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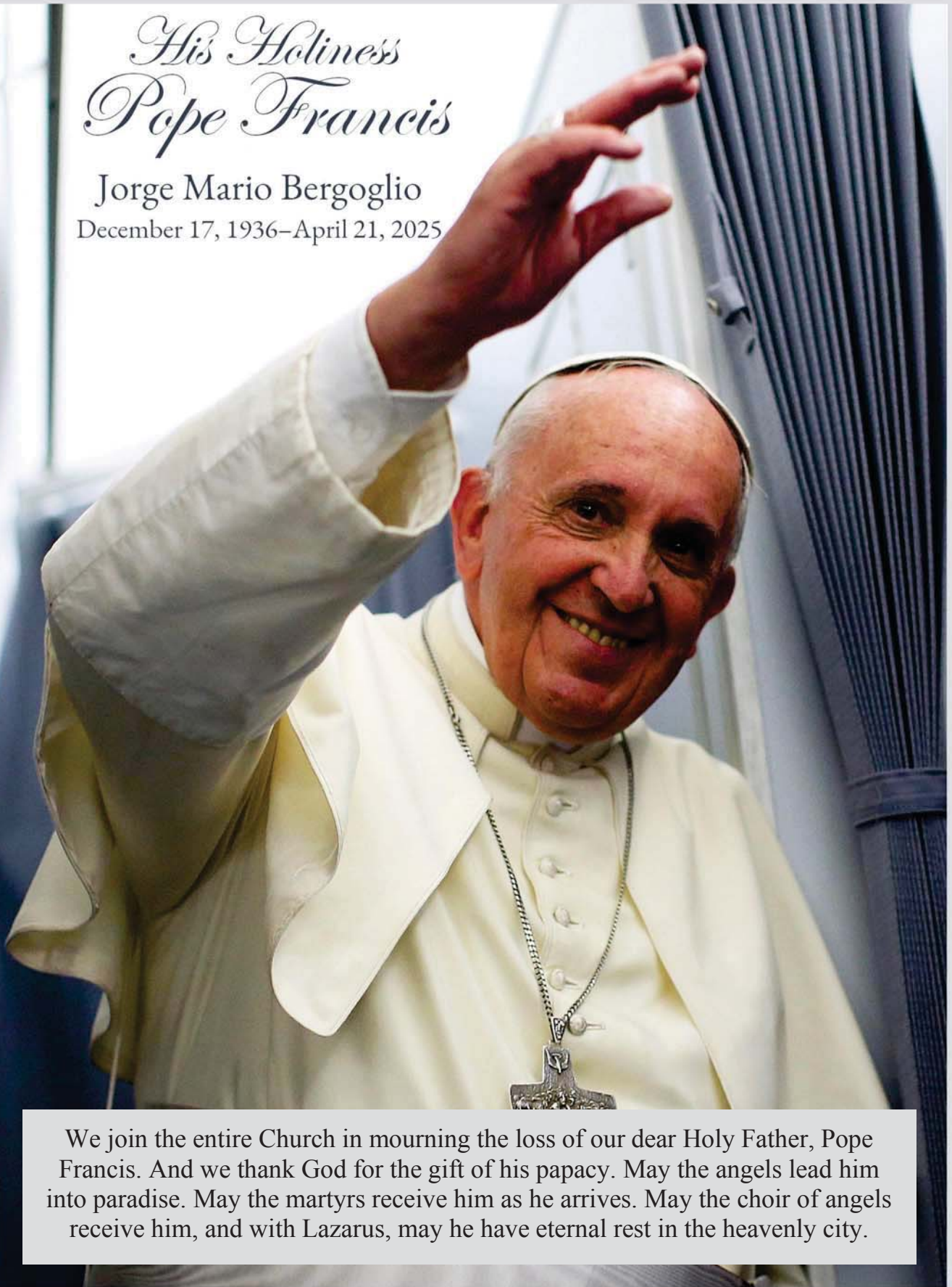
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D I V I N E M E R C Y  
S U N D A Y

*His Holiness  
Pope Francis*

Jorge Mario Bergoglio  
December 17, 1936–April 21, 2025



We join the entire Church in mourning the loss of our dear Holy Father, Pope Francis. And we thank God for the gift of his papacy. May the angels lead him into paradise. May the martyrs receive him as he arrives. May the choir of angels receive him, and with Lazarus, may he have eternal rest in the heavenly city.

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Although the Easter Season lasts for 50 days concluding on the feast of Pentecost, the Octave of Easter (the 8 days of Easter) conclude today on the Feast of Divine Mercy.

