

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

SEPT 28
2025



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"

- Lk 16:25

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ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, September 27

9:00am Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife

4:00pm Flora E. Manning

Sunday, September 28

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

12:00pm Layla Evelyn Mahoney
Richard, Nicole, Faith, Hope & Alyssa Pantaleo
Dorothy Foley
Greg L'Heureux
Robyn (living)

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y Santa Lucía

Monday, September 29

9:00am Paula Nichols

6:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y Santa Lucía

Saturday, October 4

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

4:00pm Walter & Theresa Witkos
Patricia Wright

Sunday, October 5

9:00am Helen Dobeck
Kevin Waterworth
Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Marcelle & Jean-Guy Pelletier
Lorraine T. Howes

12:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y Santa Lucía

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm Eileen Lannon

Sunday, September 28

10:30am Kathleen Dube
Dora Giuffrida
Rebecca Doumit (living)
Michael Turmel
Bernadette Boudette

Tuesday, September 30

9:00am Margaret Collins

Wednesday, October 1

9:00am John McDermott

Thursday, October 2

9:00am Michael & Josephine Carelli

Friday, October 3

9:00am Richard G. Ferguson

Saturday, October 4

4:00pm Deceased Memebbers of the Thomas Wholley Family

Sunday, October 5

10:30am Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
Maria Carcelli
Josephine & Anthony Carelli
Gary Marciello
Sid & Nancy DeMarco
Roger & Grace Barbin
Marie & Joseph Querol
Louis J. DeMarco
Vincent Minicucci
Gerardo



The Don Bosco After-School Program Has Begun!

Dear Parishioners,

It brings me great joy to share that our Don Bosco After School Program has begun! On Monday, September 22nd, our 6th-8th graders gathered for an afternoon filled with energy, laughter, and community. Volunteers joined the youth for a lively game of kickball, and the field echoed with smiles, cheers, and the kind of joyful fun that reminds us how blessed we are to walk together in faith.

This program takes its inspiration from St. John Bosco (Don Bosco), the beloved priest who devoted his life to guiding young people with kindness, encouragement, and faith. Don Bosco believed that holiness should be lived through ordinary joy, through play, learning, and friendship rooted in love for Christ.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31), we hear the story of the rich man who failed to notice Lazarus, the poor man lying at his very doorstep. The rich man's blindness to Lazarus's need is a reminder that God calls us to see and respond to those right in front of us. Don Bosco lived this Gospel truth by noticing the young people who were often overlooked in his time and offering them guidance, encouragement, and faith.

The Don Bosco Program allows us, as a parish, to live this same Gospel message. We are saying to our youth: We see you. You matter to this community. You are a gift to the Church. Through this program, our students find a safe, faith-filled environment after school, time for homework, recreation, and creative activities, guidance and caring volunteers, and opportunities to deepen their relationship with Christ while building strong friendships.

We currently have 7 participants enrolled out of 20 available slots, so there is still plenty of room for more students. I warmly encourage all families with children in grades 6-8 to consider this wonderful opportunity. Parents, this is a beautiful way for your children to grow not only socially, but spiritually, supported by the love of the parish.

May Don Bosco and Our Lady, intercede for us as we nurture our youth with open eyes, open hearts, and joyful faith.

Yours in Christ,

Father Marcos T. Pena

Pastor

FAITH FORMATION / EVANGELIZATION

MISA DE INSTALACIÓN

Los invitamos a acompañarnos en la celebración de la Misa de Instalación del Padre Marcos Peña Portillo como Párroco de las Parroquias de Santa Lucía y Santa Mónica.

*Sábado 11 de octubre de 2025
Misa de Instalación a las 4:00 pm
en la Iglesia de Santa Mónica*

Y

*Domingo 12 de octubre de 2025
Misa de Instalación a las 10:30 am
en la Iglesia de Santa Lucía*

*Celebrada por el Obispo Robert Hennessey
A continuación, habrá un refrigerio*

INSTALLATION MASS

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the Installation Masses of Fr. Marcos Peña Portillo as Pastor of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes.

*Saturday October 11, 2025
4:00 pm Installation Mass
at St. Monica Church*

AND

*Sunday, October 12, 2025
10:30am Installation Mass
at St. Lucy Church*

*Celebrated by Bishop Robert Hennessey
Refreshments to follow*

ST. MONICA

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAYS - 4:00pm (Vigil)
- SUNDAYS - 9:00 am & 12:00pm
- SUNDAYS - 5:00 pm (Spanish)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAYS - 9:00 am
- MONDAYS - 6:00 pm (Spanish)
- SATURDAYS - 9:00 am

ADORATION

- MONDAYS - 6:30 pm (following Mass)
- SATURDAYS - 9:30 -2:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

- MONDAYS - 6:30 pm
- SATURDAYS - 9:30 -10:30 am
- SATURDAYS - 3:00 - 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

- 2nd Sunday of the month | 2:00 pm
- 1st Sunday of the month in Spanish | 2:00 pm

ST. LUCY

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAYS - 4:00pm (Vigil)
- SUNDAYS - 10:30am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- TUESDAYS - 9:00 am
- WEDNESDAYS - 9:00 am
- THURSDAYS - 9:00 am
- FRIDAYS - 9:00 am

ADORATION

- WEDNESDAYS - 6:00-7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

- WEDNESDAYS - 6:00-6:45 pm
- SATURDAYS - 3:00 - 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

- 3rd Sunday of the month | 2:00 pm

(Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule Baptisms.)

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

FAITH FORMATION / EVANGELIZATION

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27)



RISE: COMMUNITY

is our parish faith formation. It's for people of all ages. RISE is an ongoing faith enrichment program that **strengthens faith & fosters friendships.**

Each RISE session includes:

A simple meal, a presentation and discussion for adults,
and classes for children.

