

MAY 5, 2019



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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** 7:30am St. Monica, 9:00am St. Lucy,  
9:30 am St. Monica, 11:00 am St. Lucy,  
and 11:30 am Monica

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month**  
6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Fridays** 4:30 - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel  
**Saturdays** 3:00 - 3:45pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month**  
6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church  
*and any time by appointment*

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Mondays at 10 a.m.

Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

**BAPTISMS** Please call the parish office.

St. Monica Parish: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 1:00pm

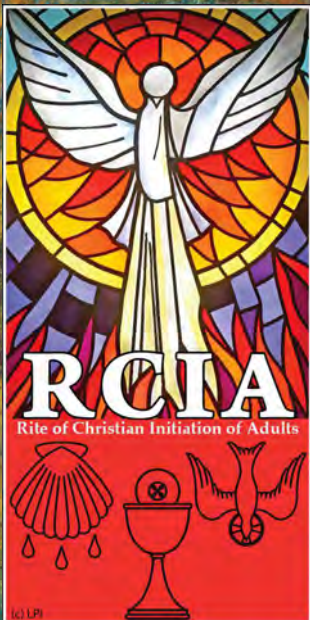
**MARRIAGES** Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.



# 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.



On behalf of Fr. Darin Colarusso, Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio, and all of our staff and volunteers, we are delighted to extend our congratulations to

**Laura Angelica Alexandrou  
Amelia Faith Giordano  
Stephanie Joan Vey**

who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

May God continue to bless them and their families as we grow closer to our Lord and each other by his grace and mercy.

**Group Calendars for 2019/2020**

We are requesting that all groups or individuals who will be using either the St. Monica or St. Lucy campuses to make a listing of the date and place they would like to use from **August 2019 to June 2020**. Please either drop off, mail or email (methuencatholicnews@gmail.com) the calendar dates and location wanted to Isabela Peixoto in the Parish Offices by **June 1, 2019**. The calendars will be reviewed and there will be a meeting later in the month to reconcile any conflicts with the dates or locations.

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

We are in need of canned beans, pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper, cereal, boxed pasta, and canned soups. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

**Notice to Parishioners**

In an effort to ensure the safety of all, we ask that those attending Mass park only in designated parking spots. Parking in Fire Lanes and non-designated spots creates an unnecessary danger for all. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Vacation Bible School is a fun and friendly environment where young people, aged 4-11, learn about their faith through games, songs, prayer, and other activities. Days run from 9:00am-12pm. \$25/child; \$40/2 children; \$45/3 children (maximum per family). For more information, reserve your spot, or to volunteer, please contact Annette at kmjksmom@aol.com

**Youth Service Day - April 13, 2019**

A thank you from our parishioners  
Walter and Mary Ann Andrews:

Hi Mark:

I just want to let you know that the six teens that showed up at our home on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, for Youth Service did a fantastic job! There were four girls and two boys -- sorry to say I did not get their names. They were perfect young ladies and gentlemen, very polite and hard working. All six worked with members of our family, filling over 15 yard waste bags and two pick-up trucks (several times) with yard waste - leaves, limbs and dead plants. They are a credit to St. Monica/ St. Lucy Parishes. I was so proud to tell neighbors that they were from "our" Church.

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to all for the much needed help.

God Bless,  
Walter and Mary Ann Andrews



Fr. Colarusso is away this weekend on guard duty serving our nation.



**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

- **Knights of Columbus Plant Sale** after all the Masses at St. Monica's
- **BVM Sodality Brunch**
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Church
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 2:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

**MONDAY, MAY 6**

- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confirmation Rehearsal** 7 pm St. Monica Church

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

- **Confirmation Mass** 5:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Cub Scouts Meeting** 6 - 8 pm St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Meeting for those traveling to Medjugorje** 7:00 - 9:00 pm St. Lucy School House

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **First Communion Practice** 6 pm St. Lucy Church

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Echo Course Part II: The Eucharist** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm St. Monica Church

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **AA Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

- **Faith and Fitness** 8 - 9 am St. Lucy School House
- **First Communion** 10:00 am St. Lucy Church
- **The Creating Life Group** 10:00am - 12:00pm St. Monica Conference Room
- **Knights of Columbus Rosary Rally** 12:00 pm St. Monica Parking Lot
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Tickets for St. Monica School Gala will be sold** before and after the 4 pm Mass St. Monica Church

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12**

- **Tickets for St. Monica School Gala will be sold** before and after Masses St. Monica Church
- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

**ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Spring Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:00 PM Mass and **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** after the 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM Masses. All proceeds are used for scholarships for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students going to Catholic High Schools.



