

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Holy Week and Easter at St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

### ST. LUCY PARISH

Palm Sunday, March 25  
Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Monday, March 26 – Wednesday, March 28  
Daily Mass at 8:00 am

#### *The Holy Triduum*

Holy Thursday, March 29 – No Morning Mass  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm  
Adoration follows until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, March 30 – No Morning Mass  
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm  
Solemn Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31  
(No Morning Mass and no 4:00 pm Mass)  
Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1  
Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Confessions during Holy Week  
Wednesday, March 28: 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Thursday, March 29: following the 7pm Mass  
Friday, March 30: 6:00 – 6:45 pm  
Saturday, March 31: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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**ST. MONICA PARISH      ST. LUCY PARISH**

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

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

# SAINT LUCY PARISH'S 6TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK/ ST. JOSEPH DINNER

*Saturday, March 17, 2018*

Live entertainment featuring Jennifer Mello

**5:30 pm** - Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Dinner Provided by the Irish Cottage



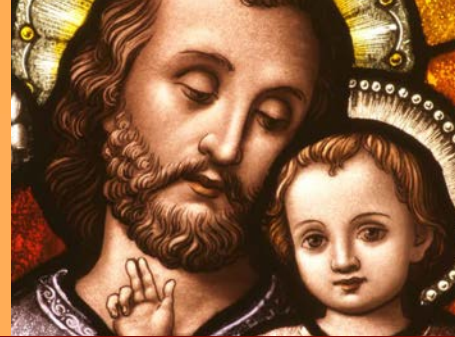
\$15 per person | Children 8 and younger are free

**FREE TO ALL WHO WEAR THE KILT**



Tickets are on sale at St. Lucy's after each Mass **this weekend** and at the Parish Offices during the week. *Tickets will not be sold at the door the night of the dinner.*

*Come and enjoy a fun evening!*



### Lenten Parish Mission

with Rev. Jurgen Lias  
March 15 & 16, 2018  
St. Monica Church

#### Thursday, March 15:

Theme: *Baptism*

7- 8 pm: Presentation

Confessions will be available from 6-7 pm  
and 8-9 pm.

#### Friday, March 16:

Theme: *Repentance*

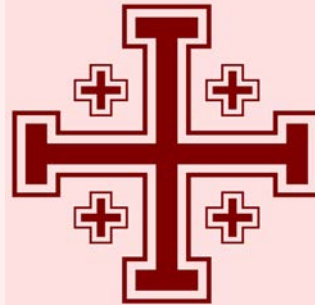
7- 8 pm: Presentation

Confessions will be available from 8-9 pm.

### Movie: The Jeweller's Shop

Come join a small group to watch the movie, The Jeweller's Shop, in the sunroom of the St. Monica Parish rectory after the 8am mass on Saturday, March 24. Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. Run Time: 1 hr. 31 mins. Contact: Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. Space is limited to 20.

### ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA



Tuesday March 27, 2018

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

St. Lucy Church Hall

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend **Kathy Shea** who has been invited to offer a

personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

### Divine Mercy Sunday April 8, 2018

St. Monica Parish

Beginning at 2:15 to include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions, and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy. The Novena of the Chaplet begins on Good Friday. Novena pamphlets will be available in St Lucy and St Monica Churches.

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## Commission to Assist Our Brothers and Sisters in Need

Join our group and help us give back to our community.

We've helped people at the Day Break Shelter in Lawrence, Haven of Hope in Methuen and done prayer and lunch with the elderly at Cedars Home, Mystic Street, and Nevins Complex all in Methuen.

We meet once a month. For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereal, canned spaghetti, Hamburger Helper, mashed potatoes, and spaghetti sauce. **Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.**

# Spring Cleaning

## HELP OUR YOUTH SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

If you expect to have some Spring cleaning or clean-up projects around your yard this April, allow the youth of our community to help out on their annual service day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018! Send your name to Mark Forrester at youth.stlm@gmail.com.

## Church Safety Training

Provided by the Methuen Police

**Mon., March 19, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

St. Monica Church

**Sat., March 24, 2018 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

St. Lucy Church

We encourage all members of the following ministries to attend and welcome all parishioners as well.