Space does not permit the entire miraculous narrative to be explained here, but please do take the time to delve into the history of Divine Mercy and you will see how Divine Providence unfurled to allow this devotion of mercy to flourish.

To one simple, uneducated Polish nun back in the 1930's, just before WWII, the devotion was predicted by Jesus to spread, but would be suppressed, and then eventually flourish because of a wise, educated Polish man, Pope St. John Paul II.

Therefore we now have the Novena to Divine Mercy which can be prayed starting on Good Friday to prepare us for Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus said to St. Faustina about praying this Novena, "I will grant every possible grace to souls."

It is of the Feast of Mercy that Jesus desired to "be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow."

To benefit one must put his trust in God, carry out acts of mercy, be in the state of sanctifying grace, receive Holy Communion and venerate the image of Divine Mercy. You will notice the two rays emanating out from Jesus' Sacred Heart. The white ray symbolizes the Most Holy Sacrament which most fully nourishes the soul. Jesus said, "The soul that venerates this image shall not perish." However, in a later visit to St. Faustina, Jesus said the image "is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, for even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

Join us this Divine Mercy Sunday at 2:00pm in the Gethsemane Chapel where Deacon John Pierce and Deacon John Kobrenski (another fine Polish individual) will lead us in this grace-filled devotion, as well as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be available for confession.

Jesus revealed to St. Faustina that, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." He said, "The graces from My mercy are drawn by one vessel, and that vessel is trustfulness."

Praying the Litany of Trust will help one and all to truly live out the motto of Divine Mercy:

**"Jesus, I trust in You!"**

**HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!**

Beginning **June 1st**, we will celebrate Spanish masses at St. Monica Church

**Sundays at 5:00pm**

**Fridays at 6:00pm**

Following the Friday evening Mass, there will be Adoration and Confessions in Spanish.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**¡AYÚDANOS A CORRER LA VOZ!**

A partir del 1 de junio, celebraremos misas en Español en la parroquia St. Monica:

**Domingos a las 5:00pm**

**Viernes a las 6:00pm**

Después de la Misa del viernes por la tarde, habrá adoración y confesiones en español.

**¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!**

Did you know that St. Monica's Sunday masses are available on cable TV? Replays are on Fridays at 7:30 am and Sundays at 5 pm. Comcast 22 / FIOS 33 & HD channel 2133. The mass streams at those same times on [methuentv.org](http://methuentv.org) - Select Live Stream - "Community TV"

**HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS**

Please join us for refreshments

**Sunday, April 27th**

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall following the 10:30am Mass

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES SCRIPTURE CLASS**

Please note that the Scripture Class scheduled for April and May has been cancelled. Classes will resume in the fall.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to gathering again later this year for study and fellowship.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS**

Wednesdays

6-7pm

St. Lucy Church

Saturdays

9:30am-2:30pm

Gethsemane Chapel



**All are welcome! Ultreya**

*A Catholic gathering with prayer, music and sharing about our faith journey walking with Jesus.*

**When:** Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** St. Lucy Church Hall

**Time:** 7PM – 8:30PM

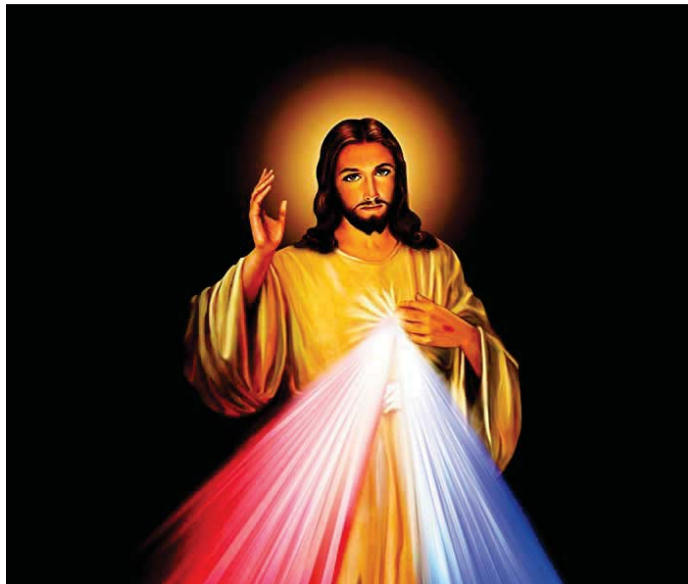
There will be a featured speaker and small group confidential sharing, & light refreshments.

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**24 Hours of Perpetual Adoration to honor and celebrate our Lord's Resurrection and Divine Mercy**

**WHEN:** following the 4:00pm Mass Saturday, April 26, 2025 and ending at 4:00pm on Sunday, April 27, 2025

**WHERE:** Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 27th**

Celebrate with us with a service at St. Monica Church beginning at 2pm.

