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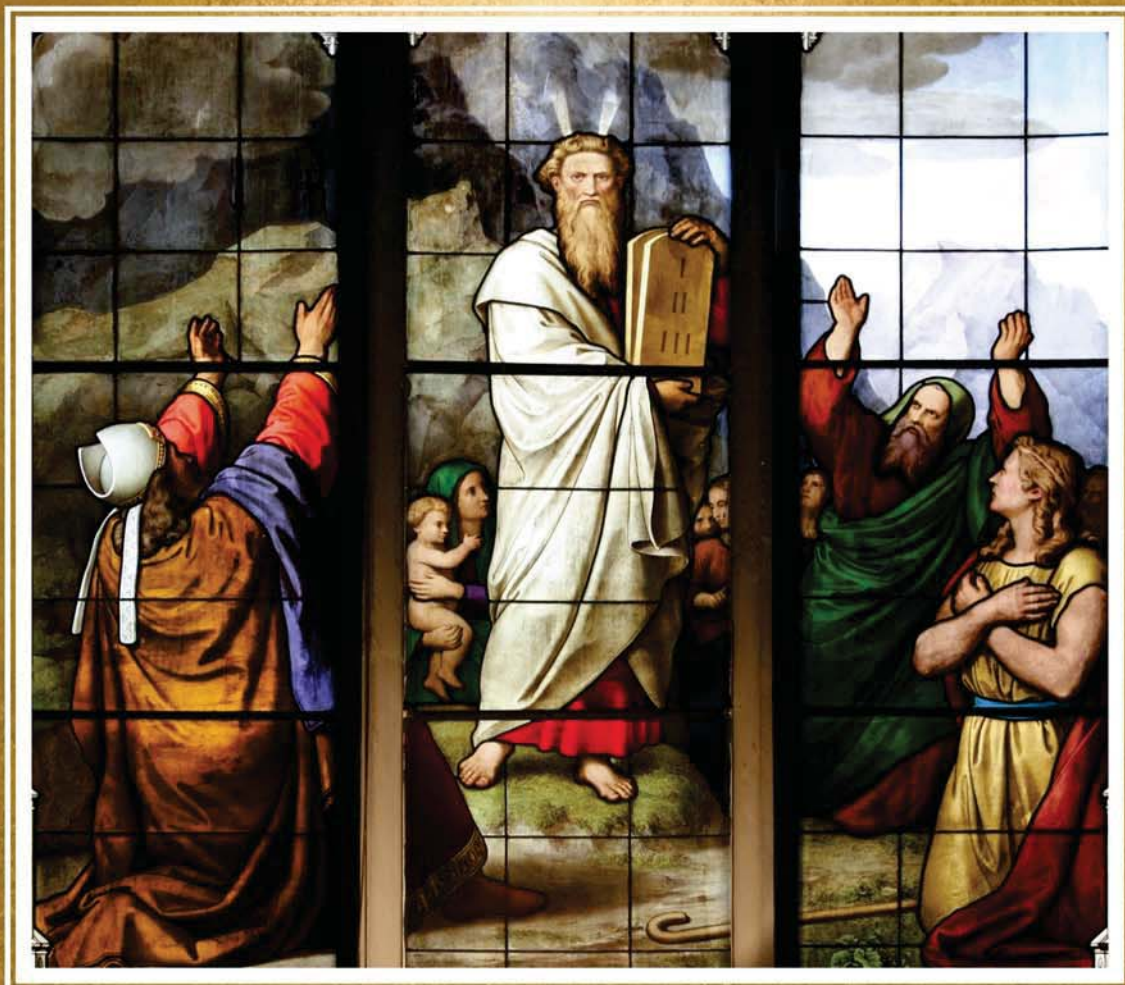


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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them,
“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,
that everything written about me in the law of Moses
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” *Luke 24:44*

PEACE BE WITH YOU

In today's Gospel when Jesus unexpectedly appears in the Upper Room with the apostles, his first words are "Peace be with you." The word that Jesus used for this greeting was "Shalom."

The common western definition of peace is the absence of conflict or war. But shalom means so much more than that.

The literal translation of shalom is actually, "that which destroys the authority attached to chaos." That seems like a mouthful, but it actually means "to make something whole," with an overall sense of fullness and completeness in mind and body, and in all aspects of life. In Israel today, when someone greets you with shalom, they are actually saying "may you be full of well-being" or "may health and prosperity be upon you."

But what does Jesus mean when he says "shalom" to his apostles in the upper room, not just once but several times on different occasions? Was he just saying "hello" or "peace"?