**Lectors, Ushers, Religious Ed. Teachers, Choir Members, Eucharistic Ministers, St. Monica Knights of Columbus, St. Lucy Men's Guild, St. Lucy BVM Sodality, and parish and school staff.**

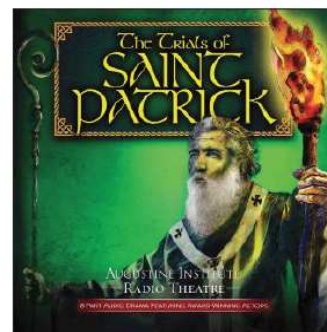
## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

# The Trials of Saint Patrick

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Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

### A New Principal For Saint Monica School

We are so happy to welcome to Saint Monica School our new incoming Principal, Mrs. Donna Henderson. Mrs. Henderson made her first visit to our school as Principal-Elect this past Friday and met the faculty, staff and students. Mrs. Henderson is the first Alumna of Saint Monica School to serve as principal! It was a joy to be able to accompany her with Sister Suzanne as she made the rounds to all of the classrooms. To be with Sister Suzanne and Mrs. Henderson reminded me that all institutions, whether they be schools, parishes, or even governments are well served whenever we have smooth enthusiastic transitions. Sister Suzanne has made a lasting mark on our school over the six years that she has served here. In recent days I have been even more thankful than ever for the dedicated efforts she made to make the school building so secure as we have suffered as a nation with the people of Parkland, FL. Her shoes indeed are big ones to fill, but there is an old adage that I love which says, "I won't be filling someone else's shoes, I will be bringing my own shoes." Any leader sets a tone for a community and I know from my own experience as a priest that each priest brings different gifts to an assignment and often over time the variety of gifts that each brings serves a parish well. I have no doubt the same proves true with principals of schools. We look back at the 60 years of our school and see many principals who brought unique gifts and Mrs. Henderson will bring hers that have been shaped by years of experience in education.

Since August 2017 Mrs. Henderson has served as Apprentice Principal at St Michael School in Lowell. She has done great work there in training the teachers, supporting learning programs for at-risk students and designing admission and marketing strategies to increase student enrollment and retention. Before that she served for 17 years as a teacher at St. Louis School in Lowell including a short time serving as Interim Principal. Her time as Early Childhood Coordinator there will be helpful to

her seeing that our pre-school program has really grown so fast in its first two years.

Mrs. Henderson, a graduate of Clark University, was selected to be a Lynch Leadership Fellow in a program that has been providing her intensive and comprehensive training to become a principal. She will be receiving ongoing training and support from Boston College and the Archdiocese of Boston as she completes her Masters Degree and begins work at St. Monica School.

I am deeply indebted to the seven members of our Search Committee that put in hours of time in interviews and study to assist me in the selection of a new principal. We were blessed to have several qualified candidates from which to choose, and we were all confident that we had multiple applicants that could do the job well. Though the choice was not an easy one, we were all thankful to have too many well-qualified applicants rather than having too few. The group worked well together, sharing candidly and bringing excellent questions to the table based upon their own experience of St. Monica and the education field. As we welcome Mrs. Henderson to Saint Monica School, may we pray fervently, and welcome her with open arms as her shoes hit the ground running.

### COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

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## STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS

Every Friday During Lent (*except Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica's - Lenten Parish Mission*)

St. Monica Church: 7:00 p.m.

St. Lucy Church: 5:30 p.m.  
followed by soup or pizza

# ST. MONICA PARISH

## MASSt INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 10

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Rose Begin

4:00 pm

Vincent Mesiti

### Sunday, March 11

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Monica &  
St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am

Joseph Indoccio  
Gloria Cottone  
Donald Ganim  
Louise Fusco  
Frank, Angelo, & Antonette Ragonese  
Chanel, Claire, Judy, Carol, Diane, &  
Paul Michaud  
Rocco, Emanuela, Orazio, Angelo,  
and Carmela DiBartolo  
Nicholas Carroll  
Felix (Living)  
Marie Labrie

11:30 am

### Thursday, March 15

7:00 am

Living and deceased members of the  
Leslie, Brennan, Wetzel, Monaco,  
Kane, and Vicari Families

### Friday, March 16

7:00 am

Joseph Klufts

### Saturday, March 17

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne  
Helen Gidalo  
Michael P. Tinney  
Thomas Bistany  
Paul McGuire  
Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 18

7:30 am

Mary and Alfio (Fred) Coco and  
Agnes Arcand

9:30 am

Jesse Murray  
Colleen Carney  
Donald M. Cronin  
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro  
Antonio Amaral and Maria Amaral  
Angelina Cuginotta

