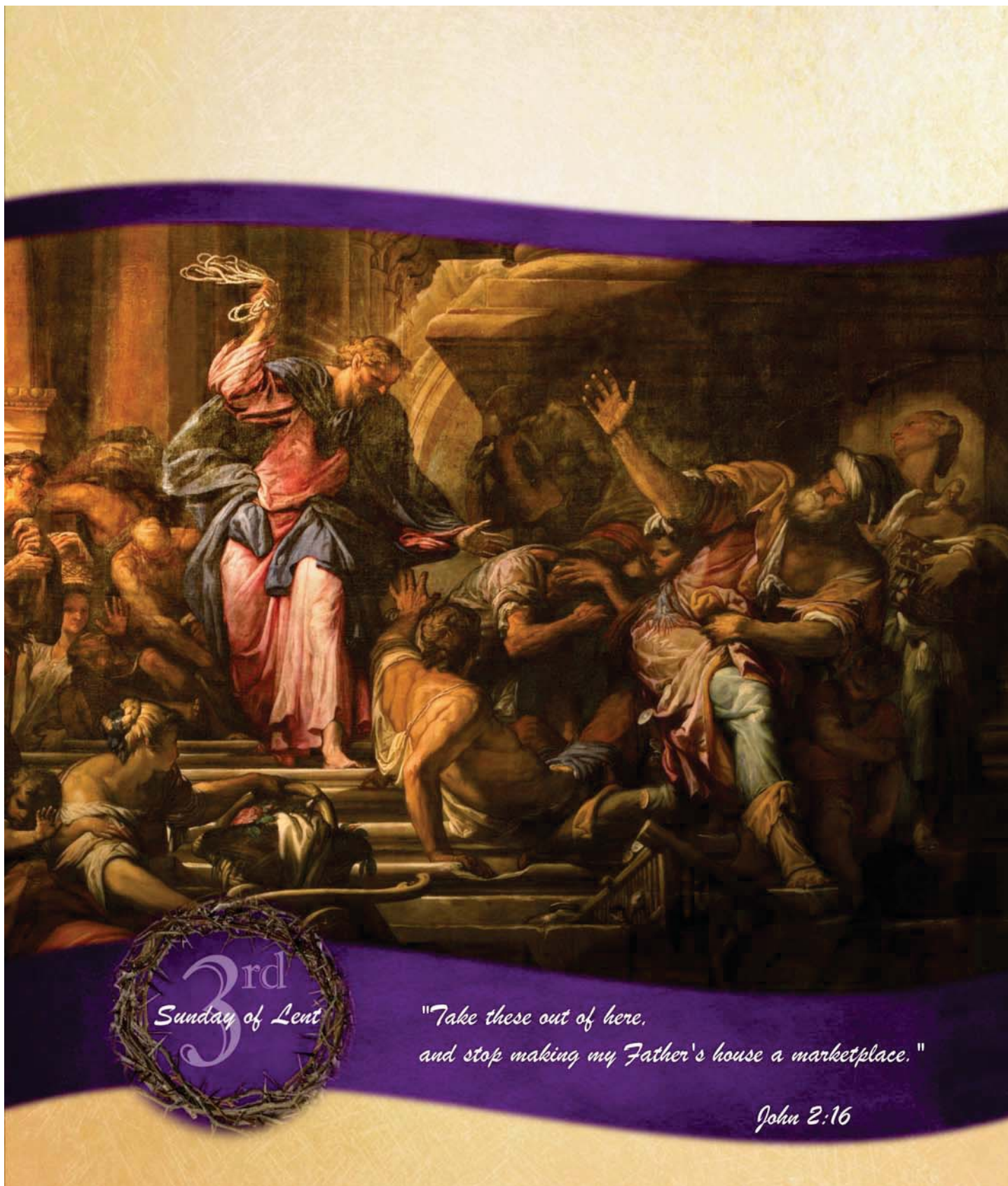


# METHUEN CATHOLIC

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*"Take these out of here,  
and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."*

*John 2:16*

The summation of the 10 Commandments is to love God and love our neighbor as taught and demonstrated by Jesus.

The autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux - "The Story of a Soul," was one of the most beloved books of the 20th century. I think one of the reasons why she was able to love God and neighbor as she did in the "little way," doing ordinary things with extraordinary love, was because she was raised in a very devout family. Her parents are saints themselves and her four sisters all religious sisters.

St. Jose Maria also grew up in a very devout family. He founded Opus Dei which "consists in spiritually helping all people, from all backgrounds and professions, to sanctify the everyday ordinary moments of life. Truly understanding our Divine Filiation makes us willing and able to love God and all our brothers and sisters.

Lesser known Boris Kastell learned after many years to love God and neighbor. He was born in Zagreb, Croatia, to an aristocratic family. He attended the best schools, learned seven languages and earned a doctorate in chemistry. He was an academic hero.

