

May 20, 2018



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13

ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH

RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST



WELCOME

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.

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Baby Clothing Drive

Month of May 2018

Pregnancy Care Center of the Merrimack Valley



Please leave new or gently used baby clothes in the boxes at the rear of the churches, or contact Kianna and Ava at (978) 686-1743 to schedule pickup.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life is hosting a Town Hall Meeting for all residents to explain the latest pro-life issues in Massachusetts and to answer all of your questions. This meeting is free and open to the public and will feature presentations by Anne Fox, MCFL President; Linda Thayer, Vice-president for Education and Helen Cross, Outreach Director.

The MCFL Town Hall Meeting is on Wednesday, May 23rd from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the St. Lucy Schoolhouse. Come and bring a friend!

Sponsored by www.masscitizensforlife.org

Farewell receptions

for

Fr. Bill Lohan
and
Fr. Joseph Marwa

St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes
invite you.

Sunday, May 20, 2018
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
in the St. Lucy School House

&

Sunday, May 27, 2018
following the 11:30 a.m. Mass
in the St. Monica School Hall

Farewell

ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY PARISHES INVITE YOU
TO GIVE YOUR BEST WISHES TO

SR. SUZANNE FONDINI, MFIC

St. Monica
School Hall
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JUNE
10

Join us
Immediately
Following the
11:30 A.M.
Mass

Learning to Live with Grief - a 5 week bereavement support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one and are finding it difficult to move forward. The group will start on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 and will be held every Wednesday until June 27, 2018. We will meet in the beige house next to the rectory on the St. Monica campus from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The group is offered as a free service to the public. Registration is required. Please call Lu Bonanno, at 978-837-3333 or email lucille.bonanno@amedisys.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, canned beans, spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper, and strawberry jelly.

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

FAITH AND FITNESS

Every Saturday at **8:00am**
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Beginning in June, the class will be at 7:30 am.

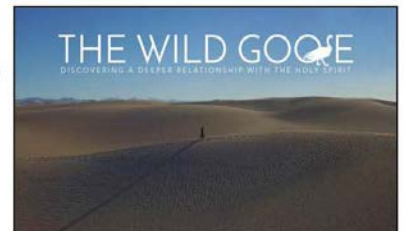
Follow facebook.com/faithandfitnesswithSandra for updates and cancellations.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Wild Goose

Do you have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit?

The same Holy Spirit that descended on the apostles at Pentecost is given to us. In this acclaimed and inspiring series, Fr. Dave guides you into a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit with the hope that you might experience the mercy, healing, peace and presence that He brings.



"As Catholics we tend to pray to the Father, to Jesus, to Mary, to the Saints but forget about the Holy Spirit. Would recommend to anyone wanting to be more spiritual within Catholicism."

—Vincent V.

Watch on formed.org



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

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Moms' Night Out

Women of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes are invited to bring a friend and join other Moms for an uplifting evening of fellowship, followed by a faith filled presentation.

Sunday, May 20th at 6:00 pm
St. Monica School Hall

Bring a dessert to share
Coffee & tea will be provided
Kindly register on link found on methuencatholic.org

Volunteer Opportunity with Our Seniors

Many elders need your help in meeting their transportation needs. Make a BIG difference in someone's life and call Northern Essex Elder Transport, Inc (NEET) at 978-388-7474 or email, drive4NEET@verizon.net. Volunteer to drive seniors to their appointments in as little as a few hours a month. Mileage reimbursement and supplement insurance is provided. Drivers are NEEDED at this time. Thank you.

2018 Summer Biblical Seminar with Professor Celia Sirois!

The 2018 Summer Biblical Seminars, "Who Do You Say I Am? Finding Jesus in the Four Gospels," will be presented by Professor Celia Sirois at The Pastoral Center in Braintree. There is no cost to attend! Register early as seats fill up for this unique summer learning opportunity!

Dates/Time: Monday, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration is now open: www.sjs.edu or call 617-779-4104.

Wednesday, June 27 '2018 Summer Refresher- 5 Things Everyone Should Know...

Co-Sponsored by The Theological Institute and the Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship

Register now for this exciting new workshop "5 Things You Should Know About... Old Testament, New Testament, Ecclesiology, Canon Law, Liturgy and Evangelization" which will take place at the Pastoral Center from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.! The cost is \$15. Spend a day with our experts and brush up on your knowledge in six key areas of Church Teaching. The day will include Mass and lunch.

