

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

AUG 10  
2025



## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, August 9

9:00am Thomas M. Cuddy

4:00pm Lawrence Abruzzese

### Sunday, August 10

9:00am Linda Allard

12:00pm Norma Ouellette  
Beth & Frank Monaco (living)  
Sharon & Randy Wetzel (living)  
Donna & Joe Vicari (living)

5:00pm Albert Borozco

### Friday, Aug15: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00pm Holy Day Mass (bilingual)

### Saturday, August 16

9:00am Roland Beaudoin

4:00pm Eileen Pinard

### Sunday, August 17

9:00am Delio Arias  
Robert & Elizabeth Pierce  
John & Ida Manning  
Richard Jaquish  
Robert S. Pierce

12:00pm Rose & Michael Arcidiacono  
Deceased Members of Filetti &  
Gagne Families  
Beth & Frank Monaco (living)  
Sharon & Randy Wetzel (living)  
Donna & Joe Vicari (living)

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

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, August 9

4:00pm Salvatore D'Urso  
Gerald Clavette  
Michael Mansour  
Roberto Melo

### Sunday, August 10

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

### Monday, August 11

9:00am Jenny Swope

### Tuesday, August 12

9:00am Helen Ellard

### Wednesday, August 13

9:00am Arlene Laudani

### Thursday, August 14

9:00am Janet Szostak

### Friday, Aug15: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Holy Day Mass (bilingual)

### Saturday, August 16

4:00pm Thomas Wholley Jr

### Sunday, August 17

10:30am Dorothy Boragine  
Lucy Boragine

**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.

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes

SUN 9 am | 12 pm | 5 pm (Spanish) St. Monica  
10:30am St. Lucy

**CONFESSIONS** WEDNESDAYS 6:00 pm St. Lucy

FRIDAYS following 6:30 Mass (Spanish) St. Monica

SATURDAYS 9:30 -10:30 am St. Monica | 3:00 - 3:45 pm both parishes

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON - FRI 9 am St. Lucy

FRIDAYS 6 pm (Spanish) St. Monica

SATURDAYS 9 am St. Monica



These early days of August are very important in the history of the Diocese of Rome and throughout the Roman Catholic Church as we remember a number of early Roman martyrs. On August 7th we remember Pope St. Sixtus II and four companions, on August 10th St. Lawrence, and on August 13th Pope St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus. These saints were martyred in Rome in the first centuries of Christianity. Tertullian, an early priest and a father of the church said, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

While the Sunday celebration takes precedence today, we remember St. Lawrence each August 10th. Like many of you I've known of St. Lawrence since my youth for his famed words as he was burned to death on a gridiron in 258 during the persecution of Emperor Valerian, "Turn me over, I'm done on this side." However, I was not aware that St. Lawrence was a deacon until I began to discern a call to the diaconate. Since then St. Lawrence has been very important to me and a faithful companion.

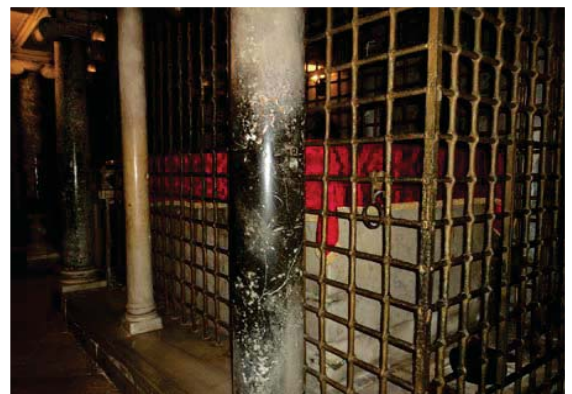
When the Emperor told St. Lawrence to gather the treasures of the Church and bring them to him, Lawrence returned with those who were destitute and otherwise on the peripheries of society. St. Lawrence orients all Christians to seeing people as God sees them. He is close to all deacons and inspires us in our common calling.

Fifteen years ago my wife and I had a wonderful trip to Italy. At the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls where the remains of St. Lawrence are entombed I learned that the remains of St. Stephen, the first martyr and one of the first seven deacons in Jerusalem, had been brought to Rome and also entombed there. In the catacomb beneath the altar I was blessed to reach through the gridiron to touch the tomb of my brother deacons, to pray there and to ask the help of these great saints.

Benedict XVI has written, "... where does the strength to face martyrdom come from? From deep and intimate union with Christ, because martyrdom and the vocation to martyrdom are not the result of human effort but the response to a project and call of God, they are a gift of his grace that enables a person, out of love, to give his life for Christ and for the Church, hence for the world." While we are probably not called to martyrdom, we are called to holiness and to living as Christians in a world where the teachings of the Church are not always welcome. We are called to take up our daily cross.



