

February 5, 2017



5<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." —Mt 5:14

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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

#### 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

# MARCH FOR LIFE 2017



Our high school youth



Our middle schoolers preparing for Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley



Fourteen students from St. Monica School from grades 6, 7 & 8 attended the March For Life. This is a picture of them in front of the Lincoln Memorial.



Our middle and high school groups after Mass



## 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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## ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM - St. Lucy Parish 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 the Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is *Ed Murphy* 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!

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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?

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.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be having a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, February 18 in the St. Monica School Hall starting after the 4:00PM Mass. Food is being provided by Bertucci's and coffee by Starbucks. More details will follow next weekend, but please plan to come out and have a great meal and support the good works of the Knights! Thank you!

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

Please pray for **Gertrude Donahue, Arthur Hamel, Karen Sullivan, and Alfred Augeri** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

**With Gratitude and Thanks**

We would like to thank all who donated to our Annual Blanket and Sock Drive. The generosity of the parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes and especially the students of St. Monica School has been overwhelming. This year we would also like to thank Polartec for their generous donation of beautifully warm blankets. All of these contributions have enabled us to provide warmth to our brothers and sisters in need. Lazarus House has been using our donations throughout their ministries including distributing blankets and socks from the soup and sandwich truck that goes through the streets of Lawrence every Friday and Sunday evening December through March. Thank you for answering God's call to care for the least of our brothers and sisters.

With Gratitude,  
The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

**Miscellaneous Information**

**Youth Mission - "Feeding the Beast, who is feeding on YOU!"** - Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30 PM at

St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover.

Fr. Ray Dlugos, OSA, Ph.D. and Vice President for Mission and Student Affairs at Merrimack College will address how to balance our cultural need for immediate gratification with God's desire that we live life to the full. This talks is geared to teens in grades 9-12. Parents are also welcome. We are asking a free will donation of a canned good for Lazarus House. Fr. Ray holds a doctorate in Counseling Psychology, speaking and writing about the integration of spirituality and psychology based on clinical experience. For more information, please contact Katie LeBlanc, Youth Ministry Coordinator at [kleblanc@staugustineparish.org](mailto:kleblanc@staugustineparish.org).

The St. Paul Center is offering limited-time access to its video Bible study series, **The Bible and the Sacraments**. Over the course of 11 lessons, beginning on March 1, this study presents the participant an opportunity for growth in knowledge of Scripture and the Sacraments. Two new lessons will be posted each week and will be available for two weeks after the post date. To sign up, visit <https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com/streaming/>

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

**SHINE**

**"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." —Mt 5:16**

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, February 4**

8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)

4:00 pm Dick Conte

**Sunday, February 5**

7:30 am Arthur Hamel

9:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

James Kenyon

Charlie & Rose Hanafin (living)

Warren & Dorothy McGovern

Humberto Noguera

Graciela Noguera

Ana Rosa Osorio

11:30 am Mary Habib

5:30 pm People of St. Monica &

St. Lucy Parishes

**Thursday, February 9**

7:00 am Vincenzo Lazzara

**Friday, February 10**

7:00 am Robert Zucchi

**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

**STEWARDSHIP**

January 29, 2017

Offertory: \$8,277.00

Grand Annual: \$50,985.00 (total to date)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$2,350.50

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

The **Altar Bread** for the month of February is given in loving memory of **Dennis Corneau**.



**Roses for Life have been donated...**

In Loving Memory of

Michael & Linda Giarrusso

Cecile and Peter Checovich

Colleen Carney

John K. Foster, Jr.

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.



The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of February is given in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. James R. Hesketh**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**"YES I CAN" Program**

WE CAN USE..... canned tuna, baked beans, tomato sauce, cereal, and rice.

