

February 12, 2017



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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

#### Civic Holiday Schedule:

Normal Schedule at both Parishes

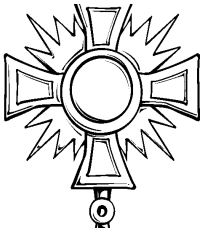
**MARRIAGES.** Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

**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

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



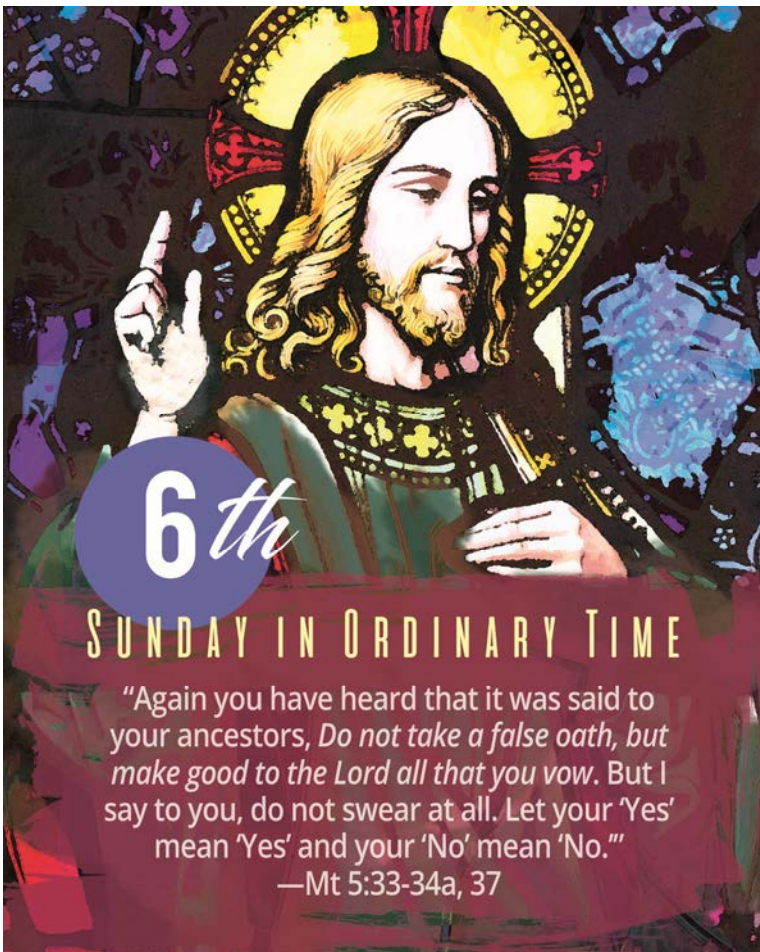
Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Lucy's Church and St. Monica's Chapel. Please contact Bonnie Doherty at [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com) or 978-270-3366 for more information about adoration at St. Monica's and the parish office for information about adoration at St. Lucy's.

Tuesdays (St. Lucy) 1:30-4:30pm

\*Fridays (St. Monica) 7:30am-7:30pm

**\*PLEASE NOTE! St. Monica - Late start at 9:30am on April 7, and May 5. REMEMBER: If school is cancelled due to weather, adoration is cancelled. There will not be Adoration or Confession on Good Friday, April 14.**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Mondays at 10 a.m.  
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**6<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"*  
—Mt 5:33-34a, 37

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

Friday 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

Tues. 4:30-5:30pm

Sat. 3:00-3:45pm

and any time by appointment



**WELCOME!**

**We're glad you could join us this weekend.**

**NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY?**

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There is **only one collection this weekend**, our regular Sunday offering.

The **second collection next weekend** supports the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe. These collections help the Church spread God's word and train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen into disrepair, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-for-africa/collection/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-for-africa/collection/index.cfm), and [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-eastern-europe/collection/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-eastern-europe/collection/index.cfm)





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**St. Rita Parish**  
Friday, February 17, 2017  
7:30 PM – Adoration/Confession Available  
9:00 PM – Mass  
Pizza Social & Fellowship to Follow  
\*Event hosted every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month

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Attention Women of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes - Save The Date!!!!!!  
Saturday, April 8, 2017  
**Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality  
Morning Of Reflection**  
A great way to begin Holy Week!  
Watch the bulletin! More details to follow!