To registration go to: <http://bit.ly/5thingsTINE>

For questions contact Denise Daley: 617-779-4104 ext. 3 or email: Denise.Daley@sjs.edu.

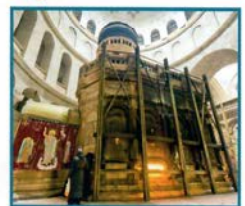
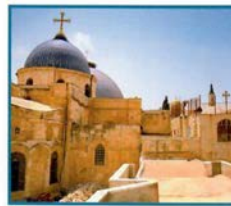
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Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA'S HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus



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**Saturday, May 19**8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

4:00 pm Joseph O'Neil

Sunday, May 20

7:30 am Carol Cogliano

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Claire Waterworth

Living and deceased members of
the Leslie, Monaco, Wetzel, Vicari,
and Kane Families

Brian Sheehan

Harry Augervich

Scott Latulippe

11:30 am Domenico - Antonio Tamaro

Thursday, May 24

7:00 am Thomas Mercury

Friday, May 25

7:00 am Joseph Klufts

Saturday, May 268:00 am *(multiple intentions)*4:00 pm Mary and Kevin Quinn **(Living)****Sunday, May 27**7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Nancy Tardif

Pierrette Picard and her
deceased family members

Arthur Hutton

Alfred Wholley

11:30 am Robert Smith

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Eugene Cusack
Theresa A. Rickley
Michael and Linda Giarrusso
Cecile and Peter Checovich
Frank Doran Jr.

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 at (978) 683-1193.

Offertory**May 13, 2018:**Regular Sunday Offering: \$10,037.00Ascension Thursday Collection: \$1,487.00

The second collection this weekend is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Next weekend, the second collection is for Catholic Communications. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

On June 8, 2018, we will have our school Mass at 8:15am. There will be no 7:00 am mass this day and Adoration will begin following the school mass.

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Ellie-Madison Vargas

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.

**Next Sunday, May 27,** the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs in the back of the church after the 9:30 Mass at St. Monica's. **This will be the last Sunday until September.** Books and DVDs may be returned in the "return" basket also located in the back of the church.**Join us for Tea & Treasure** at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on **Monday, May 21.** For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

**Saturday, May 19**

4:00 pm Vincent and Mary Rizzo

Sunday, May 20

9:00 am Rose Cavallaro
11:00 am John Calobrisi
 Jennie and Vito Milone
 Jean Buckley
 Carmine, Maria, and Pasquale Santantonio
 A special intention
 Lorraine Gendron
 Judy De Monaco Vedrani

Monday, May 21

7:00 am at St. Monica's
 Manny Gianni

Tuesday, May 22

7:00 am at St. Monica's

Wednesday, May 23

7:00 am at St. Monica's
 John Kobrenski

Saturday, May 26

4:00 pm Leonita A. Klier

Sunday, May 27

9:00 am Deceased members of the Carpenito Family
11:00 am Giuseppe Sangiorgio
 Ann Brennan
 Rita Bonanno
 Fred Ramey Sr.
 Francis J. Morel

The church will be closed until June 1st for renovations. During this time, the Sunday Masses including the Saturday vigil will be held in the Lower Hall and Daily Masses will be held at St. Monica's at 7:00 am Monday - Friday. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will be at St. Monica's on Fridays 6:30-7:30 pm and Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 pm.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

- **Pilgrimage to St. Anthony Franciscan Friary, Kennebunk, ME: Sat., June 2.** Please join us for a wonderful day beginning with Mass at the Friary and lunch in Wells. We will leave from St. Lucy Parking lot and travel by Bus to Kennebunk. Cost is only \$50.00.

ONLY 5 seats left

For more information, please call Kathy Burke at 978-807-3373

- **Recommitment Ceremony**
 The members of the Sodality will recommit to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:00 am Mass on June 10th.
 The next Sodality meeting will follow after the mass.

