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"SUMMER 2020!"

That was the motto I used with the staff when I first got here in July of 2018. My hope was that we would work really hard for two years to improve and stabilize the life of the parishes—from worship, to faith life, to facilities, to finances and staffing—so that we could operate at a level of excellence expected from a fine-tuned motor. In this way we would very effectively meet the needs of people while maintaining a healthy, faith-filled life of holiness for everyone—priests to parishioners.

"Summer 2020" seems to have turned into "The Year That Never Started." Someday in the future, when we look back on this time, my guess is that we will think less of how we responded to this trial and think more about how it affected the longterm life of our society, kind of the way one considers the historical impact of the Depression or WWII. My prayer is that negative impacts (like mask mandates) will be minimal and that positive ones will develop--such as returning to Sunday as a day of rest and family instead of another day for consumerism or the frenetic pursuit of career, school, or sports activities.

As I've mentioned in recent bulletins, we are still striving to make improvements in parish life. Also, you'd be proud to know that our school staff has set the standard for in-person education in this difficult environment. Nevertheless, for any number of causes, 2020 has brought many of us to a personal, professional, or community (including the parish) transition. For example, if you haven't seen me on a recent Sunday, it's because I am treating a minor (though delicate) back injury with the expectation of a solid recovery soon. I guess I "overdid it" in the hands-on improvement approach. It's a reminder that we should occasionally re-examine our pace in life, whether we recognize ourselves to be on too fast a treadmill, or that we have used this odd time in history to re-evaluate our life priorities, or that we have just plain reached a different chapter in life.

To make the parishes work well requires a lot of moving people and parts, some that are different now than just six months ago. I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to the plate, such as our deacons and all our volunteers, for taking on a different role than would be expected in more normal times. Your commitment is beyond appreciated and your contribution beyond critical, even if you yourself think it minor. May the Lord bless all by keeping us healthy and happy as He sees us through this ongoing, difficult time.





RCIA Program

Are you interested in taking steps to enter the Catholic Church or complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist)? If so, please contact Bonnie at 978-609-7307 for more information.

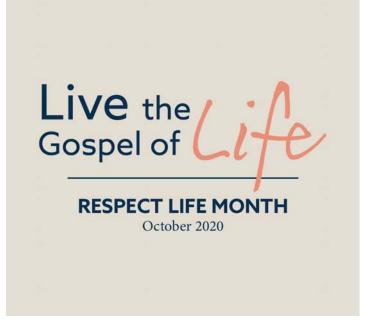


Join us for a Bible Study on Wednesdays at **6:00 pm** beginning this week on Zoom.

Enjoy studying and learning about the Bible and meeting new and old friends while staying safe in the comfort of your own home.

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation is offered by Ascension Press with presenter Jeff Cavins and our group will be facilitated by Bonnie Doherty. You will need to order a workbook for \$35 which also includes streaming video access for one year. Come join in a study that will bring us through Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter following the Bible from Genesis to the end.

Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information and to register: bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366 (cell).



Virtual Baby Bottle Drive to support local Pregnancy Care Centers

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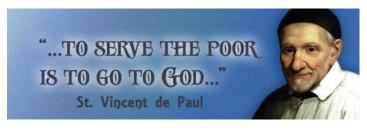
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The Pregnancy Care Center offers, loving, free and confidential, support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. The goal of the PCC is to journey alongside women to let them know they are not alone. Additionally, we provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food). The services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches.

The PCC has locations in Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell. This is an opportunity for you and your family to respect life.

Mass Intentions

We will be opening the books for Mass intentions on November 1st. Call the office at 978-683-1193 to request a Mass.



Yes I Can Program

We are in need of peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, canned beans, soups, Hamburger Helper, rice and mashed potatoes.

We will have food collection baskets available in both churches in the usual locations. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but food donations are not to be left at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!