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Recitation of the Rosary
- ◆ The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Confessions
- ◆ Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy

**ST MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Spring Plant Sale**



Saturday, APRIL 26 2025 after the 4:00 PM Mass ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY and Sunday, APRIL 27 2025 ST. MONICA after the 9:00 AM, and 12:00PM Masses. ST. LUCY AFTER 10:30AM All proceeds are used for scholarships for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students going to Catholic high schools.

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**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

To keep the First Saturday Devotion, attend Mass, pray rosary, meditate on the mysteries for 15 minutes. Go to confession within eight days.

9am Mass  
Saturday, May 3rd | St. Monica Church  
Rosary to follow in Gethsemane Chapel

**DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm  
Rosary Prayer Group for Priests | Gethsemane Chapel  
all are welcome to attend

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am (ZOOM)  
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion.  
Contact Bonnie Doherty at [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-7pm (ZOOM)  
Rosary for world peace & individual intentions followed by Evening Prayer.  
Contact Bonnie Doherty at [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm  
Gethsemane Chapel



**UPCOMING FIRST COMMUNION MASSES**

We want to joyfully announce the celebration of our parish children as they receive their First Holy Communion.

**St. Monica Church - Saturday, May 3 at 4:00pm**  
**St. Lucy Church - Sunday, May 4 at 10:30am**

Let us keep these young members of our faith community in our prayers as they take this important step in their spiritual journey.

**APRIL 5 & 6**

**St. Monica - \$7,214.00      St. Lucy - \$4,522.00**

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, Cereal, Rice, Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Soups, Boxed Spaghetti, Peanut Butter & Jelly. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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

**GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH**  
 Open 7 days per week from 6am-7pm

**CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
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**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's  
 Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule.

**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 & 12 pm St. Monica  
 10:30 am St. Lucy  
 MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy  
 SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

**CONFESSIONS**  
 SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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OPENING SONG

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
 Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Acts 5: 12-16*

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 118 (117): 1; V 2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev-er - last - ing.**

Let the house of Israel say,  
 "His mercy endures forever."  
 Let the house of Aaron say,  
 "His mercy endures forever."  
 Let those who fear the LORD say,  
 "His mercy endures forever."

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
 but the LORD helped me.  
 My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
 and he has been my savior.  
 The joyful shout of victory  
 in the tents of the just:

The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone.  
 By the LORD has this been done;  
 it is wonderful in our eyes.  
 This is the day the LORD has made;  
 let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**SECOND READING***Rev 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19*

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

**ALLELUIA***Jn 20: 29*

*V. You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
Blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!*

**GOSPEL***Jn 20: 19-31*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH***Refer to Pew Card***OFFERTORY HYMN**

**V1:** The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness fails me never I  
nothing lack if I am his, and He is mine  
forever.

**V3:** You spread a table in my sight,  
Your saving grace bestowing. And O  
what joy and true delight from your  
pure chalice flowing.

**V2:** Where streams of living water flow  
with gentle care he leads me And  
where the verdant pastures grow, with  
heav'nly food He feeds me.

**V4:** And so through all the length  
of days, Your goodness fails me  
never. Good Shepherd, may I  
sing your praise within your  
house forever.



COMMUNION HYMN

Be Thou My Vision



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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris - en to - day, }  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, } Al - le -  
 3. Go tell all his breth - ren dear, }



1-3. lu - ia! { 1. Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,  
 3. "He is ris - en: he's not here! }



1-3. Al - le - lu - ia! { 1. Who did once up -  
 2. Who en - dured the  
 3. Seek him not a -



1. on the cross }  
 2. cross and grave, } Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. mong the dead, }



1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. }  
 2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save! } Al - le -  
 3. He is ris - en just as he said!" }



1-3. lu - ia!

1,2 to Verses

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**Saturday, April 26**

9:00am Marty and Tim Maher  
4:00pm Mary Belanger

**Sunday, April 27 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

9:00am Leo & Jeanne LeDuc  
Lorraine & Sam Malignaggi  
Yvonne & Harry Costa  
Doris Mack  
12:00pm Veronique Esperence  
Deceased Members of the  
Silvey & Maclsaac Families  
Robert Plunkett  
Norman Rainville

**Saturday, May 3**

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS  
4:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Lucy & St. Monica

**Sunday, May 4**

9:00am Phillip & Jeanette Hamel  
Richard Hamel  
Charlie & Rose Hanafin  
Shirley Giuffrida  
Deceased Members of  
the DiNoto Family  
12:00pm Theresa Witkos  
Robert & Annette LaPiana  
Fred J. & Jenny Bonaccorsi  
Joseph F. Bonaccorsi  
Roland & Eleanor Marchman

