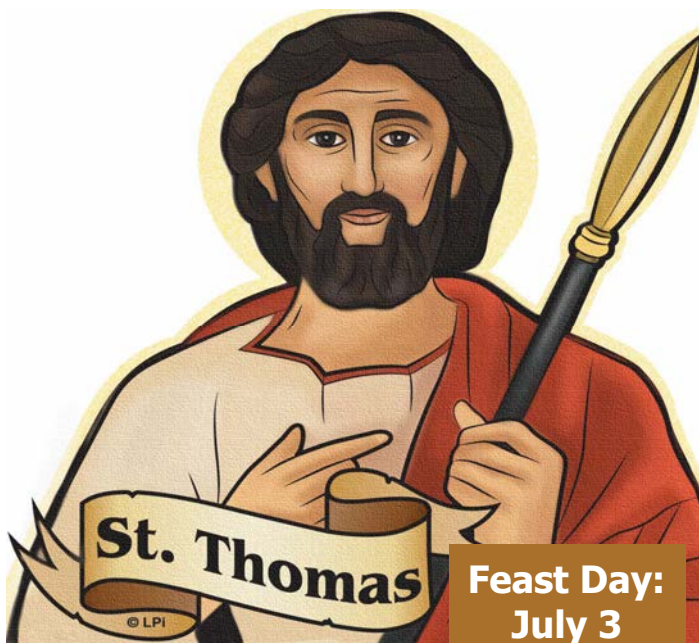
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If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

**FRIDAY ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S IS IN NEED OF MORE ADORERS DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS: 2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30.**  
**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS.**

Please keep the Collaborative Music Director, Paul Jernberg and his family in your prayers. Paul's son, Thomas passed away unexpectedly over the weekend.

If you would like to send condolence cards, please send to the Parish Office at 254 Merrimack St.



Our Parish Offices will be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.



Please pray for **Josephine Carelli, Ruth Carney, John Nicoletti, and Lucien Pelletier** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parish. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
MIGHTY FORTRESS**

**WHEN: JULY 10-14  
WHERE: ST. LUCY CHURCH  
WHO: AGES 4-11**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED AS WELL**

WELCOME TO MIGHTY FORTRESS, WHERE KIDS LEARN THAT GOD IS THEIR REFUGE AND STRENGTH. FRIENDS MAY FAIL THEM. THEY MAY NOT ACE THEIR TEST OR MAKE THE TEAM, BUT GOD PROMISES TO BE THEIR ROCK AND THEIR SALVATION - THEIR FORTRESS AND SURE DEFENSE. SO RAISE YOUR BANNER! IN JESUS, THE VICTORY IS WON!



5 week video presentation by Fr. John Riccardo

**July 20 - August 17**

The series will run from 6-7:30pm in the St. Monica Rectory sunroom. Enter by front door and take 2<sup>nd</sup> left. Sessions run from 30-50 minutes. Extra time allowed for those who want to participate in discussion of the video. Contact Bonnie Doherty at 978-270-3366 or [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com) if interested.

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FOLLOW**

**“And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”**

**- Mt 10:38**

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017**

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
- Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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### Observances for the Week of July 2, 2017

- Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle
- Tuesday: Independence Day
- Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and  
Martyr
- Next Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

A support group for those grieving an addiction death has been formed at Holy Family Hospital. NOT ALONE meets on the second Monday of each month from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Meetings are led by Rev. Edward Frost and held in the Chapel area. For more information, please call (978) 687 - 0156 x2005

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Beach Day JESUS aCROSS the Border

Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Star of the Sea Beach Chapel, Salisbury

8 AM - 11 PM

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, for an entire day at the beach! The church is providing free parking, access to the beach, and facilities starting at 8 AM. Our usual evening event begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharist Adoration and Praise & Worship lead by Soulfest musician, Kyle Erickson and Angelique Bolduc of LIFT Ministries. Fr. Chris Wallace joins us again as the main Mass celebrant at 9 PM and following Mass we will have a beach pizza social. This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 17 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another! Please email Billy Beauchesne at [JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com](mailto:JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder](https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder) for more information.



# Mass INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 1**

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

4:00 pm Anastazja Arabudzka and Genowefa Doda

**Sun., July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am People of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*  
Charlie and Rose Hanafin (Living)  
Violet Sayer

To the Blessed Mother for favors received  
Ruth Carney  
Christine Ferguson

11:30 am

**Thursday, July 6**

7:00 am Dorothy Brooks

**Friday, July 7**

7:00 am Vincent Mesiti

**Saturday, July 8**

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

4:00 pm Wendy Guthrie and Linda Murphy

**Sun., July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time??**

7:30 am Yvonne Soucy

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro  
Joseph O' Neil  
Leo Blanchette

11:30 am Michael Foley

Offertory June 25, 2017: \$ 8,637.00

Peters Pence: \$1,701.50

This weekend and next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday offering.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of

## ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated

In honor of the Blessed Mother for favors received and in loving memory of  
**Michael and Linda Giarrusso**  
**Donald Stewart**  
**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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### "YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned beans, canned spaghetti, cereal, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna, cereal, pancake syrup, and pancake mix.

