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Save the Date! Lenten Parish Mission with Rev. Jurgen Liias

March 15 & 16, 2018 7:00 pm | St. Monica Church More information to come.

March 4, 2018

# ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH

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

# SAINT LUCY PARISH'S 6TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK/ ST. JOSEPH DINNER Saturday, March 17, 2018



# Live entertainment featuring Jennifer Mello **5:30 pm -** Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Provided by the Irish Cottage

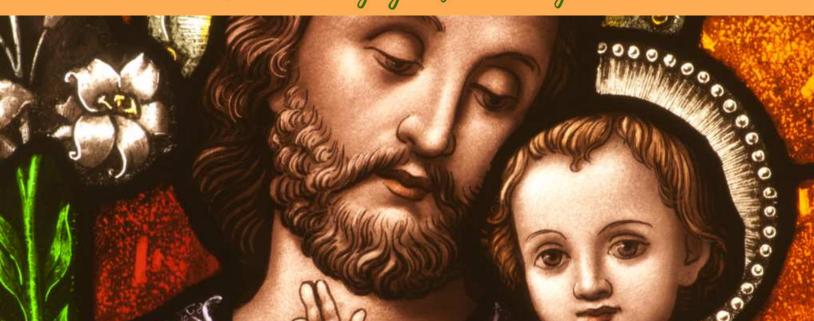


\$15 per person | Children 8 and younger are free FREE TO ALL WHO WEAR THE KILT



**Tickets are on sale at St. Lucy's after each Mass and at the Parish Offices.** *Tickets will not be sold at the door the night of the dinner.* Please get your tickets in advance.

Come and enjoy a fun evening!



#### **COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS**

# 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. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.

#### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

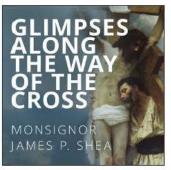
# Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross

#### Enter More Deeply into the Mystery of Christ's Cross

In these three beautiful talks, Monsignor James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross. These powerful meditations take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what His sacrifice means for us.

Listen on formed.org







"Fr. Shea knows how to relate to someone in the pew who has felt pain and needs the healing only Christ can give. These talks helped me to meet Jesus again!"

—David, Chicago, IL

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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 no matter where they live.

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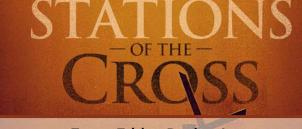


Church Safety Training Provided by the Methuen Police

Mon., March 19, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 PM St. Monica Church Sat., March 24, 2018 9:00 - 11:00 AM St. Lucy Church

We encourage all members of the following ministries to attend and welcome all parishioners as well.

Lectors, Ushers, Religious Ed. Teachers, Choir Members, Eucharistic Ministers, St. Monica Knights of Columbus, St. Lucy Men's Guild, St. Lucy BVM Sodality, and parish and school staff.



Every Friday During Lent (except Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at <u>St. Monica's</u> - Lenten Parish Mission)

St. Monica Church: 7:00 p.m.

St. Lucy Church: **5:30 p.m.** followed by soup or pizza



#### Lent- New Springtime for Renewal for each of us

It is hard to believe that we are already into the third Sunday of Lent. "Lent" comes from an Old-English word, meaning "springtime." It is indeed a time of rebirth as the Earth comes alive again after the cold dark winter. It is nice to see the full circle of the Sun now in the sky even after 5:00pm and we look forward to the longer days that lie ahead. As the Earth is reborn we await of course the ultimate rebirth, the life of Jesus coming forth from the empty tomb. This rebirth puts all of our desires for renewal into the context of our loving God's desires for us. God wants us to be made new again. This season of penance is a time for setting aside extra time for God. It invites us to look inward to see what needs to be amended in our lives, what we need to let go of and what we need to embrace.

Fr Jurgen Liias will be with us to lead us in prayer for a two night Collaborative/Parish mission at St Monica on Thursday, March 15th and Friday, March 16th, both nights begin at 7:00pm. The nights will include some music and preaching. Father will be addressing individual and family spiritual renewal. After the second night we will be offering individual confessions. As the second night of the mission will take place when the stations of the cross are normally prayed at St. Monica, I would encourage both parishes to join at St. Lucy to pray the stations at the usual 5:30pm hour there. After praying enjoy some pizza/soup there before heading up to St. Monica for the evening's exercises.

A good thorough confession is important for each of us regularly, especially during Lent. We offer confession each Tuesday at 4:30pm for an hour at St Lucy and each Friday at 6:30pm for an hour at St Monica. Each parish has confessions at 3:00pm on Saturday. For the Lenten season, two confessors are available at 3:00pm at St Monica Parish.

I ask for two things, that you set aside the 15th and 16th for the Mission and make a good confession during this holy season. Just as we need to clean out the gutters and pipes in our homes and machines, so it is with the soul. We are invited by God to make a "spring cleaning" of the soul so as to rest in his peace. Not merely to celebrate Easter better, but rather to maintain the good close relationship we desire to have with our God day in and day out.

Father Liias has been a guest at our parishes on weekends in the past, I am sure you will enjoy his spiritual insights. It will be a great pleasure to have him with us.

#### **COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS**

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

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, tuna, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereal, canned spaghetti, and strawberry jelly.