The altar of St. Lawrence Basilica



The tomb of St. Lawrence and St. Stephen



**Yes, I CAN...** We are in need of Soups, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Carrots and Canned Peas. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.



## Congratulations, Fr. Marcos!

His Excellency, Archbishop Richard G. Henning is pleased to announce that after serving one year as Parish Administrator, Reverend Marcos T. Peña Portillo has been appointed Pastor of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes. The Installation Mass will take place at a later date. Keep an eye out for the announcement. Let us continue to pray for Fr. Marcos and all the clergy and staff who work to help us grow in the knowledge and love of Christ!

**RISE**  
LET US BE ON OUR WAY

**2025-2026 THE CREED**  
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in the Methuen Collaborative

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**Dates: Sept 13 & 14 | Oct 11 & 12 | Nov 8 & 9 | Dec 13 & 14**

**Jan 10 & 11 | Feb 14 & 15 | Mar 14 & 15 | Apr 11 & 12**

### SESSIONS

- ☐ Saturdays 5:00-7:00pm (St. Lucy's)  
☐ Sundays 10:00am-12:00pm (St. Monica's)

RISE is the brand new Whole Community Catechesis initiative for the Parishes of St. Monica and St. Lucy in Methuen, MA.

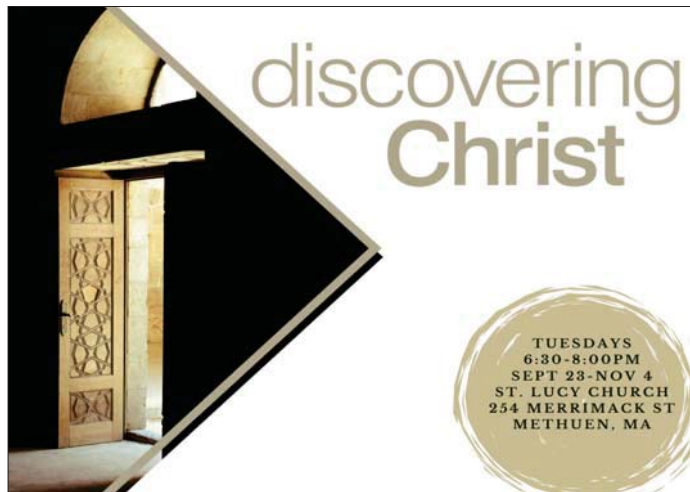
*It is required for families with students in Sacrament Preparation.*

For parishioners without children who would like to register, please use the registration form on the facing page. ***Be sure to select one of the two meeting options!***

For families with children please register through our website [methuencatholic.org](http://methuencatholic.org)

**THE PRESENTATION OF MARY ASSOCIATES** is hosting its annual book discussion for 2025-2026. This year we are reading *To Whom Shall We Go? Lessons from the Apostle Peter* by Archbishop Timothy Dolan. We meet after the 9:00am Mass at St. Lucy's, starting Sept 18. For more information or to get the book/sign up please call Maureen Slattery (978) 683-0589 or Mary Quinn (978) 289-3615





## CHRIST LIFE: DISCOVERING CHRIST

If you would like to learn more or register for Discovering Christ, please contact Karl in the Office at 978-683-1193 or via email at [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com)

## Spanish Mass - Time Change

The Spanish Mass currently being celebrated on Fridays at St. Monica Church at 6:00 pm is moving to Mondays at 6:00 pm starting Sept 8th.

We will continue to have adoration and confessions in Spanish following the Monday Mass.

## Cambio de horario de misa en español

La misa en español que se celebra actualmente los viernes en la Iglesia de Santa Mónica a las 6:00 pm se trasladará a los lunes a las 6:00 pm a partir del 8 de septiembre.

Continuaremos con la adoración y las confesiones en español después de la misa del lunes.