11:30 am

Louise Anne Roy  
Ida Manning

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Eugene Cusack

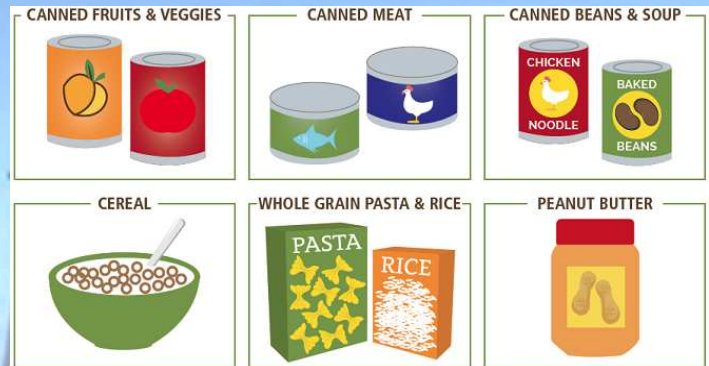
Cecile and Peter Checovich

Theresa A. Rickley

Michael and Linda Giarrusso

Barbara Gueli

Paul McGuire



Next Sunday, 3/18 after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM  
Masses, St. Monica School Students will be  
collecting food that will be donated to St.  
Vincent de Paul.

As a school, the children in preschool through  
grade 8 also collected food for this drive.

We thank you in advance for assisting us in  
being able to donate even more!

## OFFERTORY

March 4, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$13,052.00

The second collection this weekend is for the  
Easter Flowers. Next weekend, our second  
collection is for our religious ed. and youth  
program. Thank you for your generous  
contribution to the mission of our parish.

Join us for Tea & Treasure

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House.

Next meeting: Monday, March 19

For more information, please call

Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

# ST. MONICA SCHOOL



Four students from St. Monica School, Candice Mercado, Gr. 4, Victoria Phan, Gr. 3, Molly Ruggiero, Gr. 3, and Dalia Garcia, Gr. 1, were selected as finalists in the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. They will now join thousands of other entries from across the nation to compete to become State Grade-Level Winners, National Grade-Level Semi Finalists, and Grand National Grade-Level Champions! Congratulations to these four girls for their accomplishment. We are so proud of you!



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students did a remarkable job leading Mass on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. A sincere thank you to Mrs. Law for all of her guidance and preparation of the students for this Mass. All students enjoyed Fr. Joseph's interactive homily and blessings from Deacon John.



Some students, including our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders received a wonderful treat on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Teen Massachusetts came to read to them in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday!



Our Choir led by Mrs. Susan Navien and accompanied by Eric Berthiaume sang so beautifully at Mass. What a wonderful gift we have with these beautiful voices.



# MASSt INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 10**

4:00 pm Dorothy Lane and Robert Arsenault

**Sunday, March 11**

9:00 am Angelo Coco

11:00 am Louise Rita Vallante  
Anthony Calderone,  
Gilbert Fontaine, and Craig McKenzie

**Monday, March 12**

8:00 am

**Tuesday, March 13**

8:00 am

**Wednesday, March 14**

8:00 am

**Saturday, March 17**

4:00 pm Lino Brosco

**Sunday, March 18**

9:00 am Deceased members of the Sodality

11:00 am Joe Petralia  
Angelo Cutuli  
Giuseppe Currao  
Infant Evan Thomas Pollard  
Kimberly Ann Kasperowitz  
Angelina Maglia

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

## OFFERTORY

**March 4, 2018:**

**Regular Sunday Offering: \$7,513.00**

The second collection this weekend is for the Easter Flowers. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

# Save the Date!

60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

*St. Lucy Parish*

Saturday, October 20, 2018

5:30 PM Social Hour | 6:30 PM Dinner

Michael's Function Hall, 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA

Full Course Family Style Dinner  
Donation: \$50 | Music and Dancing to follow

The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years. Please call (978) 771 - 2150

# ST. LUCY PARISH BVM SODALITY FUNDRAISER



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EVERY TUESDAY IN MARCH

Come in and support St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality in their fundraising efforts.

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- Not Your Average Joe's will donate 15% of your bills' total for both the dine-in or take out to St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality

Our next Sodality meeting is next **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:00 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

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

## Join us for a **FREE** Ice Cream Sundae



Location: Church Hall  
(Downstairs)

Come on downstairs after the Easter Vigil for a FREE Ice Cream Sundae. What a great way to Celebrate the Beginning of Easter.



## Ice Cream Social

*Sponsored by St. Lucy's Men's Guild*

We will be attending the 8:00 AM Mass on **Monday, March 19** to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of our guild. Please join us after mass for refreshments in the church hall.



Members of the St. Lucy's Men's Guild at our most recent meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker, Lori Mendoza, Director of the Si Se Puede program at Merrimack Courts in Lawrence.



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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

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

### 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 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

*and any time by appointment*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church

Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica 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.

**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



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Today, Father DeVeer is very active and remains close to the families from his previous parishes. These pivotal moments and lasting friendships demonstrate how priests like Father DeVeer stand by us when we need them most.

To help ensure that they receive necessary care and support as they live out their vocation, please give to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust through the special Easter collection.



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