The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Rosary, dedicated to the intentions of all attendees, on Saturday, May 11, at Noon in the St. Monica Parking lot. All are welcome to join us in Prayer to our Blessed Mother.

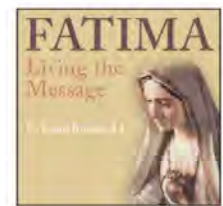
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To quickly register for Formed, please go to [methuencatholic.formed.org](http://methuencatholic.formed.org).

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. **Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM**

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**PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for  
**Shannon**  
**Amelia**

*If you have someone to pray for who is in grave need, please call the office and we will add their name in the bulletin for a month.*



You are invited to St. Monica School

# 60<sup>TH</sup> DIAMOND Anniversary

## Banquet & Fundraiser

Friday, May 17th  
6:00PM - 10:00PM

Attire: Semi-formal

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\$50 per person  
includes dinner and  
dancing

Come and help us celebrate!  
Great raffles and a silent auction!

For more information, please contact stmonicagala@methuencatholic.org  
Michelle Squatrito or Kerry DeMattia

Tickets are available during the week at the school office and next weekend after all Masses at St. Monica Parish. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$500 for a table of 10.

### Readings for the week of May 5, 2019

- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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- Luxury Motor Coach
- Amish View Inn & Suites
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- Shrine of Mother Ann Seaton
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- Kitchen Kettle Village
- Bird in Hand Smorgasbord
- Plain and Plenty Family Style Restaurant
- Millers Smorgasbord
- Hometown Buffet – Manchester Ct

**\$232.50 due by May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**\$232.50 balance due July 12<sup>th</sup>**

*(Itinerary subject to change)*

*Single rooms add additional \$125.00*

### CANADIAN SHRINES - August 19 – 23, 2019

4 nights, 5 days - \$510.00

*Father Andrew of the Primitive Franciscan Order will be our spiritual guide/retreat coordinator.*

- Luxury Motor Coach
- Sacred Heart Boisvert
- Cap de la Madeleine
- Blessed Fredrick Janssome
- Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine
- St. Joseph's Oratory
- Old Quebec City – Notre Dame
- St. Anne Beaupre Basilica
- Saint-Benoît-du-Lac Monastery
- Duty free shopping at border
- East End Restaurant – Newport, VT

**(Breakfast and Dinner included)**

**Minimum of 30 people to have motor coach**

To make a reservation, please call Linda Kramer at 978-685-2974 or Ann Bourque at 603-458-1368.

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Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ *(Required for Canadian trip)*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone or Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to above passenger \_\_\_\_\_



**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

**8:00 am** (at St. Lucy Parish)  
**4:00 pm** Albert and Carole Getchell

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

**7:30 am** Charles Booth Jr.  
**9:30 am** Louise Fusco  
 Charlie and Rose Hanafin  
 DiNoto Family  
 Charlotte Alaimo  
 Sheila Schruender  
 Roger Landry  
 Cheryl Holzman, Lucille Keegan,  
 Ann Keegan, and Mary Keegan  
 Lillian Scott  
 Monique Binet  
**11:30 am** Mary Wall

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

**5:30 pm** Confirmation Mass

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

**8:15 am**

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

**8:15 am** Anthony Fusco Sr.

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

**8:00 am**  
**4:00 pm** Mary Klufits

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

**7:30 am** John Wajda  
**9:30 am** Eulalia Aguiar  
 Connie and Albert Zampelli  
 Scott Latulippe  
 Aida Valdez  
 Bill Habib  
 Manuel Costa  
 Tanya Costa  
 Serafin Costa  
 Dorothy McGovern  
 Jeannette Sirois  
**11:30 am** People of St. Monica and  
 St. Lucy Parishes

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

On behalf of Fr. Darin Colarusso, Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio, and all of our staff and volunteers, we are delighted to extend our congratulations to all of the children who received first communion at St. Monica's this year. May God continue to bless you and your families as we grow closer to our Lord and each other by his grace and mercy.