He competed in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin where he saw Hitler leave the stadium after the African-American Jesse Owens won the gold medal. Boris went up to Jesse and congratulated him for his victory. Boris also competed in the winter Olympics that year in cross-country skiing. He was an athletic hero.

In World War II, he joined the underground and fought against the Nazis. He was tireless and brave as he risked his life to turn back the tide of evil unleashed by Hitler. Boris was an atheist who one day found himself hiding out in a Catholic monastery. Huddled in a monk's robe, he sat in the Church, which had no other light but a paschal candle. He found himself strangely moved by the light and began to question himself. Is Jesus really what his followers say he is? Is he a savior? Is he worthy of love? The answer would come later. He was a war hero.

After the war, Boris felt such a bitter hatred for the Nazis that he joined a secret group of Nazi hunters who roamed South America looking for them and turning them in to the authorities. One day he met a Jewish family who gave him a package to bring back to New York and give to their daughter. Her name was Eva and she ran a dance studio.

Boris brought the gift to the studio. When he saw Eva, a "Jewish Princess," he fell in love with her - and she with him. They began seeing each other during the few months he had in the city before returning to South America. Friends urged him to allow Eva to teach him to dance in her studio so that they could dance together. But he somehow understood that were he to do this he would lose the hatred he held tightly in his heart. He did not want to let it go.

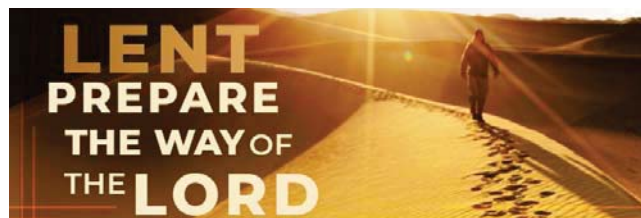
The day came for him to leave. He was at the airport, tormented at losing Eva yet committed to what he deemed was a just cause. As he debated with himself, he recalled the lighted candle from the monastery. He uttered his first prayer, "Jesus take away the hatred in my heart. Fill it with love." Repeating the prayer over and over, he felt the hatred draining from his being. He left the airport, took a taxi back to the studio and went in. Eva was there. He went up to her and bowed in his courtly, European manner and said, "Shall we dance?"

They married and grew in love year by year. Soon thereafter, Boris and Eva entered the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and became Catholics. They spent the remainder of their active days teaching religion and English in a Catholic high school. This miracle of love between a man and woman is an image of the mystery of love for God to which we are all called. Boris became a hero of love for God - as did Eva.

In the Last Judgement sermon in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches that it is ethical, moral and good to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and help our neighbor in all ways. But this must be done in the way that St. Teresa of Calcutta gave. As if she were giving to Christ Himself.

May the disciples of this holy season help each and every one of us to know that, "the law of the Lord is perfect...they are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb."

Truly love God and love ALL our brothers and sisters.





## Mariology Class

Thursday evenings | February 15 ~ March 21 | 7-8pm | St. Monica Church

Lent is a time for spiritual enrichment. Please join us for a Mariology Class, a follow-up to last year's Christology Class. We will study the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church.

The Class will be taught by Fr. Colarusso

To register or if you have questions, contact Karl at [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com) or 978-683-1193 ext 35

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION followed by MEN'S SPIRITUALITY LENTEN GATHERING

Wednesday, March 6th  
6-8pm

### HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

**Sunday, March 3rd**  
St. Monica School Hall  
After the 9am mass

**Sunday, March 24th**  
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall  
After the 10:30am mass

### New Homeschooling Models Conversation!

As the number of homeschooling families have increased significantly in recent years, many Catholic parents are seeking new models to establish community & formation for their children.

Parents interested in a discussion & sharing ideas on possible future models are invited to a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, 3/4/24 from 7:00-8:00pm, hosted at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 311 River Street, Waltham, MA 02453.

Fr. Ed Riley, Liaison to Homeschooling Families for the Archdiocese of Boston will moderate our discussion. For questions or more information,

St Patrick's Dinner  
Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-9:00

St Lucy's Lower Church Hall

K of C will be selling tickets after all masses at St. Monica & St. Lucy on Feb 24/25 and Mar 2/3  
Tickets are \$35 ea. Tables of 10 can be reserved.  
Please contact Kevin Quinn at 978-618-3499 with questions.

### MARRIAGE BANNS

Third and Final  
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The Knights of Columbus Men's Group will be reviewing the book "What Makes Us Catholic" by Thomas H. Groome on Wednesdays, March 13, April 10 and on May 8, at 7 PM.

Men of the Parish are encouraged to join us!

Contact Bob Beaudry at "[ERBeaudry@aol.com](mailto:ERBeaudry@aol.com)" if interested in participating and for more details."

Last week, parishioners gathered at St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall after the 10:30am Mass to enjoy the Hospitality Hour. A wonderful time was had by all.



