

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

Feb 27
2022



8th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

LOOKING FORWARD

The previous two bulletin entries have been excerpts from Pope St. John Paul II's 1994 *Letter to Families*. The reason for this is that, as I've written before, we are beginning the process of forming our vision for what the parishes and school will be once we seriously pass out of this time of constraint. Our families are central to this vision, so now is the time to think about our purpose as a Catholic community, what defines us, and what direction our parish and school life takes. One aspect of the timing of our planning is natural: the parishes developed a "collaborative plan" several years ago that needs to be revisited, which conveniently coincides with the development of a new strategic plan for the school. Since one goal of our school life is to have greater integration with parish life, the plans and, more importantly, the nitty-gritty of how we operate must interrelate.

The other aspect of the timing of rethinking our community life gets back to that idea of being *constrained*. Many of our most faithful parishioners, typically older, had to endure the greatest constraint on their lives because of their vulnerability to the effects of the virus. Yet at the same time, in the midst of all this constraint, one could also notice those who went out of their way to bring their families to Mass, commit to in-person formation whether in the school or religious education, or seek to start their family within our parish environment when it would have been easier to just not bother.

As future months come and go, we will be keeping an eye on how (or whether) our Mass attendance improves. I predict that much ink and audio will be spent on how to "bring people back." In fact, the universal Church is entering into a "listening process" to make sure we can better hear those who may not feel sufficiently acknowledged by Her. Both are good concerns, but it makes me wonder if our vision is currently blind to those right before us: families and individuals striving to nourish their faith life in a world that may not *want to hear the Faith*, let alone support it.

Next week we will begin Lent, and our focus as disciples will necessarily shift to our individual reflection, prayer, and even purification in order to be more faithful disciples of Christ. This process will also occur as a community: reflecting and redirecting aspects of our collaborative life so that we are best prepared to accompany individuals and families into an ever deepening relationship with Our Lord. May our Lenten efforts both on an individual and collaborative level bear great fruit for the kingdom of God.



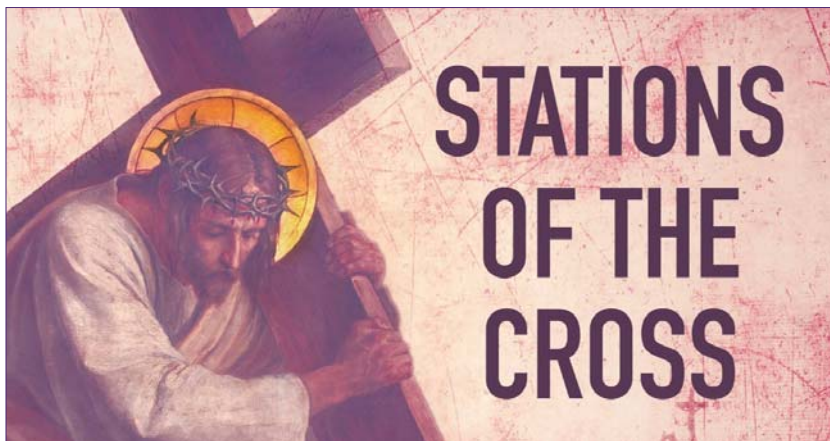
ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND | SCHEDULE

6:30am	Distribution of Ashes (St. Monica Church)
9:00am	Mass with distribution of Ashes (St. Lucy Church)
12:00pm	Mass with distribution of Ashes (St. Lucy Church)
7:00pm	Mass with distribution of Ashes (St. Monica Church)

FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



Fridays during Lent
March 4, 11, 18, 25,
April 1, 8

6:00pm

St. Lucy Church
followed by soup or pizza

LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

For a complete Lenten Calendar of events and activities, stay tuned...