# HOPE FOR LIFE Conference

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Jonathan Roumie



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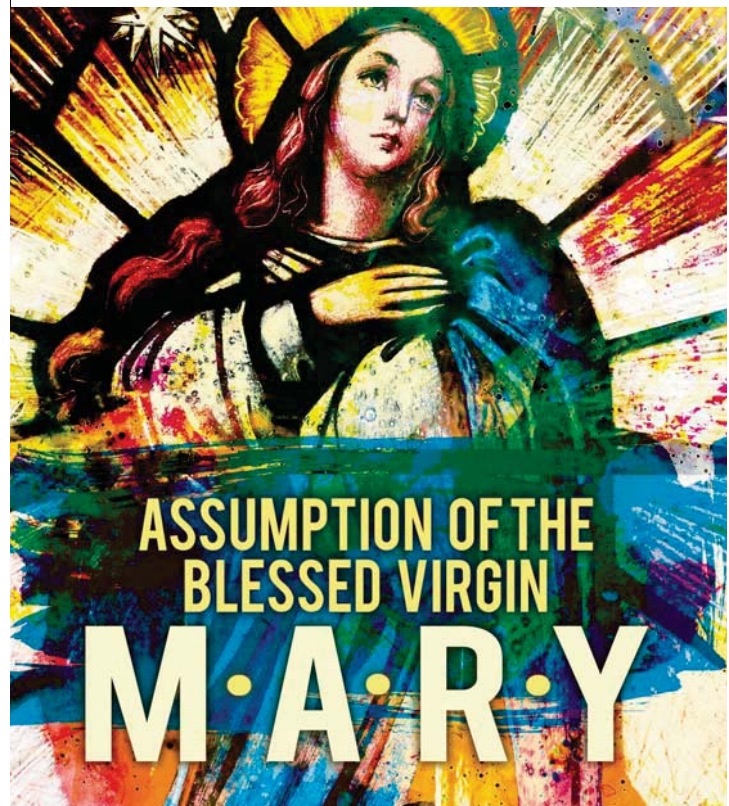


Sara Loy

The Archdiocese of Boston's Pro-Life Office, in collaboration with the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group, are excited to invite you to this special conference as we honor the sanctity and the beauty of life from the womb to the tomb and embrace the virtue of hope in all circumstances of every age and stage of life.

Friday, August 15th

9:00am - St. Lucy's | 6:00pm - St. Monica's (bilingual)





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Please leave a message at **(978) 686-9573**.

**God bless, Mary-Jo Farelli**

**"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."**

**Matthew 25:40**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ST. LUCY PARISH**  
**FALL CRAFT FAIR**

**254 MERRIMACK STREET,  
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025  
9:00-3:00**

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## 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	08/10/2025	Fr. Sinisa Ubiparipovic	Lich Nguyễn SJS Hanoi
Monday	08/11/2025	Fr. Jason Makos	Alex Charrow SJS Boston
Tuesday	08/12/2025	Fr. John Sheridan	Connor Roukey SJS Boston
Wednesday	08/13/2025	Fr. Rodrigo Martinez	Zachary Smith, OMV
Thursday	08/14/2025	Fr. Thomas Rossi	Xavier Stooks, OMV
Friday	08/15/2025	Pope Leo XIV	Matthew Thoni RMS Boston
Saturday	08/16/2025	Fr. Hal Obayashi	Giovanni Trimboli RMS Boston

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS



Wednesdays  
6-7pm  
St. Lucy Church

Saturdays  
9:30am-2:30pm  
Gethsemane Chapel  
at St. Monica Church

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to [parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com).

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**CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE**  
Open Mon-Sat from 9am-5pm

## PARISH OFFICES

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## OFFERTORY | JULY 20 & 21

**St. Monica - \$7,128.00**

**St. Lucy - \$3,716.00**

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****Wisdom 18:6-9**

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes.

For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22**

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.  
Exult, you just, in the LORD;

praise from the upright is fitting.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death

and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Reading 2****Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**

Brothers and sisters:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their

God, for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

**Alleluia****Matthew 24:42a, 44**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel****Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?"

And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."



PROCESSIONAL SONG

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-  
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we  
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses  
1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and  
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; I wait to wel-come the lost and  
2. drink with-out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your  
to Refrain  
1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.  
2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Verses  
1. By your bod - y and blood, by your life and your love, re-  
2. In the bod - y of Christ we are brought to new life; re-  
1. new us. May your sac - ri - fice be  
2. store us. May the flesh that we eat and the  
1. give - ness in me; heal us.  
2. blood that we drink save us.

Refrain  
We come to you. We come to you  
bro-ken, hun-gry. We come to you.  
We come to you. Make us whole a-gain.

(Fine) to Verses || Bridge  
By your love, by your  
grace, we are one.

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  
to Verses.  
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.

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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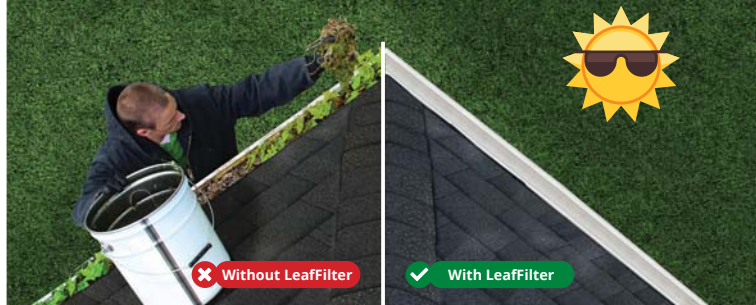


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