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



#### HELP OUR YOUTH SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

If you expect to have some Spring cleaning or clean-up projects around your yard this April, allow the youth of our community to help out on their annual service day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018! Send your name to Mark Forrester at youth.stlm@gmail.com.

#### **ST. MONICA PARISH**



Saturday, March 3 8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Amy Waterworth Barbara Fitzgerald Armand Gonzales Thomas and Dorothy Bresnahan

#### 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 4

7:30 am	Michael Goosens	
):30 am	Charlie Hanafin	
	Rose Hanafin	(Living)
	Rene Guilmet	_
	Ellen Durette & William I	Endicott
	James Chiara	
	Matthew Brouder	
	James Baker	
.1:30 am	Peter MacIsaac & Johan	ina MacIsaac

Thursday, March 8

7:00 am

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Friday, March 9 7:00 am Veronica Murray

#### Saturday, March 10

8:00 am (multiple intentions) Rose Begin 4:00 pm Vincent Mesiti

#### Sunday, March 11

7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Monica &	
	St. Lucy Parishes	
9:30 am	Joseph Indoccio	
	Gloria Cottone	
	Donald Ganim	
	Louise Fusco	
	Frank, Angelo, & Antonette Ragonese	
	Chanel, Claire, Judy, Carol, Diane, &	
	Paul Michaud	
	Rocco, Emanuela, Orazio, Angelo,	
	and Carmela DiBartolo	
11:30 am	Marie Labrie	

#### **ROSES FOR LIFE**

**Roses for Life** have been donated in loving memory of

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



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.

#### Green Thumb Committee

We are looking for volunteers to help with plantings around the

church beginning in the Spring.

For more information, please contact Sharon Tucker at tuck4ely@hotmail.com

During Lent, Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays will close with Benediction at 6:45pm for the Station of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

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#### **ST. MONICA PARISH**

#### Join us for Tea & Treasure

<u>Thursday, March 8</u> at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House.

For more information, please call Millie Stumpo at (978) 686 - 0339

MUSIC MINISTRY

#### **OFFERTORY**

February 25, 2018: Regular Sunday Offering:

\$11,086.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The second collection next weekend is for the Easter Flowers.

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

#### Our Pilgrimage to "THE HOLY LAND"

with Fr. William Lohan as Spiritual Director

November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 13 days, 11 nights, 3 meals daily

To register or for more information, please contact Mr. Claude Langlois, Group Leader at (978) 682 - 6012. The best gift for a loved one or yourself.

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? **St. Monica's Music Ministry wants you!** We are in search of any and all parishioners who are interested in participating in the music ministry. No matter what your experience is, you are always welcome! We are in the process of scheduling week night rehearsals and would love to have you - even if you can't commit to rehearsals or Mass every week. Please get in touch with Eric (eberthiaume1@gmail.com, (603) 493-4397) for more information on how you can be a part of this important ministry.

#### **ST. LUCY PARISH**



#### Saturday, March 3

4:00 pm

Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

#### Sunday, March 4

**Joseph Pipitone** 9:00 am Vincent Bolis 11:00 am Agostino Cocozza

Monday, March 5 David A. Randall Jr. 8:00 am

**Tuesday, March 6** 8:00 am

Wednesday, March 7 **Yvonne Soucy** 8:00 am

#### Saturday, March 10

Dorothy Lane and 4:00 pm Robert Arsenault

#### Sunday, March 11

9:00 am 11:00 am Angelo Coco Louise Rita Vallante

#### OFFERTORY

February 25, 2018: **Regular Sunday Offering:** 

\$6,656.00

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# Save the Date! 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

St. Lucy Parish

Saturday, October 20, 2018 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

The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years. Please call (978) 771 - 2150

#### ST. LUCY PARISH

#### **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

# ST. LUCY PARISH BVM SODALITY FUNDRAISER



#### AT THE LOOP IN METHUEN

EVERY TUESDAY IN MARCH BEGINNING MARCH 6TH

Come in and support St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality in their fundraising efforts.

- Includes March 6, March 13, March 20. March 27
- Covers Lunch, Dinner or Take out
- You can go each week
- Just mention St. Lucy BVM Sodality Fundraiser to your server, or show the bulletin.
- Not Your Average Joe's will donate 15% of your bills' total for both the dine-in or take out to St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality

Our next Sodality meeting is **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 Mass** and the praying of the Rosary. We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

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

Members of the Men's Guild invite all men of St. Lucy's Parish to come and take part in setting our schedule of events.

You are invited to learn more about who we are, share in our meetings/ activities and offer suggestions as we come together to support our Parish... Please bring a friend!!

Sunday, March 4, 2018 Guest Speaker: **Lori Mendoza** of the Si Se Puede Program

Immediately following the 9:00 am Mass in the church hall. Any questions pls call Larry @ 978-360-9256 or Jack @ 978-373-2376

**St. Lucy's Men's Guild** - Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St. Joseph who meet regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their families, in their parishes, and in their community.

#### **MEN'S GUILD**



St. Monica Parish: 212 Lawrence Street St. Lucy Parish: 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA

#### **PARISH OFFICES**

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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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Sharon Tully Administrative Assistant

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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: 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

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