Consider volunteering!

We are in need of teachers, facilitators,
and help with hospitality and set-up. Please consider
donating your time.

Contact Karl to learn more.
978-683-1193

or
faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

Be a part of sharing your faith!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Jorge Ramos & Yesenia Arroyo

*“Confirm them in faith, hope, love and just deeds.
Make their marriage as honorable as the marriages
of the righteous and just of old.” (Rite of the Covenant)*



Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our annual novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe:
Patroness of the Americas, Star of the New
Evangelization, and Patroness of the unborn will
begin on October 15th.

**Place: St. Lucy Church | 6 p.m. | Wednesdays
October 15, 2025 - December 10, 2025**

- Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Rosary
- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Confessions

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**Annual Family
Pasta Supper**

All are welcome to join our annual pasta supper compliments of K of C. Come by and enjoy a delicious meal with your fellow parishioners.

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: St. Lucy Parish Hall

Rosary Rally

The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Rosary Rally dedicated to the intentions of all attendees. All are welcome to join us in Prayer to our Blessed Mother.

When: Saturday, October 4

Time: 12:00 pm

Where: St. Monica Parking Lot

**Annual Tootsie
Roll Drive**

Please support our Tootsie Roll fundraiser. All proceeds are donated to special needs children.

When: Saturday Oct 4 & Sunday Oct 5, 2025

Time: After all Masses

Where: St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

ST. LUCY PARISH
FALL CRAFT FAIR
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 9:00-3:00

Come join us for a fun-filled Saturday filled with great shopping AND special new events! We are expanding to include FIFTY VENDORS and NEW RAFFLES!

- **Interested Vendors** - Contact (Text or Call) **978.884.8317 Debbie McCall** to reserve a table.
- **Used Book Donations** - This year our Craft Fair will include a Used Book Sale! Family-friendly paperback and hard covered books can be dropped off at the Garage following mass from Oct 4th – Oct. 18th. It's a great opportunity to clean out any cluttered bookshelves!
- **Volunteers needed** - Help is needed at the Raffle Tables; Canned Food Drive; Popcorn Machine; Bakery Table; and our Book Sale. Please contact us if you can donate 1 or 2 hours on October 25th. Please call **Judi at 978.314.8353**

Thank you for your support!

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Kathy O., Judy C., Cathy B., Gene B., MaryAnn M., Irina, C.M., Fred C., Luca S., Claude L., Rosario F., Kathy P., Russell R., Kristin M., John S., Michael B., Robert L., Victor T., Carolyn, Adrienne M., Terry, Chris C., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

Please pray for those whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sunday	09/28/2025	Fr. Maciej Araszkiewicz	Lucas daCosta SJS Fall River
Monday	09/29/2025	Fr. Gabriel Troy	Alexander DeTirado RMS
Tuesday	09/30/2025	Fr. Joseph Nguyễn	Joseph Jasinski SJS Boston
Wednesday	10/01/2025	Fr. Edward Riley	Nicholas Jones SJS Providence
Thursday	10/02/2025	Msgr. Stephen Salocks	Samuel Kalu SJS Boston
Friday	10/03/2025	Fr. David Brogan	Christopher Puglia OMV
Saturday	10/04/2025	All Franciscans	Migues Roque OMV

CORI FORMS

Please visit Elena Powell after the 4:00pm Mass at St. Monica's next Saturday, October 4th to complete your CORI Form.

Thank you for your support!



Is God Calling You – or Someone You Know – to be a Deacon?

The Archdiocese of Boston is beginning its Fall 2025 Inquirer Program for men interested in becoming a deacon with meetings across the Archdiocese.

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OFFERTORY | SEP 14/15

St. Monica - \$8,376.00 St. Lucy - \$4,295.00

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for continuing your generous contributions to the mission of our parishes.

Reading 1**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment.

They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

Responsorial**Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10**

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading 2**1 Timothy 6:11-16**

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses.

I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and

whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

Alleluia**Cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9****R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,

so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel****Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.'

He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.'

But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

PROCESSIONAL SONG

1. Be Thou my — vi - sion, O — Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my — wis - dom, and — Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I — heed not, or — man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of — heav - en, my — vic - to - ry won,



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art: _____
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord: _____
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways: _____
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! _____



1. Thou my — best — thought, — by day or by night, _____
2. Thou my — great — Fa - ther, I Thy true son, _____
3. Thou and — Thou — on - ly, first in my heart, _____
4. Heart of — my — own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, _____



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy — pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and — I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my — trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O — Rul - er of all.

OFFERTORY HYMN

In Christ alone, my hope is found
 He is my light, my strength, my song, This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm
 through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love, what depths of peace. When fears are stilled, when strivings
 cease. My Comforter, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness.
 Scorned by the ones He came to save
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died. The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am
 His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ

COMMUNION HYMN

p-mp

I am the Bread of Life. All who
eat this Bread will nev - er die.

I am God's love re - vealed. I am
bro - ken that you might be healed.

mp

1. All who eat of this heav - en - ly Bread, all who
1. drink this cup of the cov - e - nant: you will live for -
1. ev - er, for I will raise you up.

mp

2. No one who comes to me shall hun - ger a - gain.

2. No one who be - lieves shall ev - er thirst.

2. All that the Fa - ther draws shall come to me, and
2. I shall give them rest.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, who
2. Thy reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, to
3. To thee and to thy Church, great King, we

1. is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
2. eve - ry land and na - tion. For in thy king - dom,
3. pledge our hearts' ob - la - tion, Un - til be - fore thy

1. do we bring and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
2. Lord di - vine, a - lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus,
3. throne we sing in end - less ju - bi - la - tion.

Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re -
deem - er!

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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