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at St. Monica's Parish

St. Lucy Parish

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: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

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 or 978-270-3366 for more information about Adoration at St. Monica's and **Ellen Wholley** at 978-682-8459 for 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.

During Lent, Adoration at St. Monica's will end at 6:45 pm for Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

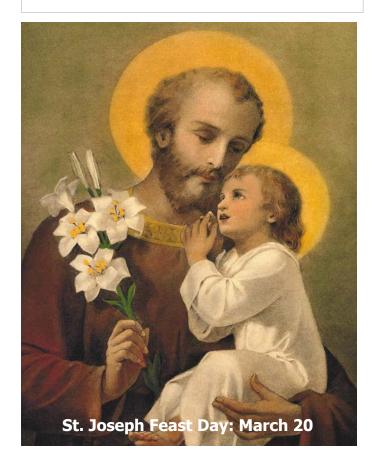


Please pray for **Arthur Guptill Jr.** and **Domenic Nicolosi** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



At St. Lucy's this weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday Offering. Next weekend, our second collection is for the Easter Flowers. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

At St. Monica's this weekend, the second collection is for our religious ed. & youth programs. Next weekend, the second collection is for the Easter Flowers. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



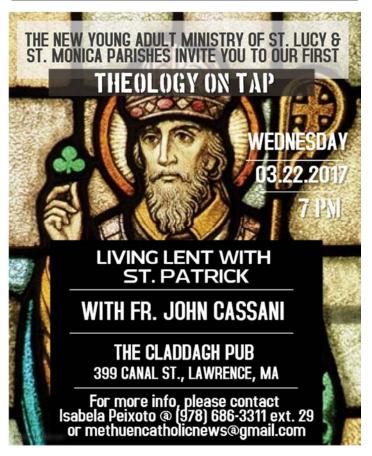
WELCOME!

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 Bible and the Sacraments - A group will meet at the St. Monica rectory to discuss the streaming video, The Bible and the Sacraments every Thursday from 6 -8pm until April 6. Please contact Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366, if you plan to attend as there is limited seating. Check out the website. https:// www.bibleandthesacraments.com/. Join for free. We will use the workbook available for \$19.95 at https:// www.bibleandthesacraments.com/all-products/ participant-workbook. Come with or without the workbook. All are welcome!





"Mary, Mother Of God - Heart Of Compassion"
The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality invites all
women to a Morning of Reflection

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017 8am to 1pm

Where: St. Lucy Parish Hall

254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

Cost: \$15 (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Give yourself a spiritual gift and enter into Holy Week walking with Mary. We will share in Mary's pain, her sorrow, and her joys. As women, we can easily relate to Mary. She is our model! Do not miss this beautiful presentation by Sr. Ann Whittaker, SCN, and Sr. Anne Marie O'Shea, SCN.

Morning Schedule

8:00 - 9:00am Mass with choir

9:00 - 9:30am Registration and Continental

Breakfast (meet old friends

and make new ones.)

9:45 - 10:45am First Session

10:45 - 11:00am Break

11:00 - Noon Second Session

Noon - 1:00pm Lunch

For further information or to register, please contact: Elaine Frangente, co-chairperson (978) 373-2376, efrangente@aol.com or Ellen Wholley, co-chairperson (978) 682-8459, auntiellen@aol.com

Lent 2017 - Stations of the Cross

St. Lucy: Fridays at 5:30 pm

(followed by pizza or soup)

St. Monica: Fridays at 7 pm



Lenten Fish Bake

St. Monica School Hall 212 Lawrence Street Methuen, MA

Fish & Fries

Cole Slaw
Assorted Beverages
Dessert

Saturday, March 25, 2017 5pm to 7pm \$10 Adults \$7 Children under 12



DAY OF SERVICE The Faith Formation Office is once again hosting a Day of Service for our parish communities. This year it will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, April 23rd. If you are unable to do your spring cleaning yourself due to age, illness, or circumstances please contact either Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore for more information. We'd love to send a team to your home to help you get the job done. We're planning to start the day with the 11:30am Mass at St. Lucy's followed by a short break and then work at the various homes from 1:00-3:00 pm. Candidates from our parishes' Confirmation Program, their families, and anyone else over the age of 12 who is interested in helping with this effort are also invited to contact Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore. We will spend the afternoon working at the homes of our parishioners who would like assistance with their spring clean-up. Last year we had nearly 50 kids and parents help with the clean-up at 10 different households. This year we hope to reach more than double the number of homes we reached last year.

