

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

MAY 19
2024



Pentecost

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. *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

ST. LUCY CHURCH | 254 MERRIMACK ST.

ST. MONICA CHURCH | 212 LAWRENCE ST.

It's kind of nice that as I celebrate my 25th anniversary as a priest that I can fall back to some of my seminary notes for a decent bulletin article. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

WISDOM is the gift by which we judge all things in more than a purely human way. It's seeing things as God sees them. By the love we have for God, we are elevated to Heaven so that we look at the world with the eyes of God. We think, feel and move as God does. Wisdom makes God and the things of God enjoyable. The Christian united to God in love finds God everywhere. Everything speaks to him of God. Wisdom helps us introduce God and faith into our decisions and consequences.

KNOWLEDGE from the Holy Spirit is more than human knowledge which is gained through experience and reason. It is founded on faith and imbued with love. Knowledge helps us appreciate creation in relation to God. It gives us an appreciation of the value of faith and we see how our daily lives are connected to God. We see the hand of God working in all the major and minor affairs of human history. It helps us discern what should or should not be done.

UNDERSTANDING is closely related to knowledge. It provides a deep personal conviction about that which is grasped by knowledge. It goes to the depth of our heart. Understanding does not change the truth but transfigures it. This new light makes a truth one's very own.

RIGHT JUDGEMENT is like an antenna, receiving directives from God to help us stay on track. We need this counsel of the Holy Spirit to determine whether the means are proportionate to the end, and to see whether our actions come from impulse or from reason, from Holy Scripture, teachers of the Church, and people in our lives. This gift of the Holy Spirit helps us judge, evaluate, and use the advice and counsel these people and God give us to guide us in our daily witness to Christ.

FORTITUDE. The strength that the Holy Spirit gives us to overcome our fear and "go where angels fear to tread," is not mere human courage. It is in fact a humble renunciation of human courage. One renounces his own strength and God gives him His strength. The power of God is present to help the person accomplish a divine deed, and to help him be brave and strong in his daily life as he participates in the work of God. Courage is often needed to face the consequences of a course of action which is right and true but which is extremely difficult.

The gift of **REVERENCE** or **PIETY** deals not only with our relation to God, but also with our relation to all people. It is necessary for us if we are to live as children of God. The pious person is prepared to sacrifice his life and possessions to show his love for his Father and his brothers and sisters. If Catholics responded to the gift of reverence, there would be no need for a Sunday obligation. They would participate in Mass as often as they could because of the love in their hearts. As our Father is deeply concerned about us, so the gift of reverence makes us concerned about how justly people are treated. With love? With Mercy? With Forgiveness?

FEAR OF THE LORD, or **AWE** is not to be afraid of God, but rather is the fear of displeasing Him. Of removing ourselves from His love. It causes us to throw our arms into the arms of our merciful Father and do what He wants us to do. We understand our weaknesses and His divine power and mercy, so instead of hiding or turning from Him, we run into His merciful arms.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!

*The LORD has sworn and will not waver:
“Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever.”*

Psalm 110: 4

Please join us to celebrate
the **25th Anniversary**
of ordination to the
priesthood for

Fr. Michael Harvey

Sunday, May 19th
after 10:30am Mass
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall



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)



ULTREYA

Tuesday, May 28th 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 be
begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes volun-
tary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fel-
lowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.
Our guest speakers this month, Paul & Pam Guerrieo,
from St. Michael Parish in North Andover, 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 friends.

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!

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The Monday after Pentecost
is the Feast of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, Mother of the
Church! “Mother, help our
Faith! Open our ears to hear
God’s word and to recognize
his voice and call.” @Pontifex



Join us as we share
our well-wishes
with Fr. Colarusso

Two opportunities:

1. Cookout

**Saturday, May 25th
after the 4pm Mass**

St. Monica House

Please bring a chair

2. Refreshments

**Sunday, May 26th
after the 10:30am Mass
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall**

Contact Erin at 475-201-2344 with any
questions

**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
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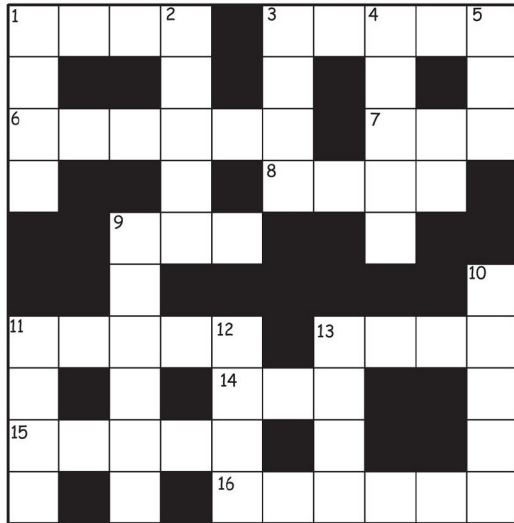
For more information, please visit
www.VocationsBoston.org

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spoke 3. Something you hear 6. Very large group of people 7. 24-hour period (same as 5 down)
- 8. Performs or achieves something 9. It is above you
- 11. Nothing before it 13. Ancient city in Italy 14. Single
- 15. Make new 16. Belonging to one's home place



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Offences against God 2. Liquid to consume 3. Dispatch
- 4. Beneath 5. 24-hour period (same as 7 across) 9. Having strength 10. Stillness; absence of fighting 11. It burns
- 12. Collection of buildings 13. Inaction; relaxation

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-6:30pm (ZOOM)

Rosary for world peace & individual intentions.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel



HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Today we celebrate Pentecost! The Solemnity of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus.