We ask for your generous help as the shelves in the food pantry are getting low. Thank you very much.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Monica Knights of Columbus wish to express their gratitude to the following Altar Servers who have faithfully served at St. Monica Parish throughout the last year: Adam Araujo, Alexandra Armano, Luke Armano, Liana Freitas, Matthew Getchell, Sara Johnston, Patrick Karl, Michael Karl, Margaret Langenfeld, Ava Landon, Kianna Landon, Billy Limperis, Angelina Medici, Brandon Perez, Daniel Perez, Luke Polomoscanik, Anjali Serrano, Aisling Smith, Corbin Walsh and Michael Wolfendale.



# Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1

4:00 pm Lino Brosco

Sun., July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 am Elena-Raffaele DePadua  
9:30 am George and Gloria Colizzi  
and Josephine Pepe

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*  
Al Duval

Monday, July 3

8:00 am John Mugavero & Joseph Conte

Tuesday, July 4

8:00 am

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 am

Saturday, July 8

4:00 pm Gloria Baker

Sun, July 9– Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 am Elaine Bonanno  
9:30 am People of St. Lucy & St.  
Monica Parishes

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*  
Angelo, Jack & Jennie  
Maimone  
Dr. & Mrs. Vito Molori

Offertory June 25, 2017: \$5,943.00

Peters Pence: \$ 691.00

This weekend and next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday offering.

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

There will be no Adoration or Confessions on Tuesday July 4 at St. Lucy.

Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today. Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

## MEN'S GUILD

Many thanks to all who helped make our Sock Hop a success. A total of \$1,100 was raised to benefit our St. Lucy/St. Monica Youth Group.

## FOOD COLLECTION

### Neighbors in Need

Next collection: Sunday, July 16

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of every month, we collect food for the needy. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off in the designated baskets located at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance.

## ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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St. Monica School held the Class of 2017 graduation on June 8<sup>th</sup> in the Church. Our 22 students will be attending the following high schools: One student will be attending Brooks School, ten students will be attending Central Catholic High School, two students will be attending Presentation of Mary Academy, three students will be attending Lowell Catholic High School, one student will be attending the Academy of Notre Dame Tyngsboro, one student will be attending Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School, one student will be attending Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School and three students will be attending Methuen High School.







**The “Catholic Appeal”- An important collection bearing the proper name**

As Catholics we know that sometimes difficult periods in our history are great opportunities for reform, a time to take a step back and look with fresh eyes and renewed perspective at what we do as a Church and how we do it. In the wake of the difficult revelations of the abuse of minors by clergy and other representatives of the Church, the Church both locally and throughout America made many important changes to protect our children. One small name change in Boston that occurred in the years following the scandal breaking was just a symbolic one but rich in meaning.

Years ago the annual archdiocesan appeal to support the central ministries of the Archdiocese was called the “Cardinal’s Appeal.” The title referred to the fact that this appeal is made directly to the people by the Cardinal himself, to support the works of the Church done under his leadership. No doubt it bore that name as a way to appeal to people’s loyalty to their institutional church, expressed in the person of the Cardinal Archbishop. It is no secret that in the years following the 2002 revelations contributions to that appeal dropped significantly. Out of a sense of frustration and anger at what had come to light, many withheld much of their money as a form of protest. Though parish offertory also declined, it did not do so to the same degree as the collection for central ministries.

The change in the name from the “Cardinal’s Appeal” to the “Catholic Appeal” was a very good one, because the Archbishop as important as he is to our life as an Archdiocese, is not the Church. He is the local shepherd, but he is only one man. He is not a politician, a mayor or a congressman. He is a shepherd of a local community of believers. The word “Catholic” has several meanings, it means “universal”; “open to all”; and “complete.” It is a powerful word that reminds us that we are connected to one another, we are open to all and are indeed our “brother’s keeper.”

It is important that we remember that we have an obligation to Catholics in need that are serviced by the varied ministries that are carried out in our central ministries. I know in my absence you heard/saw a beautiful video from Cardinal Sean highlighting some of those important ministries. This year we are substantially behind in our collection for the Catholic Appeal, it is my sincere hope that through your generosity we can make up the difference. It is also important that you know that if we fall short of our goal the Archdiocese mandates that the difference be taken from our operating funds, so either way they get the money in the end and our parishes will suffer if we don’t give. If we meet our goal it sends a strong message to the Archdiocese that we are generous parishes that care about others. In the recent past we received abatements for parts of our shortfall, but there is no guarantee we will receive those in the future. Remember that St Paul reminds us that “God loves a cheerful giver” and we should give in love, not out of a sense of obligation. We must overcome our hurts and disappointments and realize that it makes no sense to hurt those in need because of our anger over our painful history. The blue cards are in the pews again this weekend. Please fill them out and drop them in the basket or send them to the parish office. **BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR PARISH NAME** prominently on your check and on the blue envelope. Thanks for your generosity to this appeal.

	Pledges to Date	Assessment	% of Goal
St Monica	\$33,203	\$52,600	63%
St. Lucy	\$22,170	\$29,385	75%

God bless you,

Fr Bill Lohan

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