The Lithuanian American Council and the Knights of Lithuania, Council 78 will once again be holding its annual Lithuanian Independence Celebration next Sunday, February 19. It will begin with a Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the lower church of Corpus Christi Parish in Lawrence, MA followed by a Lithuanian Sausage Dinner at the Parish Center, 34 Common St. After dinner, music will be provided on the classical guitar by Jonas Kublickas and Andrius Masilionis; two rising stars from Lithuania. The donation for the meal is \$12. For further information and advanced tickets, please contact David Boucher at (978) 337 - 3737 or Jonas Stundza at (978) 685 - 4478



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**Saturday, February 11**

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Arthur & Mary Beth Hamel  
Luta Bupole  
Dennis Corneau

4:00 pm Kate Bachand & Cara Kmiec

**Sunday, February 12**

7:30 am Joseph Klufts

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Violet Sayer  
Doris Bragg  
John K. Foster, Jr.  
Yvonne Costa  
Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro

11:30 am Polydore Bergeron

5:30 pm

**Thursday, February 16**

7:00 am Wajda & Bergeron Families

**Friday, February 17**

7:00 am Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne

**Saturday, February 18**

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Myrna G. Nolan

4:00 pm Thomas & Dorothy Bresnahan

**Sunday, February 19**

7:30 am Nellie & John Higgins

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne  
Claire Kammerdiener

11:30 am Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife

5:30 pm People of St. Monica & St. Lucy

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February 5, 2017

Offertory: \$11,528.50

Grand Annual: \$52,535.00 (total to date)

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If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities in support of life, 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.

Please pray for **Richard Murphy** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our Parish. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

**St. Monica 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance** - at Lenzi's restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017. For tickets please call Jane & Bill Shawcross at 978-794-8681 or 978-273-8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each



 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, February 11**

4:00 pm Joseph & Helena Pollina

**Sunday, February 12**

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy &  
St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am Mary Spagnuolo

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Anthony & Lucille Bonanno

Mary Lou George

Rose Campiola

Benedetta DiFruscia

**Monday, February 13**

8:00 am Albert Saab

**Tuesday, February 14**

8:00 am Special Intention

**Wednesday, February 15**

8:00am M. Janet Szostak

**Saturday, February 18**

4:00 pm Giuseppe Sangiorgio

**Sunday, February 19**

8:00 am Helen A. Piskadlo

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Sodality

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Gerard Dubois

Douglas Knapp

Dominick Mauro

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**Observances for the Week of February 12, 2017**

Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, *Monk*, and Methodius, *Bishop*

Valentine's Day

Friday: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite

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Next Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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February 5, 2017

Offertory: \$6,037.00

Grand Annual: \$45,060.00 (total to date)