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**LENTEN CALENDAR**

TUESDAYS | Rosary 6-6:30pm | Gethsemane Chapel

WEDNESDAYS | Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:30-11am | Zoom

Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm | St. Lucy Church

THURSDAYS | Mariology Class 7-8pm | St. Monica Church

Rosary 6-6:30pm | Zoom

FRIDAYS | Stations of the Cross followed by Pizza 6-7pm | St. Lucy Church

SATURDAYS | Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-2:30pm | Gethsemane Chapel

to connect with our groups on Zoom

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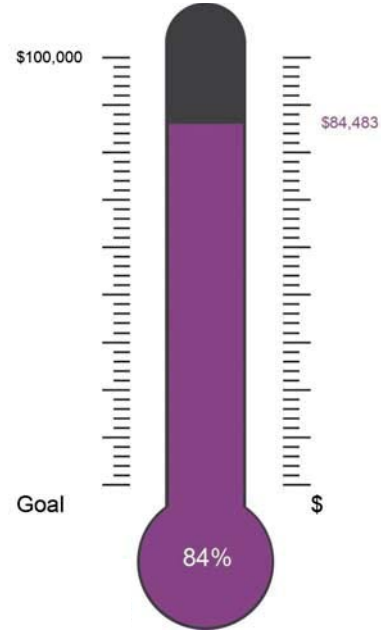
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## St. Monica Grand Annual

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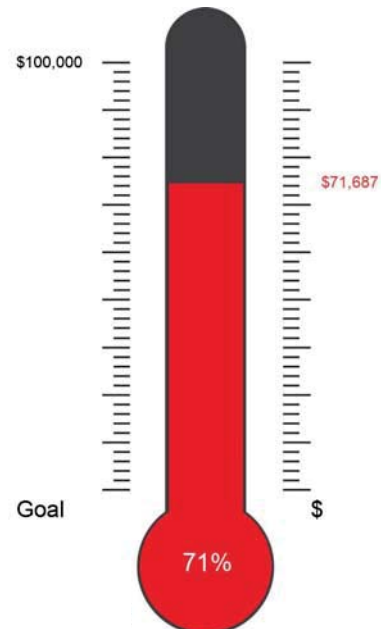


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**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's  
Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule.

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

<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes SUN 9 am &amp; 12 pm St. Monica 10:30 am St. Lucy MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica</p>	<p><b>CONFESSIONS</b></p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON***Psalm 25 (24): 15-16*

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**ENTRANCE HYMN***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*


1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry  
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.  
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.  
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.

**FIRST READING***Exodus 20: 1-17*

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:

“I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11*


Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold,  
sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

**SECOND READING***1 Corinthians 1: 22-25*

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***John 3: 16*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**GOSPEL***John 2: 13-25*

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep, and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

**CREED***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Psalms 84 (83): 4-5*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**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.





COMMUNION HYMN*I Heard the Voice of Jesus*


1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -  
 2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and  
 3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So  
 2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of  
 3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a  
 2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my  
 3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
 2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.  
 3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*


1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness  
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures  
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice  
 2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
 3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der

1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -  
 2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more  
 3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the

1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is  
 2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our  
 3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.  
 2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.  
 3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**Saturday, March 2**

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS  
4:00pm Michael McGreevy

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00am Amy Waterworth  
Sheryle Parolisi  
Donald C. MacMillan  
Ronald P. MacMillan  
William & Margaret Collins  
Julie Morley  
Donald Leslie  
  
12:00pm Peter & Johan Maclsaac  
Johanna Maclsaac  
Sarah Maclsaac

**Saturday, March 9**

9:00am Robert Brennan, Jr.  
4:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Monica & St. Lucy

**Sunday, March 10**

9:00am Joseph Indoccio  
Peter Flagg  
Stephen Campagnone  
Delio Areias  
  
12:00pm Maria Machado

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00pm Manuel Melo

**Sunday, March 3**

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

**Monday, March 4**

9:00am Gertrude & Joseph Reardon, Sr.  
Margaret & William Kallery  
Phyllis & Joseph Reardon, Jr.  
Maureen & James Reynolds

**Tuesday, March 5**

9:00am Stanley Piskaldo

**Thursday, March 7**

9:00am Louise Breingan

**Friday, March 8**

9:00am Michael & Dorothy Clemente

**Saturday, March 9**

4:00pm Angelina Richard

**Sunday, March 10**

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Thurs	03/07/24	Fr. Thomas Rafferty	Thomas Rashid
Fri	03/08/24	Fr. John Carmichael	Johnathan Saniuk
Sat	03/09/24	Fr. David March	Brian Daley



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Please pray for Eddie R., Susana M., Joyce M., Donna V., Sharon P., Alan P., Joe V., Michelle O., Nora N., Brian J., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason & Matt W.

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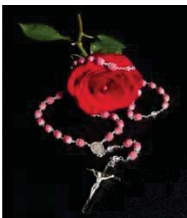
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