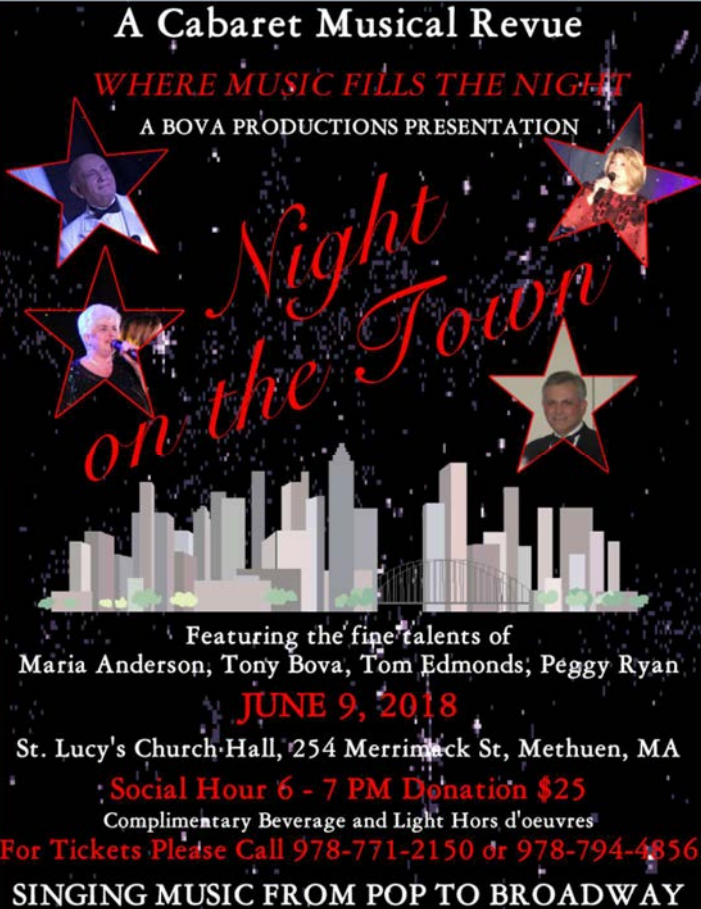
Offertory**May 13, 2018:**

<u>Regular Sunday Offering:</u>	\$6,399.00
<u>Ascension Thursday Collection:</u>	\$1,004.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Communications. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

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- HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey at 4:00 p.m.
- 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at Michael's Function Hall
 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA
 5:30 p.m. Social Hour | 6:30 p.m. Dinner
 Full Course Family Style Dinner
 Donation: \$50
 Music and dancing to follow!

Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today. Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Monica's Knights of Columbus
Annual Spring Plant Sale



Saturday, May 19th &
 Sunday, May 20th
 after all Masses

Come and pick up your Memorial Day flowers. Fill your window boxes and flower beds with beautiful Spring colors! See what is available for your vegetable garden! Proceeds to benefit Knights of Columbus High School Scholarship Fund.

Saint Monica Council 14725
Memorial Scholarship 2018



Open to 8th grade students attending a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2018. Up to \$1000 in scholarships available!

Applications are located in the rear of the church or request one by email: grandknight@kofc14725.org. Applications are due no later than **May 25, 2018!**

CPR Training will be conducted in the school hall on Tuesday evening, June 19, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. The session includes training, a CPR handbook, and a 2 year certification. Contact Bob Beaudry at 978-685-4746 or email him at ERBeaudry@aol.com to learn more about the course and the registration fee.



**SAINT MONICA SCHOOL NJHS
INDUCTION CEREMONY**

On Ascension Thursday, Saint Monica School held its sixth annual National Junior Honor

Society Induction ceremony. The ceremony was led and organized by sixth and seventh-grade English teacher and moderator, Ms. Christine Voltero. NJHS, is the leader among educational organizations and societies that promotes recognition for middle-level students who reflect outstanding accomplishments on the basis of five areas: scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character and service. Membership into the NJHS is a privilege. The Honor Society member exhibits excellence in academics and leadership, displays honorable and admirable character, and demonstrates a commitment to service and good citizenship. A candle-lighting ceremony was held which was followed by a pinning ceremony. The new inductees wrote speeches and received NJHS

certificates and "Lamp of Knowledge" pins. At the closing of the ceremony red carnations were offered as a symbol of love and appreciation to the candidates' parents. Congratulations to all the newest members of NJHS Keep up the outstanding work!

**2018 National Junior Honor
Society Inductees**

- Sophia Camacho
- Liam Cronin
- Emily D'Arcangelo
- Anthony Dahbour
- Patrick Drouin
- Megan Kennedy
- Lucius Manzi
- Patricia Pham
- Anjali Serrano
- Izabella Zouein

We celebrated a beautiful Holy Mass for Ascension Thursday. A special thank you to the students from PMA who assisted with the Mass.



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MARRIAGES. Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall. 9

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St. Lucy Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (for Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish

Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church

Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366
For St. Lucy's, please contact Ellen Wholley at (978) 682 - 8459. If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

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



THANK YOU

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