

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

MAY 28

2023



## Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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**And the results are in.....**

I would like to thank all of you who voted for new members of the Collaborative Pastoral Council. You may remember that each parish had a slate of six individuals, with each parishioner voting to select two. Potential members were nominated by the current members of the Council, and then each nominee was called or approached personally to confirm that they would be willing to serve. So I would, also, like to thank those folks who became the nominees by being willing to serve on the Council.

Not unexpectedly, I did receive some feedback as to why nominations were not solicited from the whole parish. My response is that we should probably find a way next round for that to be the case, but let me add a few qualifiers to that. First, to my understanding, this is the first “general election” since the beginning of the Collaborative. At that time, current Council members from both parishes were randomly assigned extended terms of service with the intent of initiating a new selection process in the future. Obviously, that never happened. In fact, one member of the current Council has been on for 20 years! So this year is definitely a step forward in developing a succession process.

Second, the Collaborative Pastoral Council is not a legislative body, it is an advisory body to the Pastor. Any process that allows a person to campaign for a spot, particularly with an agenda, is foreign to the process. This is the reason why the current members suggested names and discussed as a group those who would be good potential members. Lastly, there is no set method to determine the membership of the Council. In many parishes it is by appointment or other method that reduces the chances, again, of a political campaign for something that really is a form of service to the Collaborative.

So what are the results? Basically, I've decided to have all the nominees on both ballots serve on the Council. Based on voting, some will receive 3-year terms, others 2-years, and others a 1-year term. This allows us to reinstate that sense of a rolling succession process provided that we have elections each year, though I suspect next year the process and the size of the slate will be a little different than this year. I am very grateful to the current Collaborative Council for their service, which has not been a simple time for any of us, and thankful that they are willing to step back from membership at this time to welcome the new members. I have asked two current members to remain for continuity: Mary-Jo Farelli from St. Monica, who is also the President of St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Larry Giordano, from St. Lucy, who has been on the Council for only 1-year.

Congratulations to our new members (in alphabetical order by length of term)!

**Three-Year Terms:** Monica Silvey, Mark Ward, John Waterworth, and Ellen Wholley.

**Two-Year Terms:** Nino Amoroso, Mary Camuso, Trish Rafferty, and Henry Therberge.

**One-Year Terms:** Kerin McLaughlin, John Santarpio, Jane Shawcross, and Joseph Serwatka.



**Corpus Christi**  
PROCESSION

Immediately following the 12:00pm Mass  
St. Monica Church  
Sunday, June 11th.



**Memorial Day**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR  
The Parish Offices will be  
**CLOSED**  
Monday, May 29th


**We would like to invite  
ALL PARISHIONERS  
to join us for our annual  
SPRING PICNIC  
Sunday, June 11th - 1:30-3:00pm  
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hotdogs.  
We are asking families to bring a lawn  
chair, a side (green salad, fruit salad,  
pasta salad, etc.), a dessert, or drinks.  
Let us know when you RSVP.**

**SECOND COLLECTION  
SEMINARIANS (PENTECOST)**

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priest hood.


For more information, please visit  
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**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





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Neighbours  
In Need



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St Monica/St Lucy Conference is collecting your donations of Clothes, Shoes and Bedding only

**Saturday, June 17th (9am-4pm) and Sunday, June 18th (9am-1pm) 2023.**

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**WEDNESDAY ADORATION  
6PM**

**FOLLOWED BY  
MAY 31 - WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
JUNE 7 - MEN'S MINISTRY**

**ST. LUCY CHURCH HALL**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**As of June 1, classes will be held outside at Methuen  
Track & Pleasant Field - 40 View St.**





**ULTREYA**

Tuesday, May 30th 7 - 8:30 PM  
St. Lucy Church Hall  
All Are Welcome!

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 Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month, David Boucher, will 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!

**All parishioners** are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to **invite a friend** to join you!

**THE WEEK AHEAD**SUNDAY, MAY 28 Pentecost Sunday

- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, MAY 29 Memorial Day

- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- **\*\*CANCELED\*\* Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall**

TUESDAY, MAY 30

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Ultreya 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

- Scripture Study (Repeat) 2-3:30pm St. Lucy School House
- Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St. Lucy Church
- Women's Ministry St. Lucy School House

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Rosary 6pm (Zoom)
- Baptism Preparation 6:00pm St. Lucy School House
- AA 6:30-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- Faith2Fit 8-9am Methuen Track and Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church



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**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.

