

NOVEMBER 24, 2019



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DAILY MASS **MON, TUE, & WED** 8:00 am St. Lucy **THURS & FRI** 8:15 am St. Monica **SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica
WEEKEND SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy

Welcome

We're 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.



COLLABORATIVE-WIDE

LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 15th
4:00 - 5:00 pm St. Monica Church

Practices have begun. If your child is interested in participating, please call the Parish Offices at (978) 683-1193. We are also hoping to form a combined children's choir as part of the service.

ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA ULTREYA



Tuesday November 26, 2019
(Every 4th Tuesday of the Month)
7:00 - 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey. Ultreya this month will begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small, intimate, and confidential groups, and fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality. Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend Nikki Hancock. She will 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!



Saint Lucy Parish Annual Turkey Shoot

Sunday, 11/24/2019

1:00 - 4:00 pm
in the parish hall

Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon!

HAPPY Thanksgiving DAY



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Join us for Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday, November 27

10:00 am St. Monica Parish (School Mass)

Thursday, November 28

9:00 am at both parishes



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We would like to thank Michael DeSpencer of Get Wired for donating his time and materials to put in plugs in the St. Lucy Lower Church Hall.

9th Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy Thank You

I wish to extend a heart-felt thank you to all who participated in donating to Project Warm & Fuzzy. It is amazing to see how an idea that started so small has become so incredibly successful. The out-pouring of support this year has surpassed all other years. Thanks to your kind hearts and generosity, many children and adults will stay warm this winter. I look forward to working with you again next year to make this project an even greater success. I would also like to thank the people who spent countless hours knitting and crocheting all year long. The personal touch gives an additional layer of warmth that can only come from something hand-made with care and love. I know some and others I have not met, but I thank you all for making this such a successful project and for contributing to the good of others. May God bless you during this Holy Christmas season and always.


Ashley Bolis,
Founder, Project Warm & Fuzzy

ST. LUCY BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The next Sodality Mass will be at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 8th followed by our Annual Christmas Lunch in the church hall. Yankee Swap \$10.00 Gift! Be creative! Please give your name by Dec. 4th if you are attending. Contact Ursula Maggio at 978-628-3419.

ST. LUCY'S MEN'S GUILD

St. Lucy's Men's Guild will be meeting on Thanksgiving Day, November 28 at the 9:00 AM Mass - Blessing of Bread and distribution to parishioners. Please Notice: No Men's Guild Meeting in December. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 19, 2020.

 Read the Gospel and Color



Sharing the Gospel

When someone hurts you, you might get very angry. You might want to say or do mean things to get even. Before you do anything, pray first. Ask God to help you say and do the right things. When Jesus hung on the cross, he said, "Father, forgive them." When you love God and forgive yourself and others, God will say, "I promise that when you die, you will be with me in paradise."

Prayer

Lord, I want to be with you in paradise.

Mission for the Week

I will ask God to help me forgive when I am hurt and angry.





**Saint Vincent de Paul
Annual Giving Tree**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society Giving Tree will be placed at the rear of the church at St. Monica's this week.

The tree helps to enable our parish community to assist our parish's families in need and bring the light and love of Our Lord into this special time of year. Tags listing specific gift requests are placed on the tree and we encourage you, if you are able, to take one or more tags and purchase the item(s) listed. **The gifts should be returned unwrapped, or in a gift bag, with the tag attached to the gift, and placed under the tree no later than Sunday, December 8th.**

If you have any questions, please direct them to Pat Wilkens, Nativity Program Coordinator, at 978-686- 9573. Thank you.



Advent Tree of Light

Once again St. Lucy 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 of St. Lucy Church from **November 25th to December 9th**. 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.** Gifts received after December 11th will be held for next year.

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
YES I CAN PROGRAM**

We are in need of canned beans, canned spaghetti, canned tuna, canned carrots, and peanut butter and jelly.
Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT

**IF GOD IS MAKING YOU WAIT
THEN BE PREPARED TO
RECEIVE MORE THAN
WHAT YOU ASKED FOR.**

St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes would like to welcome you to our
2nd Annual Christmas Eve Social

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass
(around 5:15 – 7pm) in St. Monica's School Hall

Pot Luck – Bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert to share (If it's a dish best served warm, please bring your crock pot or hot plate – no Sternos) Water and punch will be provided.