In the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus is speaking to the crowds and listing the beatitudes, he says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

Here Jesus is not referring to peacemaker as a mediator or political negotiator, but as one who carries an inward sense of fullness and security that only comes in a relationship with God. The meaning of shalom here is connection to God. And Jesus said that these peacemakers will be called children of God. Jesus is the Son of God, so as peacemakers we become brothers and sisters of Christ.

Shalom is inner rest, completeness, and wholeness. Many people throughout the world today are seeking this shalom and inner peace in a multitude of ways, but there is only one way: through Jesus. The world cannot give true peace. That comes from a relationship with Jesus. Many think that peace is just an absence of conflict, but it is so much more. Jesus makes a clear distinction between the peace of the world and the peace of Christ. "Peace I leave with you: My peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." Only in Christ can we find true peace, even among all the conflicts in our society. Trust in Jesus. Let him live in your heart. Shalom!

Deacon John Kobrenski

Scripture Study**ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS**

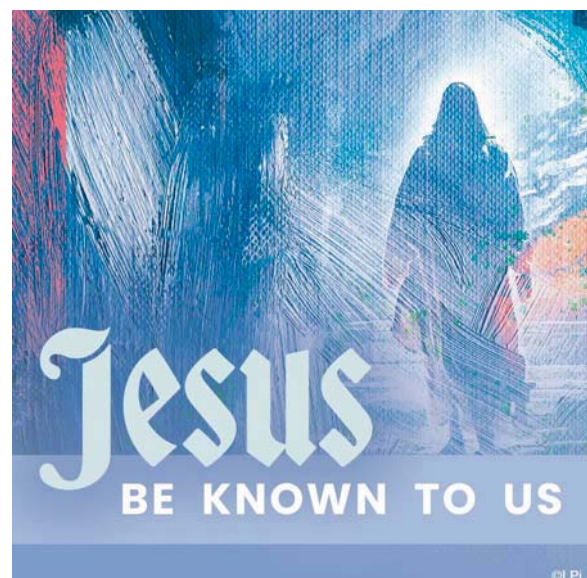
Please join us for this study of St. Paul's beautiful letter

April 18, 20, 25, 27 May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

Classes are held in St. Lucy Schoolhouse at 2:30 on Thursdays and repeated on Saturdays at 2:30.

For questions or to register call 978-683-8138
or email rachelvoiland@comcast.net

Bibles will be provided for your use



HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, April 21st
Sunday, May 19th
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
After the 10:30am mass

Everyone is welcome!



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 & May 8 at 7pm.

Men of the parish are encouraged to join us! Contact Bob Beaudry at ERBeaudry@aol.com if interested in participating, and for more details.

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The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents in the Chapel on Wednesdays, April 10, May 8 and June 5 or 12.

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The Parish Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, April 15 in observance of Patriots' Day.

On Saturday, March 30th, following the Easter Vigil Mass, parishioners gathered to enjoy ice cream sundaes in St. Monica School Hall. Much thanks to the St. Lucy Social Committee for hosting this annual event.



Fr. Albert MacPherson

of the
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Ministry



**Holy Mass
followed by a
Healing Service**

**Friday, April 19th
7pm
St. Monica Church**

Born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1941 into a family of thirteen children, Father Albert MacPherson, O.S.A., joined the Order of Saint Augustine in 1962, and was ordained to priesthood in 1974. He did undergraduate studies at Saint Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, and Villanova University, before pursuing graduate theological studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

After fourteen years of experience in spiritual renewal work, including ten years of pastoral experience in parishes in Ontario, New York and Florida, Father MacPherson began full-time healing ministry in 1983. A member of the Association of Christian Therapists, Father MacPherson has given healing missions throughout the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean Islands.

Thousands have been helped through his healing ministry - spiritually, psychologically and physically.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

We are currently looking for several volunteers to assist with our Funeral Ministry. Training will be provided.

Funeral Coordinators will work with parish staff to accompany families with preparations for Funeral Masses celebrated at both our parishes. Duties will include calling families and walking them through the selection of readings, music, and any other pertinent information.

Funeral Mass Volunteers. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the funeral masses themselves, including: sacristan work, altar serving, lectoring, and set-up.