JESUS IS HERE

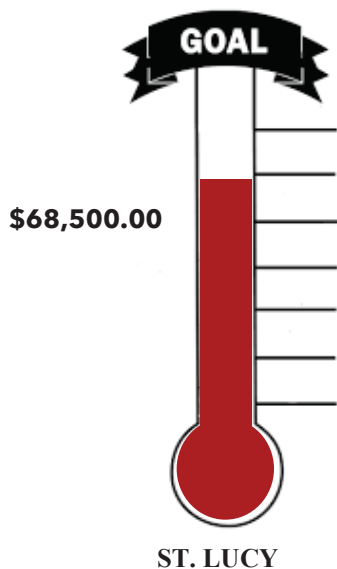
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Saturday, June 18, 2022
8:30am-6:00pm
Tsongas Center Lowell, MA

Friday, June 17, 2022
7:30pm – 9:30pm
Cathedral of the Holy Cross | Boston
Jesus Is Here
Youth and Young Adults
Don't miss our special *night for youth and young adults* with Village Lights and Jackie and Bobby Angel!

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE \$100,000



This year both parishes have a goal of \$100,000 in order to avoid slipping into deficit spending. This is primarily due to our need to increase our staff and make necessary capital improvements. We're ahead of last year's timetable, but our goal was not this large. If you have not yet contributed to the grand annual, please consider doing so. If you have already contributed, thank you for your generosity.



STUDY PROGRAM

THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCH FATHERS

This study program will be offered on Zoom beginning Wednesday, February 16 at 6pm and running for 12 weeks. You will learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped how we read Scripture. The materials are available through stpaulcenter.com. Click on Bible Studies, then video studies. Scroll down to The Bible and the Early Church Fathers. You can then watch a trailer for this series. When you click on Learn More, you will choose to buy the bundle for \$24.95. It includes a paperback workbook and streaming video for 4 months. Please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com for more information or to put your name on the class list. The zoom link will be sent to all participants.



NOTICE

St. Lucy's Schoolhouse is currently undergoing renovations and will be unavailable for use until further notice. If your group is scheduled to meet in the schoolhouse, please contact the office to make other arrangements. Thank-you.

THE CREED

Presented by Bishop Robert Barron

This course will be offered on Thursdays at St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall after the 9am mass beginning on March 3 and ending on April 7. Email me if interested in joining the group, and I will email you the weekly lesson. Please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- CONFIRMATION 1 & 2 12:45-3:00pm St. Lucy Church/Lower Church Hall/Schoolhouse
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- PMA Associates Meeting 9:30-11:30am St. Lucy Lower Church
- Rosary For Priests Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6-7:30pm St. Monica School

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 | ASH WEDNESDAY

- Distribution of Ashes 6:30am St. Monica Church
- Mass with distribution of ashes 9am St. Lucy Church
- Prayer and Study 10am - 12pm (Zoom)
- Alanon 10-11:15am St. Lucy Lower Church
- Mass with distribution of ashes 12pm St. Lucy Church
- The Bible and Church Fathers Study 6pm (Zoom)
- NO EUCH ADORATION
- Mass with distribution of ashes 7pm St. Monica Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- The Creed Course 9:30am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Stations of the Cross 6pm St. Lucy Church & Lower Church Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- Faith to Fitt 8 am St Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Bettor's Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel and St. Lucy Church

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St. Monica - \$7,076⁰⁰

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

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



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of mashed potatoes, canned carrots, soups, pasta sauce, and peanut butter. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

*Monday-Thursday | 11:30am-4:30pm
Fridays | 9:00am-2:00pm*

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30am at St. Lucy's

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

MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes

SUN 9 am & 11 am St. Monica | 10 am St. Lucy

MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9:00 am St. Lucy

FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes Sat

4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel

6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel

6:00 - 7:00 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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INTROIT*Ps 18 (17): 19, 20*

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*All Creatures Of Our God And King*

1. All crea - tures of our God and King Lift
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong Ye
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make

