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of the
Lord

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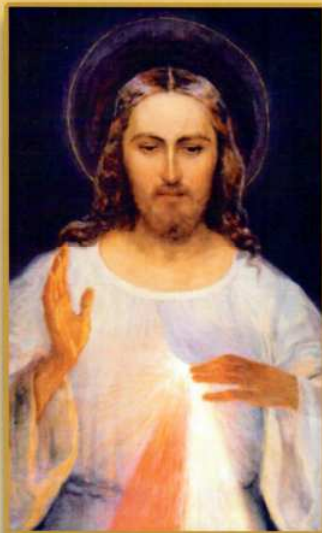
WELCOME! New to our community? We're so happy you joined us this weekend and we'd love to have you worship with us regularly. Come discover the peace that comes from following our Lord Jesus.

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

Join us starting at 2:15 PM

- ✚ Recitation of the Rosary
- ✚ Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- ✚ Readings & Reflections
- ✚ Chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning at 2:45
- ✚ Confessions



Jesus I trust in you

Saint Monica Parish



"Imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and He has invited us to visit with Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better. Being aware of who He was, we would be humbled and honored by such an invitation. The good news is that Jesus is here with us TODAY - body, blood, soul and divinity".

- *Mother Teresa's Reflection/St. Daniels Church*

Join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer.

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6 - 7 pm in St. Lucy Church

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty." This line from St. Peter's Second Letter reminds us that those who walked with our Lord in life and witnessed first hand his passion, death, and resurrection were aware that what they experienced would be difficult for others to accept. In fact, if one were trying to spread fanciful stories, it is likely that some of the details relayed in the Gospel would be different in order to increase its marketability to the people of the day. For instance, some say that a "cleverly devised" story would not include the fact that Mary Magdalene was the first recorded witness to the resurrection, but rather someone more notable and credible in that culture. But the facts are facts; and St. Peter's appeal has the ring of one who is sincerely committed to what he knows to be true.

Today we have the same dilemma as those who listened to St. Peter in person. We are presented with an event that seems incredible in our highly skeptical culture: God has come among us, and for our eternal communion with him, He died and rose for our sake. We have more in common with St. Peter's audience than we think. He was writing to a particular missionary church that was straying from its original evangelization by the apostles who had passed on directly what they learned from Jesus. More alarming to St. Peter was the lifestyle promoted by scoffers of the resurrection, which contradicted the Gospel: the teachings of our Lord for our happiness as well as our salvation.

We can take confidence in the fact that not much has changed in 2000 years. God wants us to *choose* what (or who, more specifically) is at the center of our lives. This is not to be difficult, but because love *is* a choice, it must not be coerced-- or it is not love. Of course, that doesn't mean to choose Christ is to oppose reason, but only to realize what it means that He rose from the dead that first Easter morning.

New life is the victor over death. The joy of Easter is that each of us has been offered that life, but we must trust the words of those who were its witness and guardian.

May Our Lord richly bless your Easter, and may you know His life at the center of yours!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- **Commission to Assist our Brothers and Sisters in Need Meeting** 9:30 am St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- **Ultreya** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy School House
- **Choir Rehearsal** 6:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Finance Council** 7:00 pm St. Lucy School House

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- **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, APRIL 27

- **Faith and Fitness** 8 - 9 am St. Lucy School House
- **First Communion** 10:00 am St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- **Catholic Lending Library** after the 9:30 am Mass St. Monica Church
- **Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration** 2:15 pm St. Monica Church
- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

Starting this Monday, April 22nd, our Rosary Prayer Group will meet every Monday at 6 p.m. in Saint Monica's Chapel instead of every other Monday. All are welcome. Any questions call Tom Grella 978-423-0631 or Elizabeth Hatem 978-688-4766.

ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 4th after the 4:00 PM Mass and Sunday, May 5th after the 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

All proceeds are used for scholarships for 8th grade students going to Catholic High Schools.

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Vacation Bible School
Save the Date. **July 29th - August 2nd**

Vacation Bible School is a fun and friendly environment where young people, aged 4-11, learn about their faith through games, songs, prayer, and other activities. Days run from 9:00am-12pm. \$25/child; \$40/2 children; \$45/3 children (maximum per family) For more information, reserve your spot, or to volunteer, please contact Annette at kmjksmom@aol.com



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Shannon**

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned beans, pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper, and canned soups. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

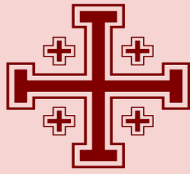
ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA ULTREYA

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

(Every 4th Tuesday of the Month)

7:00 – 8:30 PM

St. Lucy Church Hall



All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" - words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small, intimate, and confidential groups, fellowship, and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality. Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend **Jackie Calobrisi** who has been invited to offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

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Please feel free to *invite a friend* to join you!