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, February 4**

4:00 pm Peter DiBurro

**Sunday, February 5**

8:00 am Tony Waters, Mary Rita Costa &  
Tony Somma

9:30 am Angelina Perillo

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*  
Sandra Morrissey

**Monday, February 6**

8:00 am Special Intention (Living)  
Rose & Linda Savastano

**Tuesday, February 7**

8:00 am Yvonne Soucy

**Wednesday, February 8**

8:00am Peter Maciariello

**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

**Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017**

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/  
Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12,  
24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,  
29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/  
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,  
33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or  
5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**STEWARDSHIP**

January 29, 2017

Offertory: \$5,101.00

Grand Annual: \$43,285.00 (total to date)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,518.00

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

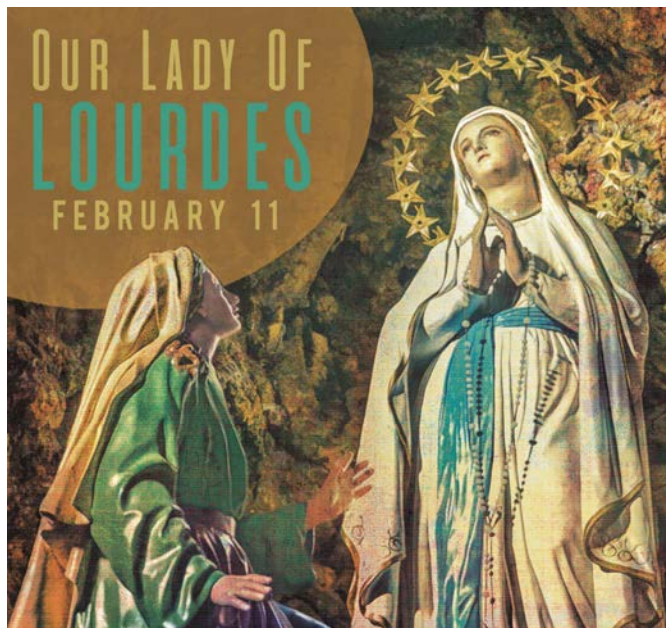
**Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**



The **Valentine Jackpot Raffle** will be drawn on 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.

**Observances for the Week of February 5, 2017**

- Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life
- Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs
- Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani;  
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Friday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes;  
World Day of the Sick
- Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day



## The Pilgrimage for Life 2017

Last weekend youth from Saint Monica School and the high school youth group of Saint Lucy and Saint Monica parishes traveled to the March for Life in Washington D.C. with the archdiocese of Boston. Thank you to everyone who prayed for us and supported us on this pilgrimage. The March for Life is a powerful event that witnesses to the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Today, the March for Life is the largest pro-life event in the world, and the second largest gathering of young people in the world, but it is much more than a political rally.

The Archdiocese of Boston organizes events around the march that make it an even more profound experience. Not only did we participate in the actual march for life, but we also participated in daily mass, Eucharistic adoration, confession, and reflection time. This all contributed to making the weekend more like a retreat.

While we were at Holy Mass on Thursday evening down in Washington, Father Anthony Cusack spoke to all of the Boston Pilgrims about how every single life is a light in this world. When we lose one person, the world is a little less bright because of it. This is why we march. We march because every single person matters, starting with those in the womb. Furthermore, as J. R. R. Tolkien said, “Even the smallest person can change the course of history.”

As we move forward, we must keep this in mind. Our goal is to continue to pray for the end of abortion, and to change other's hearts on the topic of abortion by loving them. Just like the theme from the march (“The Power of One”) says, one person can make a difference in the world, we can make a difference in our community. Let us, together, love one another and support one another. For it is by loving, that hearts are changed.

Sammie Moore  
Youth Minister





# SAINT MONICA SCHOOL

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St. Monica/St. Lucy Parish will hold a **Protecting God's Children Training Session** at St. Lucy Schoolhouse on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. If you would like to register for this session, please call Sharon Tully in the School Office at 978-686-1801 and also register online at [VIRTUS.ORG](http://VIRTUS.ORG).

ST MONICA'S  
SCHOOL

**Thank you to all who supported St. Monica School through our January Calendar Raffle. We truly appreciate your support! Here are the winners:**