The Parishes of St. Monica and St. Lucy invite you to our **2017 Lenten Mission**Sunday - Wednesday: March 26 - 29 7 pm

Our Catholic Faith:

"Believing the Impossible Dream!" or "Why we believe the impossible things we believe!"

Fr. Joseph Irenaios Thomas, BSO

Sunday: THE HOLY TRINITY

"No Big Boss, No Little Peons!"

St. Monica Church

Monday: "JESUS AND FREEDOM"

Father Matt Williams St. Monica Church

Tuesday: THE VIRGIN IS A MOTHER:

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St. Monica Church

Wednesday: RITE-AID, CVS, ALTAR:

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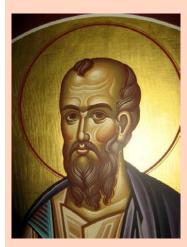
Concluding with: A Service of Blessings for

Healing

St. Lucy Church

"God became man so that man might become God!"

St. Athanasios the Great, Pope of Alexandria: "On the Incarnation"



Also; Join us for a Bible study on the Epistles of St. Paul

Romans, Colossians, and 1 Thessalonians

Monday - Wednesday (March 27th - 29th) 10 - 11:30 am in the church hall of St. Lucy's.

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Saturday, March 18

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Pete Roy

Alice and Joseph Mckenna

Jeanette Heffernan

4:00 pm Armand J. Deshaies

Sunday, March 19

7:30 am Mary & Alfio (Fred) Coco &

Agnes Arcand

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne

Sergey Cocergine Jean Corrigan Joseph Belluardo Kayla Bertolami

11:30 am Donald M. Cronin

5:30 pm Parishioners of St. Monica &

St. Lucy Parishes

Thursday, March 23

7:00 am Connie Fondini

Friday, March 24

7:00 am Fr. William Lohan (Living)

Saturday, March 25

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Walter E. Stolarz

4:00 pm Kenneth Pratt

Sunday, March 26

7:30 am Mark G. Hammond 9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Carol J. Coletta Afam Ofoedu Dick McAndrews Matthew Brouder Albert Perrotta Roger, Teresa, and

Alexander Bonneau

11:30 am Gilbert Gagnon 5:30 pm Dante Perez STEWARDSHIP

March 12, 2017

Offertory: \$9,233.00

Grand Annual: \$66,233.00 (total to date)

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

Roses for Life have been donated...

In Loving Memory of

Michael & Linda Giarrusso Amalia St. Jean Jackie Izzi Jennie DiAgostino Cecile and Peter Checovich

Cheryl Laird

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society "YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE..... canned tuna, baked beans, tomato sauce, rice, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned fruit, rice pilaf and canned pasta.

Catholic Lending Library

Next Sunday, the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs after the 9:30 Mass in the back of the church. Borrowed books/DVDs may be returned at that time or in the

designated basket (marked returns) any time during the week.

St. Monica 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance - at Lenzi's restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017. For tickets please call Jane & Bill Shawcross at 978-794-8681 or 978-273-8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each



Saturday, March 18

4:00 pm Richard A. Kirsch Sr.

Richard A. Kirsch, Jr.

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am Lino Brosco

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Sodality

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Karen Hovanasian

Dominick & Carmella Mauro

Francesco and Angela Maria Mauro

Carol & Janet DiMauro

Alphonse & Angelina Mancini

David DiMauro Angelo Cutuli

Kimberly Ann Kasperowitz

Monday, March 20

8:00 am E.J.M. Special Intention (Living)

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 am Afam Ofoedu

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 am Therese Rousseau

Saturday, March 25

4:00 pm Salavatore D'Agata

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

9:30 am Angela Iannuccilli 11:30 am (multiple intentions) Pasquale Petralia

Pasquale Petralia Lucy Giarrusso Luisa Victorino

Luisa Victorino (Living)