The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents in the Chapel

on Wednesday, June 5. All parents of students are welcome to attend. The Rosary will begin at 1:15pm, prior to school dismissal. Rosary prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!


Jesus is longing for your presence.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Wednesday Evenings
6-7pm
St. Lucy Church

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



**Immediately following
the 12:00pm Mass
St. Monica Church
Sunday, June 2nd**

Corpus Christi

PROCESSION

**We would like to invite
ALL PARISHIONERS
to join us for our annual
SPRING PICNIC**

**Sunday, June 2nd - 1:30-3:00pm
St. Monica's Parking Lot**

**Please RSVP to Christine in the office
by *Tuesday, May 28th*
(978) 683-1193**

We'll provide the hamburgers and 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.

MAY 4 & 5

St. Monica - \$8,419.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$5,501.⁰⁰

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, canned corn, canned carrots & canned fruit. 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.

<p>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p>	<p>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm , Sat & Sun 9am-5pm</p>
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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd 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>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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PARISH OFFICES

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**Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am - 1pm
Closed Wed**



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SCHOOL STAFF

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Rom 5: 5*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, 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*Gal 5: 16-25*

Brothers and sisters, live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the 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*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
 And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
 There are sweet expressions on each face,
 And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
 Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
 And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
 Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
 When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
 Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
 You're the one to profit when you say,
 "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

If you say He saved you from your sin,
 Now you're weak; you're bound and cannot enter in,
 You can make it right if you will yield,
 You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*The Spirit Sends Us Forth*

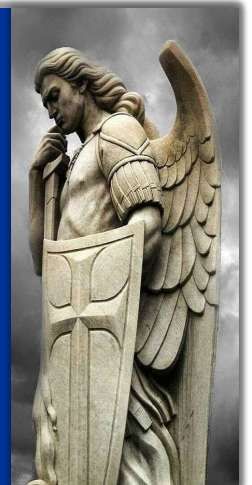
1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name
2. We go to com-fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free;
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro - claim.



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.

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.



ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, May 18

9:00am Diane & Steven Campbell
 4:00pm For the Parishioners of
 St. Monica & St. Lucy

Sunday, May 19 - PENTECOST

9:00am Mary Gordon
 William R. Santacroce, Sr.
 Henry & Dorothy Gorman
 12:00pm Ann & Thomas Thornton

Saturday, May 25

9:00am Gerardo & Mattia D'Andra
 Vincent Minicucci
 4:00pm Aline Duncan
 Valorie Duncan
 Mr. & Mrs. Mecleor Raza

Sunday, May 26

9:00am For the Parishioners of
 St. Monica & St. Lucy
 12:00pm Mallie Silvey
 Deceased Members of the Silvey Family

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, May 18

4:00pm Jennie Milone

Sunday, May 19 - PENTECOST

10:30am Francis R. Covey, Jr.
 Susan L. Savastano
 Adua DiFelice
 Jennie & John Ciardello
 Ann & Tony Carelli
 Charles Rimas

Monday, May 20

9:00am Manny Gianni
 Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, May 21

9:00am Douglas Hamel

Thursday, May 23

9:00am Bertrand LeBlanc
 Real Taschereau
 Gerard Taschereau

Friday, May 24

9:00am Antonio & Evelina Mollica

Saturday, May 25

4:00pm Vincent & Mary Rizzo

Sunday, May 26

10:30am Guiseppe Sangiorgio
 Leo & Jeanne LeDuc
 Vincenzo, Vincenzina,
 Paul Sr., & Anthony Meli
 Vincenzo & Isabella Dadducci
 Theresa DiCenzo

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	05/19/24	Fr. John Morris	Deacon Marcelo Ferrari
Mon	05/20/24	1978: Bishop Hennessy ordained	Deacon Gabriel Hanley
Tues	05/21/24	Bishop Dooker 1969 and Bishop Uglietto 1977 ordained	Deacon Matthew Harrington
Wed	05/22/24	Fr. Robert LeBlanc	Deacon David Joanis
Thurs	05/23/24	Fr. Stephen LeBlanc	Deacon Christopher Letizia
Fri	05/24/24	Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce	Deacon Gabriel Hanley
Sat	05/25/24	Class of 2024 Ordinandi	All Seminarians being ordained



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Floyd N., Ernie R., Micah, Adrienne M., Josephine P., Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Richard D., Maureen S., Eddie R., Michelle O., Brian J., Bill R., & Patrice K.

Please pray for John Ford whose funeral we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.