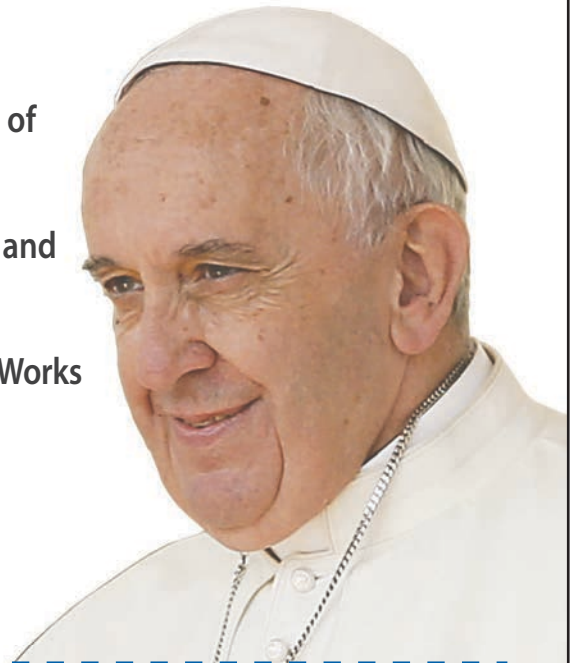
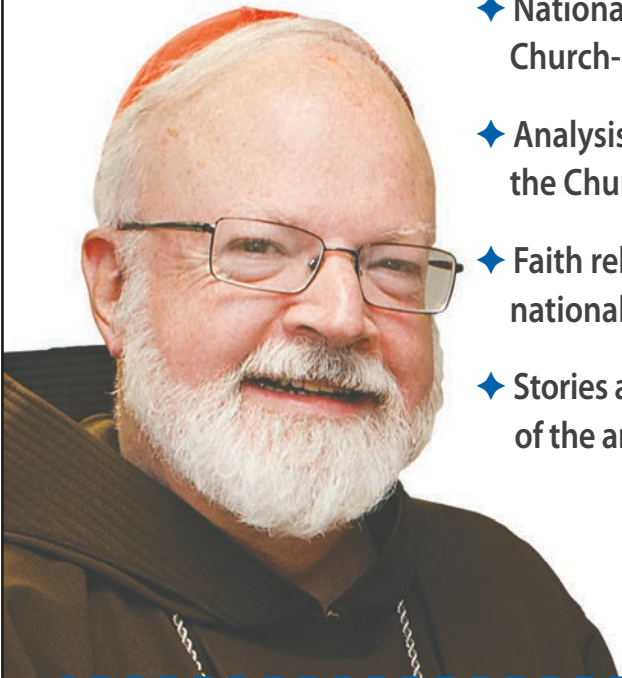
## January

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – Van Nguyen           | 11 – Nancy McDonald      | 22 – Matthew Bower    |
| 2 – Elaine Lavoie        | 12 – Ashleigh Jamgochian | 23 – Tia Bistany      |
| 3 – Sr. Muriel Pelletier | 13 – Karen Blair         | 24 – Ann Foderaro     |
| 4 – Patrick Drouin       | 14 – Melanie Barr        | 25 – Heidi Wolfendale |
| 5 – Joel Parra           | 15 – John Toto           | 26 – Ann Foderaro     |
| 6 – Linda Ruggiero       | 16 – Bonnano Family      | 27 – Phong Phan       |
| 7 – Jen Bower            | 17 – Anne Barr           | 28 – George Christy   |
| 8 – Anne Barr            | 18 – Olga Grossi         | 29 – Patricia Smith   |
| 9 – Helen Gonsalves      | 19 – Frank Barry         | 30 – Diane Brusso     |
| 10 – Lila Christy        | 20 – Rachel Voiland      | 31 – Olivia Thomas    |
|                          | 21 – Pam Belanger        |                       |

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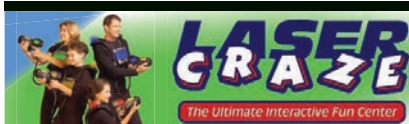
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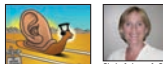


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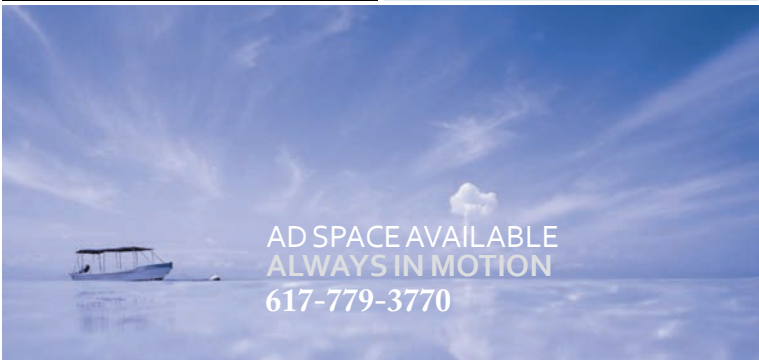
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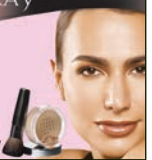
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