THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH

June 24, 2018

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

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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. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311. I would like to express sincere gratitude to the Knights of Columbus members who helped me move to All Saints Parish in Haverhill where I will assist Fr. Chris Wallace as 'senior priest'. You saved me a huge amount of expense. And in a special way my gratitude to whomever it was that so lovingly and carefully packed each of my many icons in their own individual wrappings. May God bless you all. Please accept this small donation to help someone.

Fr. Joe Thomas

JOIN US FOR A Farewell reception for Fr. Joseph Marwa

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 24

After the 9:00 am mass at St. Lucy and after the 11:30 am Mass at St. Monica's

A big thank you to all who donated in the free will offering to the Commission for Brothers and Sisters In Need. We collected \$1,168.78 from both St. Lucy's and St. Monica's. This will help us to continue our mission to reach out to help people in need.

Please email any bulletin submissions for the July 1st bulletin to Kera Mansour at methuencatholic@gmail.com. Thank you. **Our Pilgrimage to THE HOLY LAND** November 1st to November 13th, 2018



We still have openings. Join us for this amazing experience.

To register or for more information, please contact Mr. Claude Langlois, Group Leader at (978) 682 - 6012.

This week's second collection, for the Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

"NIGHT ON THE TOWN" a huge success!!!

We are so grateful to Tony Bova and his talented singers. Their performance was professional and their renditions impeccable. The wide variety of styles and periods of music presented made for lively entertainment. The enthusiastic audience happily joined in the sing-along portion.

Kudos to the light and sound crew. They were amazing!

Thank you to all the 60th Anniversary Committee members who helped make this so successful, and to all who participated by purchasing tickets.

If you would like to be informed of future BOVA PRODUCTIONS, just email Tony at bovapro@aol.com and ask to be on his mailing list.



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Our Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK

God is Love, Saint Teresa Margaret: Her Life by Margaret Rowe

What is moved, seen, touched, are the sensible appearances, for our Lord is always at the right hand of the Father. But despite the fact that His presence in the Blessed Sacrament does not exist in space or time, the truth remains that His Body and Blood are really and substantially present; Anna Maria had a firm and sound grasp on these essential facts at a period when it was considered preferable to enthrone the Reserved Species in a monstrance than to receive Christ into one's heart.- Margaret Rowe, p. 29, An excerpt from God is Love, Saint Teresa Margaret: Her Life (Publisher: ICS Publications, Institute of Carmelite Studies, Washington, D.C., www.icspublications.org)



Program for Adults desiring to receive the

<u>Sacraments:</u> Sessions will be offered for any adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, a program commonly known as RCIA.

Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

Fond Farewell

Randol Kallelis has been an altar server at St. Lucy Parish for 9 years and has served at the 4:00 pm mass every Saturday. During his time as an altar server he has assisted our priests in many capacities. He worked very hard assisting Kevin and Bob during the renovation these past 4 weeks. This year Randol made his confirmation at St. Lucy's and last month, as a project to attain his Eagle Scout Badge, Randol and his friends refurbished the Blessed Mary Statue on the grounds of the church and built two beautiful benches that many of us will use for years and enjoy quiet prayer time in front of the Blessed Mother.

Randol's family relocated to Florida and he will be leaving Methuen at the end of June.

Everyone at St. Lucy's has been so fortunate to watch Randol grow into such a fine young man. We wish him well and thank him for his devotion to St. Lucy's Parish.

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Bulletin Sponsor of the Week Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen | (978) 687 - 7300

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Week of June 24, 2018

Sunday:	<u>Vigil</u> : Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17
	[6b]/ 1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
	<u>Day</u> : ls 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15
	[14a]/Acts
	13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13
	[7b]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2
	3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36,
	37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/
	Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal
	1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
	<u>Day:</u> Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
	[5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7,
	20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12,
	13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or
	5:21-24, 35b-43

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Wednesday:	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop &
	Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
Friday:	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Saturday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Next Sunday:	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, canned baked beans, peanut butter, canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, and strawberry jelly.

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



Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices? Every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themself. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.

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ST. MONICA PARISH

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Saturday, June 23

8:00 am (multiple intentions)William Collins4:00 pm Myrna G. Nolan

Sunday, June 24

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
9:30 am (multiple intentions) Nancy Tardif Berthier Lavoie Michael J. Gueli
11:30 am Marie Labrie

Thursday, June 28

7:00 am James Michael McCall

Friday, June 29

7:00 am Brian and Michael McCafferty (Living)

Saturday, June 30

8:00 am (multiple intentions) Gerard Hamel4:00 pm Walter Witkos

Sunday, July 1

 7:30 am Deceased members of the Roy Family
 9:30 am (multiple intentions) Wallen and Dorothy McGovern
 11:30 am Christine Ferguson



Please pray for **Roland Page** and **Eileen Doran** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parish. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Theresa A. Rickley Michael and Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich James Mignanelli

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

June 17, 2018: Regular Sunday Offering: \$10,386.00

The second collection this weekend is the Holy Father - Peter's Pence Collection.

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

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Design of

Mass

Saturday, June 23

4:00 pm

Mary Rotonnelli and Francesca Bevilacqua

Sunday, June 24

9:00 am Joseph D. Cavallaro 11:00 am Catherine Petralia Walter Charles John Fillipon Corinne Berthiaume Jennie and John Ciardello Ann and Tony Carelli John (Jack) Fortier Aldina & Philippo Bonvino In honor of St. Lucy Donald McCaffrey

Monday, June 25

8:00 am Al Wholley

Tuesday, June 268:00 amJoseph Dahrouge

Wednesday, June 27

8:00 am Gregory Debrocke

Saturday, June 30

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

Sunday, July 1

9:00 am	George & Gloria Colizz
11:00 am	William J. Klier
	Harriet Despres
	In honor of St. Lucy
	A special intention
	Judy Ferraro



You are cordially invited to attend the

60th Anniversary Celebration of St. Lucy Parish

Saturday, October 20, 2018

• 4:00 p.m. - HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey in the church.

5:30 PM Social Hour | 6:30 PM Dinner
 Michael's Function Hall
 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA

Full Course Family Style Dinner Donation \$50 | Music and dancing to follow! Tables of 10 are available!

The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years.

For tickets, please call 978-771-2150 or 978-794-4856

OFFERTORY

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ST. MONICA SCHOOL

JUNE 24, 2018

On May 22nd, our school celebrated our music concert. From greeters to all those who performed, we sincerely thank you for making our event so wonderful! Of course, this evening would not have been possible without the guidance and preparation of our school Music Director, Mrs. Navien and our Musical Instrument Instructor, Mrs. LaPointe.



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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

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

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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

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