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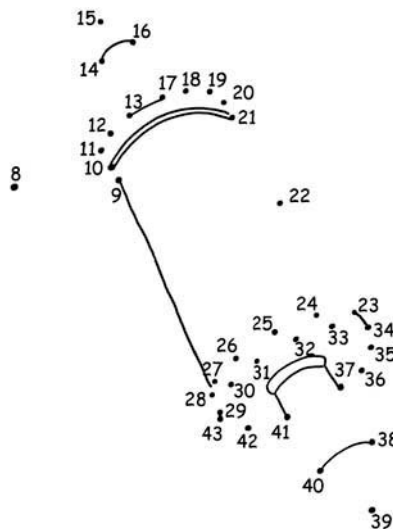
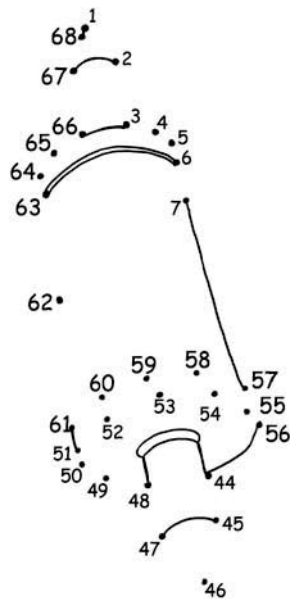
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David Fielding

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St. Monica - \$7,017.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$3,732.⁰⁰

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 canned pasta, baked beans, mashed potatoes, jelly, pasta sauce, pancake syrup, canned fruit & 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.

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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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 66 (65): 1-2*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN*At the Lamb's High Feast*

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
3. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, Sin a - lone can



1. to - rious King, He has washed us in the tide
2. sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
3. this de - stroy; From sin's pow'r do thou set free



1. Flow - ing from his o - pen side; Praise we him, whose
2. Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
3. Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glo - ry,



1. love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine, Gives his
2. blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread; With sin -
3. songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise: Ris - en



1. Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
2. cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.
3. Lord, all praise to thee With the Spir - it ev - er be.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19*

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9*

℟. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

SECOND READING*1 John 2: 1-5a*

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Luke 24: 32*

Ÿ. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
Make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

GOSPEL*Luke 24: 35-48*

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Luke 24: 35*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.


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*Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Verses




1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, the One who
 2. I know that I shall one day see the good-ness
 3. The last day I shall rise a-gain, shall be re-



1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to
 2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and
 3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

Refrain



1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re-
 2. death will be no more.
 3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.



deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*


1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on



1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!



1. his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 2. he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 3. here the sin - ful Flee to vou from dav to dav:



1. Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 2. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the
 3. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -



1. like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 2. for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 3. deem - er. plead for me. Where the songs of all the



1. na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.
 2. prom - ise? "I am with you ev - er - more!"
 3. sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, April 13

9:00am Martin & Timothy Maher
 4:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Lucy

Sunday, April 14

9:00am Deceased Members of the Cutuli Family
 Vileja Denis
 Alfred Mentor
 Mona Mentor
 Raymond & Gloria Sirois
 12:00pm Angelina Bencivenga

Saturday, April 20

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
 Yvette Moran
 Mike Milnes
 4:00pm Michael McGreevey

Sunday, April 21

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Lucy
 12:00pm Veronique Esperance

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 Robert Mullen, Jr.
 Ann Kenny

Sunday, April 14

10:30am Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality
 Juana Sanchez
 Deceased Members of the Maggio,
 Grelle & Cafiso Families
 Walter Charles

Monday, April 15

9:00am Victor Andreoli

Tuesday, April 16 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Kimberly Rovinski
 Beth & Frank Monaco
 Gabriella Jackson

Thursday, April 18

9:00am Joseph & Mary Augeri

Friday, April 19

9:00am Eva Rovinski

Saturday, April 20

4:00pm Vito & Giuseppina Cunsolo & Family

Sunday, April 21

10:30am Dorothy Boragine
 Lucy Boragine
 Lisa Santos
 John Bellino
 Jean Pelletier

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	04/14/24	Fr. Garcia Breneville	Sean McKeowen
Mon	04/15/24	Fr. Andrea Filipucci	Jack Monbouquette
Tues	04/16/24	Fr. Mario Guarino	Connor Rocket
Wed	04/17/24	Fr. Succes Jeanty Jean-Pierre	Paulo Carvalho
Thurs	04/18/24	Fr. Przemyslaw Kasprzak	Nicholas Colon
Fri	04/19/24	Fr. Gabino Macias	Ryan Henderson
Sat	04/20/24	Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio	Jake Livingstone



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Mike B., Leo L., Richard D., Maureen S., Eddie R., Susana M., Joyce M., Donna V., Sharon P., Alan P., Joe V., Michelle O., Nora N., Brian J., Bill R., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Filomena Hutton, Joan Weber, Jozef Lewandowski & Santina Winning whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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Resurrection and Saint Paul in
Hingham for the past ten years, and
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Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard
graduate and native of West Roxbury,
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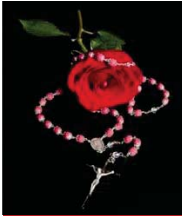


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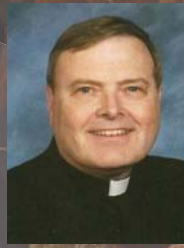
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