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**Saturday, April 26**

4:00pm Barbara Sheehan  
Laura Miele York & Deceased Members  
of the Miele Family  
Joseph & Lillian Rapazzo  
Dominick DelGavio, Jr.  
Alfred Abate

**Sunday, April 27 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

10:30am For the Parishioners of  
St. Lucy & St. Monica

**Monday, April 28**

9:00am Charles Rimas

**Tuesday, April 29**

9:00am Fr. Vincent Gianni (living)

**Wednesday, April 30**

9:00am Andrew Radar  
Lee Lucas  
Joseph Reitano  
Steve Luri  
John Smerdon

**Thursday, May 1**

9:00am Joseph Lavigne

**Friday, May 2**

9:00am Dan Traficante III

**Saturday, May 3**

4:00pm Sandra Bouchard

**Sunday, May 4**

10:30am Francis Covey, Sr.  
Francis Goff, Jr. & Family  
Ann Marie Mears  
Sandra Keefe  
John Ford  
Marie Underhill

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	04/27/25	Fr. Joseph Baggetta	Max Muenke PJ23 Boston
Mon	04/28/25	Fr. Kwang Lee	John Lynch PJ23 Boston
Tues	04/29/25	Fr. Robert M. Blaney	David Cataline SJS Rochester
Wed	04/30/25	Fr. Michael Steele	Gerson Garcia RMS Boston
Thurs	05/01/25	Fr. Joseph Mozer	Rafael Milla RMS Boston
Fri	05/02/25	Fr. David Callahan	Jonathan Saniuk SJS Boston
Sat	05/03/25	Fr. Leroy Owens	Boston Transitional Diaconate Ordination

**PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for Russell R., Kristin M., John S., Michael B., Robert L., Victor T., Barbara S., Carolyn, Adrienne M., Terry, Chris C., Joy M., William T., Chris B., Kathy P., Jeff H., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

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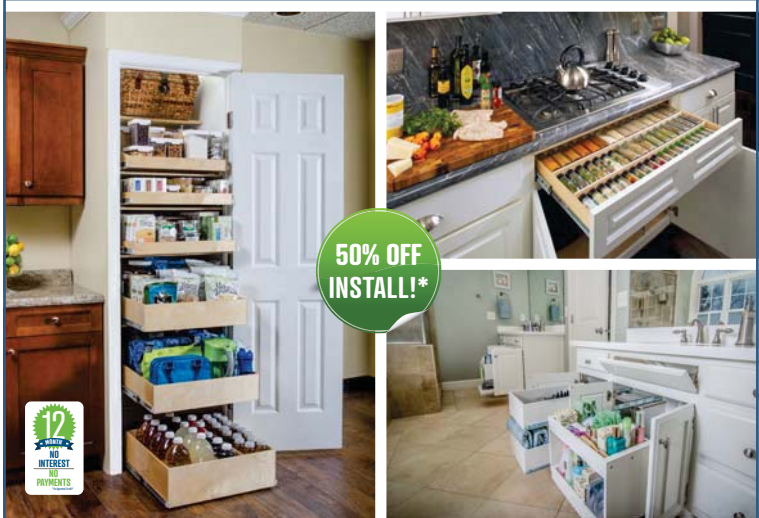
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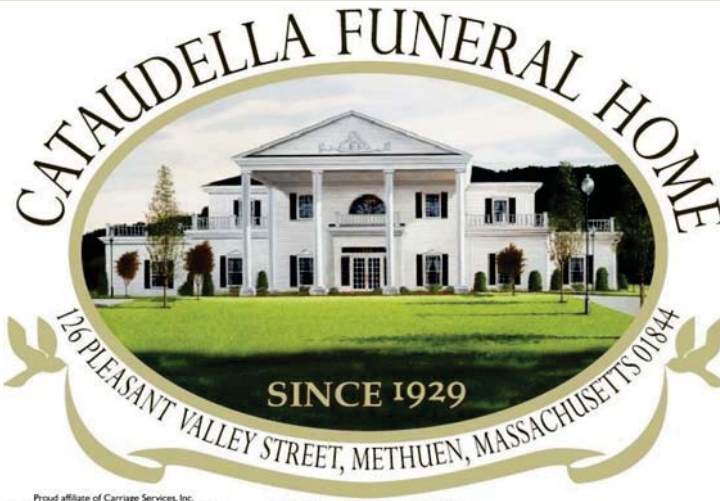
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