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JUNE 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday

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.



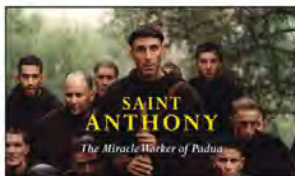
Members of the Senior Court joined the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting. They presented awards for a contest involving Faith and Education. We are so proud of them!

FORMED PICK

Saint Anthony

Meet the Miracle Worker of Padua

Saint Anthony sacrificed wealth, popularity, and family to follow God's call to become a monk. Renowned for his powerful preaching and miracles, his selfless example continues to win souls to Christ today.



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—Carole P. Torrance, CA

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If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To quickly register for Formed, please go to methuencatholic.formed.org. We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends.

Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

FROM THE PASTOR

One line that I like from Baptism preparation addresses the role of the godparents. It's done in a slide presentation and asks: "Question: How do you show concern for your new godchild? By giving big PRESENTS?" "Answer: No. By a gift of your PRESENCE!"

That wise play on words is always in my thoughts as we try to schedule our priests to be adequately present and distributed evenly across our parishes and ministries.

It really plays on my mind knowing, as pastor, I am away at least one weekend per month (and two weeks in addition per year) for National Guard duty. Throw in important events outside the parish, retreats, or even personal time away and it becomes a true scheduling challenge to ensure that I celebrate any given Sunday Mass at least once per month and most of them twice. My goal is to do better, such that your worship experience is the same as if you were in a traditionally organized parish with a single staff of, say, three priests. In that case you would expect each priest to celebrate the Sunday Mass you regularly attend on consistent, rotating basis. Our goal is that the pastoral presence of the two priests assigned to our two parishes and school, assisted by our visiting priests, seamlessly reflects the type of rotation one would have in that traditionally organized parish.

The above reference to Baptism preparation applies not just in this Mass scheduling context, but in actual, concrete reality. Our staff along with other parish staffs from the area, assisted by experts in catechesis, is about to undertake a review of our Baptism preparation programs so they will be the most effective, relevant, and consistent presentation we can give to new families as we welcome many of them back into a relationship with the Lord and his Church. This will influence even the scheduling of Baptisms and, hopefully, ongoing outreach to those we've engaged through the sacrament.

The Mass schedule and Baptism preparation examples are merely two items of the myriad aspects of pastoral presence we provide in our parishes. As you know, the pastoral work of the staff is but one facet of larger parish life including all of you and everything done to keep the parishes vibrant. All in all, it's a big, ongoing undertaking of constant improvement.

Sometimes I am inclined to repeat the words of a character from a 90's television comedy and shout: "Serenity now!" What I in fact say to the staff is, "Summer 2020!" Hopefully, by then, we will have enough building blocks in place to do more than what sometimes feels like frenetically racing through the yearly calendar. That's the goal of working toward constant improvement. To keep our parishes and school beautiful places to be with God and one another.

On May 23 the **Commission to Assist Our Brothers and Sisters in Need** brought 25 filled laundry baskets to the new veterans housing on Ashton Place in Methuen. We met with Randy Carter and his team to take a tour and drop off the baskets.



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

Readings for the week of June 9, 2019

- Monday: Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [17a]/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/ Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting** 9:00am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 10

- **Commission to Assist Our Brothers and Sisters in Need Meeting** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10 am St. Lucy School House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am St. Monica House
- **Echo Course: Sacramentals and Popular Devotions** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsal** 6:30 - 8:30 pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- **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, JUNE 15

- **Faith2fitt** 7:30 am at Methuen Track and Field
- **Baptisms** 12:30 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16

- **Men's Guild Meeting** 9 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned baked beans, pancake mix and syrup, and canned soups.

Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Lisa O., Paula H., Joe C., Ellen C., and Jeff.** *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.*

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 am James Miner
Joseph O'Neill
4:00 pm The Hayes and White Families

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

7:30 am People of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes
9:30 am Catherine Terrazano
Russell Wayne Manchester
Roger Picard
Norman Lavoie
W. Maria Mroczko
11:30 am Patricia Leslie

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

8:15 am

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

8:15 am

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 am **Living Mass**
Julian Hernandez
In thanksgiving to St. Joseph
Hugues Denis
Helen Fredette
Nick and Evelyn
4:00 pm Leo and Doris Walsh

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 am Kevin Waterworth
9:30 am Joseph Indoccio
Connie and Albert Zampelli
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
Raymond McAlea
Angelo Ragonese
The Ragonese Family
Stephen Perocchi
11:30 am Walter Witkos

OFFERTORY

06/02/19 Offertory: \$10,064.00
Ascension Thursday Collection: \$1,390.00

The second collection this weekend is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There is only once collection next weekend, our regular Sunday Offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



St. Monica School and Parish

Sunday, June 23, 2019

12:15 - 3:00 pm (after the 11:30 am Mass)
BBQ, Games, and Fun for all!
DJ, Petting Zoo, and so much more!

Please RSVP by calling Mrs. Tully at
978-686-1801 by Monday 6/17.

ROSES FOR LIFE

have been donated for
Thomas Sheehan (living)
and in loving memory of
Theresa A. Rickley
Mary Sambuco
Peggy Petrillo

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.



On Sunday, June 2nd, the Knights of Columbus recognized Altar Servers in our parish. We are so incredibly blessed to have such faithful and attentive servers. For those servers unable to join us, please know you were named and are in our prayers.



SATURDAY, JUNE 8

4:00 pm Richard T. Muraco

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 am Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

11:00 am Madeline Roiggesert
Mario Vincent
Salvatore R. Boragine Jr.
Francesco Cardillo
Cecilia Delli Colli
Angelo, Patti, and
Sebastiano Tine
Robert Sacchetti
Pasquale Giliberti
John Gile
Ernest Piccirillo

MONDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 am Estia Analetto

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

8:00 am Robert and Christopher Maguder

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 am

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

9:00 am Rickley Family

11:00 am Mary Rotonelli
Francesca Bevilacqua
Walter Cheltowski
Chester Chelton
John and Luigi Nicoletti
Raffaele & Acuilina Perrotta
Carmelina Petteruti

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

On May 8, we visited the Haven of Hope and had a drawing of gently used handbags filled with everyday items and one special item from the person who donated it. 20 Sodality members gave gently used handbags. The ladies at the Haven were very happy to pick out a gift bag, and all loved what they picked out. Coffee and pastry was donated by the Sodality, and everyone had a lot of fun and laughs.



The members of the Sodality will recommit to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:00 am Mass this Sunday, June 9th. The monthly meeting will follow after the Mass.

ST. LUCY'S MEN'S GUILD

Next meeting:

Next Sunday, June 16, 2019

Members are invited to gather for the 9:00 am Mass. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am in the church hall (immediately following the Mass). "Scratch for Cash" Drawing at this meeting

All men of our parish are welcome and invited to learn more about our mission & to offer any new ideas for the coming year... Many new and exciting projects to support our parish are being planned! Bring a friend!

OFFERTORY

06/02/19: Offertory: \$6,995.00
Ascension Thursday: \$1,136.00

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.

Observances for the week of June 9, 2019

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Friday: Flag Day
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day

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Sharon Waning	Choir Director/Lead Cantor - St. Lucy
Kevin Fitzgerald	Facilities Manager (St. Lucy) & RCIA Coordinator



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

1st & 3rd 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

1st and 3rd 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: 1st Sunday of the month 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sunday of the Month 1pm

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



Concert on Franco- American Day with

Marie-Line Morin, soprano
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June 23 at 2:00 pm
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Quizas, Quizas, Quizas; Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring,
Amazing Grace, Ave Maria and more, Marie-Line gives
testimony to her faith journey as a French-Canadian
immigrant.

Free admission; donations will be welcomed.
Benefits will go toward a Listening Ministry project to
be implemented in the Church.

Details are available on Facebook @morin.marieline or
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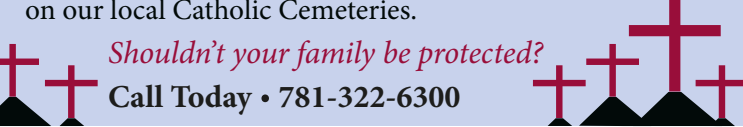


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