1. up your voice and with us sing, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 2. clouds that sail in Heav'n a - long, O praise him! Al-le -
 3. mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, O praise him! Al-le -

1. lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou
 2. lu - ia! Thou ris - ing moon, in praise re - joice, Ye
 3. lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That

1. sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam!
 2. lights of eve - ning, find a voice! O praise him! O
 3. giv - est man both warmth and light.

praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu -
 ia!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Sir 27: 4-7*

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Cf. Ps 92 (91): 2a; V 2-3, 13-14, 15-16*

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

SECOND READING*1 Cor 15: 54-58*

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

ALLELUIA*Phil 2: 15d, 16a*

☩ Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

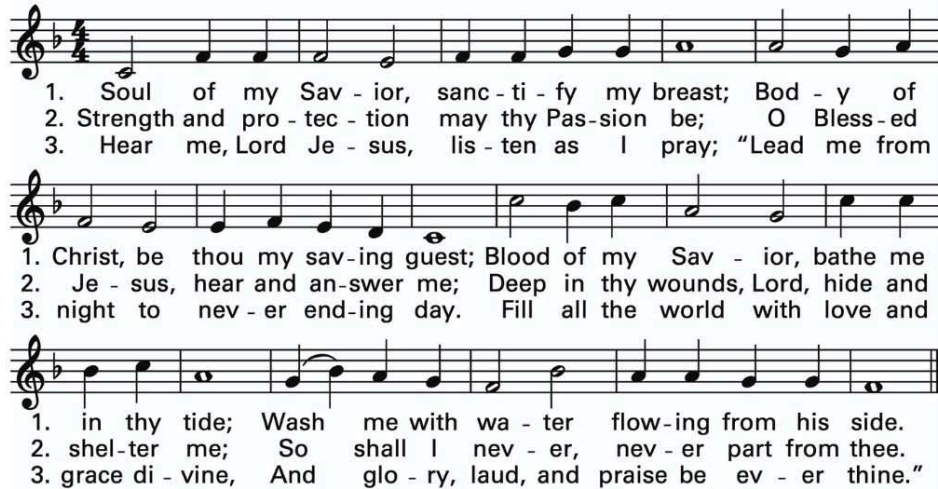
GOSPEL*Lk 6: 39-45*

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

PROFESSION OF FAITH*Refer to Pew Card***SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Mt 28: 20*