<i>Jonathan Ansima Bahati</i>	<i>Cole Adam Kneeland</i>
<i>Michael Anthony Bettano</i>	<i>Evangelina Grace Leclerc</i>
<i>Ashley Rose Bouchard</i>	<i>Dylan Scott Legros</i>
<i>Carson Robert Bruce</i>	<i>Marco Daniel Mancini</i>
<i>Evelyn Elizabeth Callahan</i>	<i>Kayleigh Elizabeth McIntyre</i>
<i>Ryan Frederic Cikacz</i>	<i>Emma Rose Melo</i>
<i>Darlya Tiphaine Dago Tientcheu</i>	<i>Cole Joseph Minicucci</i>
<i>Delaney Reese D'Hondt</i>	<i>Anabelle Lee Moon</i>
<i>Riley Ann D'Hondt</i>	<i>Dean Michael Ouellette</i>
<i>Giuliana Rose Decocq</i>	<i>Luke Thomas Pellerin</i>
<i>Jake Matthew Donaghey</i>	<i>Bailey Shae Pitari</i>
<i>Brayden Joseph Farias</i>	<i>Vivian Marie Pittman</i>
<i>Emma Jennifer Flynn</i>	<i>Caitlyn Linda Reilly</i>
<i>Leah Mary Flynn</i>	<i>Andreina Rodriguez</i>
<i>Isabel Marie Freitas</i>	<i>Saul Andres Rodriguez</i>
<i>Benjamin Thomas Garcia</i>	<i>Tyler Joseph Roukes</i>
<i>Samuel Alexander Garcia</i>	<i>Nicholas Anthony Ruffini</i>
<i>Kaylee Grace Giallongo</i>	<i>Mia Maltez Salerno</i>
<i>Isabella Christina Gravito</i>	<i>Mikayla Maria Saraceno</i>
<i>Mackenzie Marie Gurney</i>	<i>Evan Michael Shanahan</i>
<i>Drew James Hapenny</i>	<i>Adriana Paige Simard</i>
<i>Tyler James Hemingway</i>	<i>Christian Michael Simard</i>
<i>Patrick Jeffrey Hellman</i>	<i>Ava Elizabeth Sirois</i>
<i>Reese Anolivia Hicks</i>	<i>Lila Rose Solemina</i>
<i>Jayda Rose Iannalfo</i>	<i>Nolan Joshua Solemina</i>
<i>Grace Marie Ireson</i>	<i>Khloe Tisbert</i>
<i>Liana Hope Kehoe</i>	

**ROSES FOR LIFE**

have been donated in loving memory of

**Theresa A. Rickley**

If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities, 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 for more information.

**OFFERTORY**

**Offertory:** 04/28/19: \$10,405.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our Regular Sunday Offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



The **Sanctuary Candle** for May is given in loving memory of **Stanley and Josephine Faucher**.

For a donation of \$15, we will place the Sanctuary Candle in memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.





**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

**8:00 am First Saturday Mass**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

**9:00 am** Yvonne Soucy

**11:00am** Francis R. Covey Sr.

- Rita Finniss
- Walter Cheltowski
- Brixton Urbaez
- Blanca Figueredo
- Pascuale and Carmela DiLorenzo
- Alfredo Bencivenga
- Francis Goff Jr.
- Serafim Costa

**MONDAY, MAY 6**

**8:00 am Living Mass**

- Jeff
- Elizabeth, Joseph, and Marilyn

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

**8:00 am** Yvonne Soucy

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

**8:00 am** Dick Doherty

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

**10:00 am First Communion Mass**

**4:00 pm** William G. Klier

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

**9:00 am** Michael Kenny Jr.

- 11:00am** Maurice St. Germain
- Phyllis Hayes
- Mary Cafalu
- Carmine, Carmela, Pascuale, Rinaldo, and Lucia Santantonio
- Helen Luchessi
- Friel and Felice Families



Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;  
**Giselle Belem Spight**

Immerse her in the waters of your life and love. Seal her with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate her path with the light of your hope. Clothe her with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May her celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**Offertory:** 04/28/19: \$5,540.00

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**60's Dance**  
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**Saturday, May 18, 2019**  
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Coffee & pastry will be available  
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**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

Our next Sodality meeting is Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> with the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:00am Mass.

Dates to remember:

- Sodality May Brunch: May 5
- Commitment Sunday: June 9

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



The **Sanctuary Candle** for May is given in loving memory of **Darleen Illingworth.**

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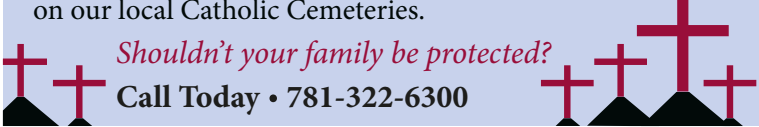


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