Readings for the week of April 21, 2019

<u>Sunday:</u>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
<u>Monday:</u>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
<u>Tuesday:</u>	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
<u>Wednesday:</u>	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
<u>Thursday:</u>	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
<u>Friday:</u>	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
<u>Saturday:</u>	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
<u>Next Sunday:</u>	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office.
St. Monica Parish: 1st Sunday of the month 1:00pm
St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Sunday of the Month 1:00pm

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

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25****8:15 am** Ida Lazzara**FRIDAY, APRIL 26****8:15 am** Dick Doherty**SATURDAY, APRIL 27****8:00 am** James M. Hourihan
Lucien Jutras and Melina Cormier**10:00 am** For the children receiving
First Holy Communion**4:00 pm** Living and deceased members
of the Frappier and Plourde Families**SUNDAY, APRIL 28****7:30 am** People of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes**9:30 am** Dominick Delgazio Sr.
Joseph Rapazzo
F. Deshaies
Charles Booth Jr.
Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro
Bruce M. Goodnow
Jeanette and Philip Hamel
George Abdulla
Nancy Tardif
Marguerite Mullin**11:30am** Antoinette and Nemetallah Khalife

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60TH DIAMOND Anniversary

Banquet & Fundraiser

Friday, May 17th

Attire: Semi-formal

6:00PM - 10:00PM

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For more information, please contact stmonicagala@methuencatholic.org
Michelle Squatrito or Kerry DeMattia

Tickets to St. Monica School's 60th Anniversary Gala will be available after some of the Masses on weekends before the event. If you are looking for tickets and they are not sold at the Mass you attend, please contact the school office and we will be happy to get the tickets to you. Tickets are \$50 per person. You may also get together to purchase a table at the Gala if you want to sit with friends. A table of 10 is \$500.

OFFERTORY

The Easter collection this weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. There is only one collection next weekend, our Regular Sunday Offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



Next Sunday, The Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs in the back of the church after the 9:30 am Mass. Books and DVDs may be returned at any time in the "return" basket also located in the back of the church.

ROSES FOR LIFE

have been donated in loving memory of
Theresa A. Rickley
Maria Arasi

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.

St. Monica School

Early Childhood Program Open House
Saturday, May 4th 9:00 - 11:00 AM



Join us to learn about our fantastic program and opportunities for your 3 and 4 year olds and kindergarteners. For more information please call the school office at 978-686-1801.



MONDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 am Manny Gianni and
Christine Gianni Eldridge

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 am Nicholas and Linda Ciambella

7:00 pm *Ultreya Mass*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 am Gerardo and Mattia D'Andrea
Vincent Minicucci

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:00 pm Richard T. Muraco

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 am George and Gloria Colizzi
Fred and Irene Leocata

11:00am Richard Prue
Laura York
Paul C. Burke
Walter Cheltowski
Sarina Iacobello
Patricia Boil
Ann Brennan

The St. Lucy Men's Guild invites everyone to break their Lenten fast at an Ice Cream Sundae Party in the church hall immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass.

60's Dance
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Our next Sodality meeting is Sunday, May 19th with the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:00am Mass.

Dates to remember:

Morning of Reflection: May 4

Sodality May Brunch: May 5

Commitment Sunday: June 9

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



The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
invite all women to a

Morning of Reflection

Saturday, May 4, 2019 | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
St. Lucy Parish Hall

Cost: \$5 (includes continental breakfast)

Give yourself a spiritual gift and enter into the month of Mary, a woman of Holy Desire, Openness, Prayer, and Faithfulness. We will share Mary's pain, her sorrow, and her joys. As women we can relate to Mary. Do not miss this beautiful presentation by

Sr. Claire Provost, PMA

For more information or to register, please contact
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(978) 682 - 8459
auntiellen@aol.com or
Lorraine Fradkin Co-chairperson
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8:00 - 9:00 am Mass with choir in the church
9:00 am Opening Centering Prayer by Sr. Claire Provost
9:30 am Registration and Breakfast in the Hall
10:15 am First Session
11:00 am Short break... Discussion
11:15 am Second Session and Closing

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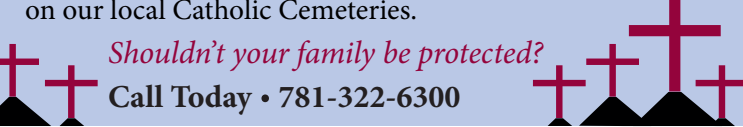
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