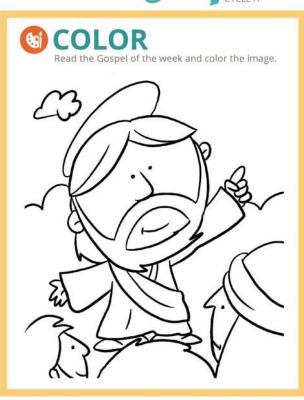
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Lodge will be
collecting new toys

and games for the

Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley on Saturday, November 7th, from 11am to 2pm in the Methuen Sons and Daughters of Italy's parking lot. Games and toys should be appropriate for children from birth to age 12. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Let's join together to help brighten the holiday for as many as we can. Questions: contact Elaine Frangente, Lodge President and St. Lucy Parishioner at 978-373-2376.

GROWING # WITH THE GOSPEL CYCLE A



Matthew 22:34-40 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings & Observances for this week



Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

[2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32–5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf.

Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/

Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/

Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1,

7-11

Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,

5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Observances for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday: All Hallow's Eve

Next Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends;

National Vocation Awareness Week

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 24

4:00pm Deceased Members of the

Frappier & Plourde Families

Sunday, October 25

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Paul Valliere

Jamie and Jacob McDaniel

Nancy Tardif **Chouinard Family**

Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro

Nora Noves

Kathleen McNally & Thomas

Holdsworth

Maureen Imielkowski 11:00am

Thursday, October 29

9:00am Mary Ann Andrews

Friday, October 30

9:00am Deacon Bob Mulligan

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 24 4:00pm John F. Troy

Sunday, October 25

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Rita Finniss

Salvatore Boragine, Sr. Joseph L. Moreau

Anthony & Tillie DeAngelis

Monday, October 26

9:00am Bishop Francis X. Irwin

Tuesday, October 27

9:00am Michael Kenny, Jr.

Masses to be said in private by our priests:

Victor, Esther, and Gloria Breglia

Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Contact Bonnie Doherty for

the link to join. bonnieocds@gmail.com



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"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:36-37



SATURDAYS

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MASS

9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH 10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY/TUESDAY

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

THURSDAY/FRIDAY

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

FRIDAY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL CONFESSIONS 2:00 - 3:00 PM

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PICK OF THE WEEK October 25, 2020



POPE JOHN PAUL II'S LETTER ON THE ROSARY - FORMED NOW!

To close out October, the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Lucas Pollice on St. John Paul II's letter on the Rosary. This wonderful discussion will help draw you deeper into the mysteries of Christ meditated on in the Rosary.

WATCH

LECTIO: MARY

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church Fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary,





PUT NOT YOUR TRUST IN PRINCES BY CHRISTOPHER CHECK

Speaking from his perspective as a historian, Christopher Check reminds us that the crisis of our age is cultural and, in the end, spiritual. He explains that a flourishing society is not achieved through legislation or at the ballot box, but instead radiates from the family out.

LISTEN

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends.

After you register, please email Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at (978) 270 - 3366 or at the email above.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Daniel R., Lori B., Eddie,** and **Sarah Wilkens**

Please pray for **Santa Shea** and **Gioacchino** "Jack" **DiPietro** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Date	Р	riest	Seminarian
10/25/2020		Fr. Robert Nee	Robert LeBlanc
10/26/2020		Fr. Daniel Crowley	Leonardo Moreira
10/27/2020		Fr. Mario Orrigo	Kevin Pleitez
10/28/2020		Msgr. John R. McLaughlin	Paolo Strudthoff
10/29/2020		Fr. Thomas Oates	Steven Restrepo
10/30/2020		Fr. Edward McCabe	Alexander Charow
10/31/2020		Fr. John MacInnis	Joseph Ferme

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Roses for Life for this week

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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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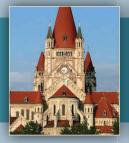


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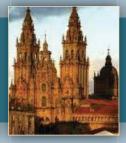
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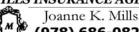


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