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

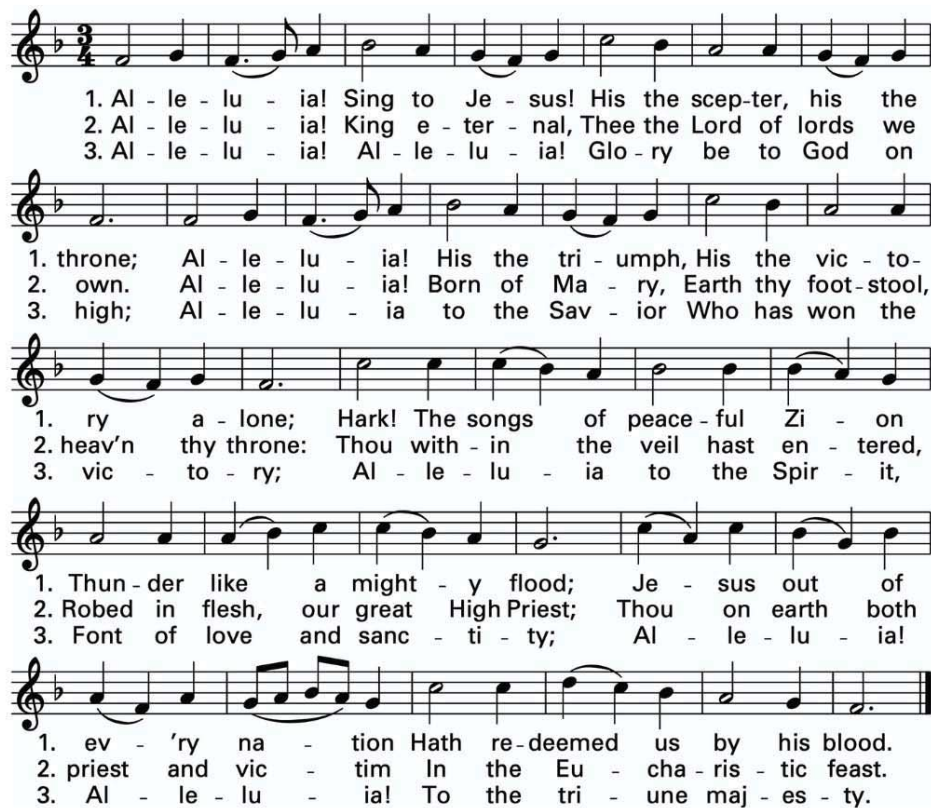


COMMUNION HYMN*Soul Of My Savior*


1. Soul of my Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy my breast; Bod - y of
 2. Strength and pro - tec - tion may thy Pas - sion be; O Bless - ed
 3. Hear me, Lord Je - sus, lis - ten as I pray; "Lead me from

1. Christ, be thou my sav - ing guest; Blood of my Sav - ior, bathe me
 2. Je - sus, hear and an - swer me; Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and
 3. night to nev - er end - ing day. Fill all the world with love and

1. in thy tide; Wash me with wa - ter flow - ing from his side.
 2. shel - ter me; So shall I nev - er, nev - er part from thee.
 3. grace di - vine, And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine."

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Alleluia! Sing To Jesus*


1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, his the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of lords we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on

1. throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to -
 2. own. Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Ma - ry, Earth thy foot - stool,
 3. high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has won the

1. ry a - lone; Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 2. heav'n thy throne: Thou with - in the veil hast en - tered,
 3. vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it,

1. Thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
 2. Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both
 3. Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia!

1. ev - 'ry na - tion Hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2. priest and vic - tim In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

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ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, February 26

4:00pm John W. Regan

Sunday, February 27

9:00am Joseph O'Neil
Nancy Tardif
John K. Foster, Jr.
Kirk, Mary, and John Walsh

11:00 am Gratien Michaud

Saturday, March 5

9:00am First Saturday Mass
4:00pm Frank Lyons

Sunday, March 6

9:00am Joseph O'Neil
Amy Waterworth
Donald MacMillan
Philip and Alice McMahon
John McMahon
Stephen Campagnone

11:00 am Guy and Marie-Paule Labrie

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, February 26

4:00pm Richard P. Giles

Sunday, February 27

10:00am Kevin M. Ryan
Tony Waters
Jeffrey Waters
Michael Bruno
Richard Loehnes

Monday, February 28

9:00am Real Taschereau, Gerard Taschereau,
Bertrand LeBlanc

Tuesday, March 1

9:00am Bruce Beverley

Thursday, March 3

9:00am George, Christine, & Richard Ferguson

Friday, March 4

9:00am Francis Rapisardi

Saturday, March 5

4:00pm Cafiso, Grelle, & Maggio Families

Sunday, March 6

10:00am Manuel Melo
Joan Rogers
Jamie Legere
Angelo Coco
Ken Hyslip, Sr.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINAR.
Sunday	02/27/22	Fr. James Riley	Jake Livingstone
Mon	02/28/22	Fr. Thomas Mahoney	Timothy Walsh
Tues	03/01/22	Fr. Kenneth Overbook	Alden Bronson
Wed	03/02/22	Fr. Paul Miceli	Alexander DeTirado
Thurs	03/03/22	Fr. James Mahoney	Chris Barton
Friday	03/04/22	Fr. Laurence Tocci	Castillo Diego Mendoza
Sat	03/05/22	Fr. Brian Manning	Henry Sueffert

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