## OFFERTORY MAY 13 & 14

St. Monica - \$7,536.<sup>00</sup>

St. Lucy - \$4,778.<sup>00</sup>

**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, canned spaghetti, canned corn, canned fruit, canned pork & beans, and instant rice. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

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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, 12:00pm 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 & 12 pm St. Monica  
10:30 am St. Lucy  
MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy  
SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

### CONFESSIONS

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes | Sat  
4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel | Fri  
6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church | Wed

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel  
6 - 7 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Wis 1: 7*

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Come, Holy Ghost*


1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our hearts take  
2. O Com-fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n-ly gift of  
3. Praise be to thee, Fa-ther and Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it,

1. up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'n-ly aid To fill the  
2. God most high; Thou font of life and fire of love, And sweet a -  
3. with them one; And may the Son on us be-stow The gifts that

1. hearts which thou hast made; To fill the hearts which thou hast made.  
2. noint - ing from a - bove; And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
3. from the Spir - it flow; The gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Acts 2: 1-11*

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism. Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 104 (103): 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34*


R. Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures;

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of God endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

**SECOND READING***1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13*

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**SEQUENCE**

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Taher of the poor!  
Come source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

✠. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts *of your faithful* \*  
and kindle in them the fire of *your love*.

**GOSPEL***Jn 20: 19-23*

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."

**CREED***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Acts 2: 4, 11*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



COMMUNION HYMN*Spirit and Grace*

Verses



1. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;  
 2. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;  
 3. Spir - it and grace, here in this place;  
 4. Spir - it of God, send - ing us forth;



1. you are the wind that breathes through the field.  
 2. you are the life that flows through the vine.  
 3. you are the light that shines in this space.  
 4. we spread your wis-dom through-out all the earth.



1. Gath - er the wheat — and form us in Christ.  
 2. Gath - er this drink — and form us in Christ.  
 3. Gath - er your peo - ple and form us in Christ.  
 4. Gath - er the na - tions and form us in Christ.



1. Come, be our source and breath of life.  
 2. Come, be our source and blood of life.  
 3. Come, be the heart - beat of our lives.  
 4. Come, be the pres - ence in our lives.

Refrain




In the bread, blessed, bro-ken and shared, Christ is our




life, whose presence we bear. Come, O Spir - it, make your



grace re - vealed in this ho - ly meal. 3 to Verses

RECESSIONAL HYMN*The Spirit Sends Us Forth*


1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name  
 2. We go to com-fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free;  
 3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed  
 4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro - claim.



1. To bring glad ti-dings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro-claim.  
 2. Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.  
 3. And, all our days, to cher-ish life, To do the lov-ing deed.  
 4. God's Spir - it has em-pow-er'd us; We go in Je - sus' name.

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, May 27

9:00am Joseph Lavigne  
Yvette Moran  
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Arthur Hutton

### Sunday, May 28 - PENTECOST

9:00am John & Rose Torla  
Deceased Members of the Torla Family  
Cathy Lyn McGowan  
Carol Arkley  
Sr. Alisa Long

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

### Saturday, June 3

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

4:00pm Vincent Minicucci  
Gerard & Mattia D'Andrea

### Sunday, June 4

9:00am Francis T. Roberge  
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John Christopher O'Callahan

12:00pm John & Alice Langley

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DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
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Mon	05/29/23	Fr. Robert LeBlanc	Isaac Velazquez
Tues	05/30/23	Fr. Leonardo Moreira	Diego Alejandro Pena
Wed	05/31/23	Pope Francis	Henry Suffert
Thurs	06/01/23	Fr. Maxwell Chukwudiebere	Edward Rodriguez
Fri	06/02/23	Fr. Joseph Kim	Christopher Şilebi
Sat	06/03/23	Fr. Charles Collins	Tim Walsh

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, May 27

4:00pm Leonita A. Klier

### Sunday, May 28 - PENTECOST

10:30am Carole Charles  
Connie Mercier  
Jennie & Vito Milone  
Jim Gablosky  
Emil Incollingo

### Monday, May 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

9:00am In Honor of those who died  
in service to our country

### Tuesday, May 30

9:00am Real Taschereau

### Thursday, June 1

9:00am George, Christine & Richard Ferguson

### Friday, June 2

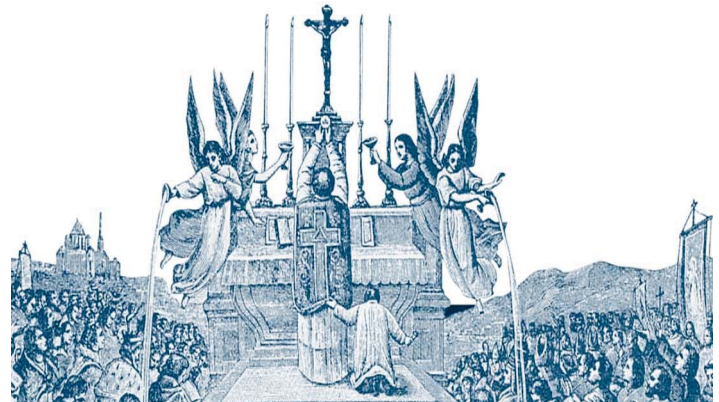
9:00am Bruce Beverly

### Saturday, June 3

4:00pm Joseph & Gertrude Sarro

### Sunday, June 4

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



## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Patrice K., Matt W. & Bill R.

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**Fr. Tom Nestor** has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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