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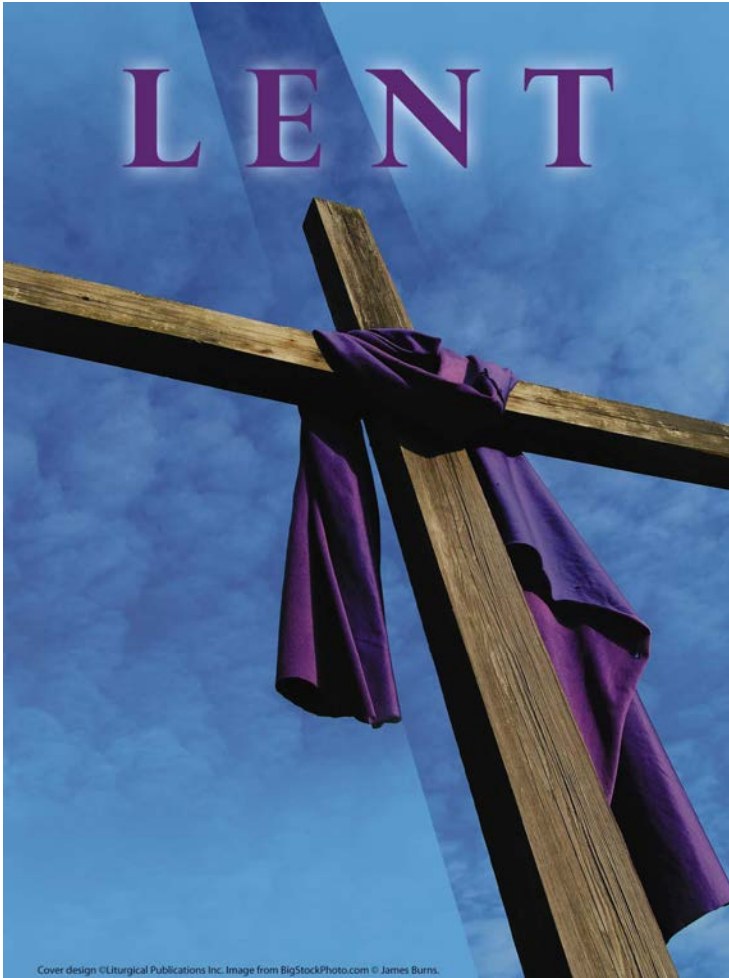
**Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**



The **Valentine Jackpot Raffle** will be drawn next Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in St. Lucy's Hall at 11:00 AM. Our next meeting will be on the same date after the drawing.



“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” - *Matthew 19:4-6*



This Sunday is the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which was referred to as Septuagesima Sunday for many centuries prior to the liturgical reforms of 1969. The two and a half weeks before the beginning of Lent allowed the faithful to prepare for the season of fasting without it being thrust upon them suddenly on Ash Wednesday.

It is important to remember that the season of Lent used to be a true fast. The norm for fasting up until the mid-1960's was to eat just one meal per day, with complete abstinence from flesh meat, fats, and broths made from warm blooded animals. This applied every day of the week except Sunday. In practice, these regulations were relaxed almost everywhere, but Lent was definitely a season that people felt in their bodies.

Today, we are only required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all of the Lenten Fridays. The requirements are really quite mild, so the tradition of giving something up for Lent takes on a greater importance. If you have noticed the bulletin boards in our churches, you may have seen a poster that reads, "Don't give up chocolate for Lent." The idea is that Lent is meant to be a time of the year when we discipline ourselves so that we can respond to God's will more promptly and joyfully.

It could be that someone could give up chocolate, and this would lead to greater love of God and neighbor, but, for most, a little more thought is needed. Every individual should pray about their sacrifice. No one should undertake anything too austere without seeking spiritual advice. Sometimes, people will give up sinful habits for Lent, only to take them back up after Easter. The time to give up sin is always now. For Lent, we should sacrifice something that is good, for the sake of preparing for greater blessing from God.

Let's pray for each other that we will use this time before Lent to discern well the way that God is calling us to become holier this Lent!

Fr. Cassani



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Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 ■ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# SAINT MONICA SCHOOL



Two recent graduates of Saint Monica School Eva Fabino and Jamie Walsh were awarded Mother Rivier Award Medals at PMA. There are only four given out to each class and they are nominated by their classmates. Jamie won the Award for Compassion and Eva won the Award for Perseverance. We are very proud of you girls!



Bishop Hennessey celebrated Catholic Schools Week with St. Monica students in style. The Dahbour family is up on the altar presenting Bishop Hennessey with a gift made personally by their dad, Rob. The Bishop asked the students several questions about faith, family, school and friends assuring them that faith was the cornerstone for everything in life.

St. Monica student Alli Sullivan, who was recently Principal for a Day, goes over her schedule with her friend and Assistant, Laura Dahbour. Alli's mom won the Principal for a Day as the highest bidder in our Taste of Autumn auction last November. Alli worked hard all day! Great job Miss Sullivan!





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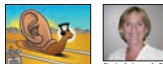


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