Salvatore, Rose, & Lucy Sapuppo

St. Lucy's Men's Guild - Save The Date

• Next Sunday, March 26th – Men's Guild Meeting after 9:30 Mass in St. Lucy's Rectory

- Saturday, April 15 following Easter Vigil Mass Ice Cream Social
- Saturday, June 3rd Sock Hop to benefit St. Monica/ St. Lucy's Youth Group

Sock Hop co-sponsored by St. Monica's Knights

of Columbus

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978-683-2220

STEWARDSHIP March 12, 2017

Offertory: \$5,102.00

Grand Annual: \$54,685.00 (total to date)

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

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality News

Lenten Suppers in the Church hall on Friday evenings immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

Our next Sodality Meeting is **today, Sunday, March** 19th, after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosarv.

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

Dear Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality,

Thank you so much for making a HUGE pot of chicken soup and 100 sandwiches (plus fruit and dessert) for the Lazarus House Soup Truck. Your donation was used Friday evening, March 3rd, which, as you might recall, was a very cold night. The delicious homemade soup and sandwiches warmed and fed many. Again, thank you for caring for God's poor. May your Sodality be blessed for all the good that you do.

With gratitude,

Linda Campbell

Soup Truck Coordinator, Lazarus House Ministries



FROM FR. Cassani

It would be appropriate this week to express the deepest condolences of St. Lucy's Parish to Sr. Rina Brunetti on the passing of her beloved sister Doris. Sr. Rina has been the reason that so many people have received the care of the Church in their final days. She has brought such comfort to so many survivors. It is our privilege to now be able to return some of the love that she has given to our parish. May Doris be granted eternal rest.

It is so important that we pray for those who have gone before us. We all know that it is one of the spiritual works of mercy that we pray for the living and the dead. The Church provides us with many opportunities to do this, including the Funeral Mass, as well as the Month's Mind Mass, and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) on November 2. Also, any Mass may be offered for any person, living or dead. Also, at each and every celebration of Mass, there is a moment in the Eucharistic Prayer when we pray for the living, and the dead.

Anyone who has ever been to a Sunday or Holy Day Mass celebrated by me knows that I pray the First Eucharistic Prayer, or Roman Canon exclusively on these occasions. There are numerous reasons for this, some of which proceed from my liturgical preferences, which I may elaborate on more at another time. However, the most important reason I use the Roman Canon is for the way that it assists my personal prayer.

In the part of the prayer that comes before the consecration, we remember all of the living: "Remember, Lord, your servants...." The priest then prays silently for those for whom he intends to pray. After the consecration, the priest commemorates the dead: "Remember also, Lord, your servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace." this is followed by another pause.

Prayer for the living and the dead is present in the other Eucharistic Prayers, but not nearly as explicitly as in the Roman Canon, and without the special pauses. This is something I need when praying the Mass. Be assured that I pray for you and your loved ones at these times. I invite you all to pray along with me.

God bless,

Fr. Cassani

ST. MONICA SCHOOL NEWS



Locks for Love

On Thursday, March 9th, four students from St. Monica School donated their hair to Locks for Love. We are so proud of Alexis Apolinar, Gr. 8, Emma Cotnoir, Gr. 3, Alli Sullivan, Gr. 1 and Sarah Cotnoir, PK4 for donating 10 inches of their hair.

We would like to thank Tanya Ramey, mother of Mariah, Gr. 2 and her staff at R. Shears Styles in Methuen for donating their time for this event.

Marie Sair

Last weekend, Gabrielle Portalla, a second grade student at St. Monica School, competed in the 2017 National Youth Indoor Track & Field Championships in New York. We are so thrilled that Gabi won a Gold Medal in the Shot Put and is the National Champion in her age group. Congratulations Gabi!!

On Friday, March 10th, fifth grade student Sara Johnston competed in the Scripps Spelling Bee in Lynn, MA. She came in 11th out of 51 competitors. We are very proud of Sara!

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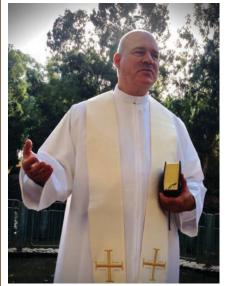
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