Yankee Swap – Bring a wrapped gift to exchange (optional). The gift should be worth approximately \$10. Something you have at home that you think someone might like – this is just for fun!

Christmas Caroling – as time allows until 7pm

Santa's helpers to set up and/or tidy up would be greatly appreciated! No need to rsvp – just come if you can – we'd love to have you join us! All are welcome. Any questions, email debralori338@gmail.com

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
Joan Coulon
Mrs. Concetta D. Bella
4:00 pm Anthony J. Vittorioso

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 am People of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes
9:30 am Richard and Margaret McCarron
Nancy Tardif
Georgette Gagnon
Noreen Rourke
James Goodwin
Jeffrey T. Middlemiss
Joseph H. Petelle
11:30 am Deceased members of the St. Monica
Knights of Columbus

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10:00 am Thanksgiving School Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15 am Jeanne Brown

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil
4:00 pm Mark A. McComiskey Jr. and
Michael Cestrone

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 am Elise White
9:30 am Charlie and Rose Hanafin
Leo and Patricia Deschamps
Will Barnes
Maryanne McGurn
Mathieu Roy
George W. Lafland & Fred J. Rapisardi
Jane F. Sheehy
11:30 am Sully LaTorre

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

4:00 pm Al and Margaret DeLuca
Sandra DeLuca
Carmen DeLuca

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 am Helene Giordano
11:00 am Fr. Charles Squeglia, Antonio and Milly Ferraro,
Antonio and Philomena Squeglia
William Hitchmoth
Real Taschereau and Gerard Taschereau
Joseph Lambert
Joseph Rigoli
Anne Angelari
Maria Arasi
Gisele Hebert
Nick and Linda Ciambella

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am Manny Gianni and Christine Gianni Eldridge

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 am Thomas McMenamon Sr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 am Gerardo and Mattia D'Andrea and
Vincent Minicucci

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:00 pm People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 am George Baker Jr.
11:00 am Warren Finniss
Maria L. DiFruscia
Deceased members of the Cheltowski, Chelton,
and Daly Families
Anthony Longo
Longo and Rotondo Families
Shawn Ryan
James Ryan
Salvatore DeLuca
Sharon Forgetta
Charles Pattavina Jr.

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The second collection this weekend is for our retired religious sisters. The second collection next weekend is for the Christmas Flowers.

ST. LUCY PARISH

11/17/19 regular offertory: \$5,506.00

The second collection this weekend is for our retired religious sisters. The second collection next weekend is for the Christmas Flowers.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **Confirmation 2 Meeting** 12:45 pm St. Monica School Hall
- **Turkey Shoot** 1:00 - 4:00pm St. Lucy Church Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- **Advent Penance Service** 12:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- **Alpha Night Session** 6:15 pm St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Ultreya** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- **Parish Offices Close at 12:30 pm**
- **Prayer and Study** - Join us in reading "A Story of a Soul, Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux" 10am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **Parish Offices Closed**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- **Parish Offices Closed**
- **Adoration** after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- **Faith2fitt** 8 am St. Lucy School House
- **Choir Rehearsal** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 3- 3:45pm St. Monica Church & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- **RCIA Class** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 12:30 pm St. Monica House

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Nicolas, Ellen B., Nina B., Chloe, Kari N., Sylvia H., Kathleen L., Justin N., John W., Gerry, Kay, Pat, Jeff, Carole, Noreen, Gerta, Eva, Eileen, and Sharon H.**

Please pray for **Luz Maria Puentes** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy Parish. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;
Declan Doherty, Amelia Ronaghan, Edison Sicard, Hunter Gannon, Aria Desaulniers, Victor Gutierrez, Alex Torro, Amelia Torro, Connor Treadaway, and Elizabeth Treadaway

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Fridays beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church
Fridays 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm
St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week
St. Monica Parish:
Theresa A. Rickley
Professor Joseph Aiyeku, PHD
Maria Arasi



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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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