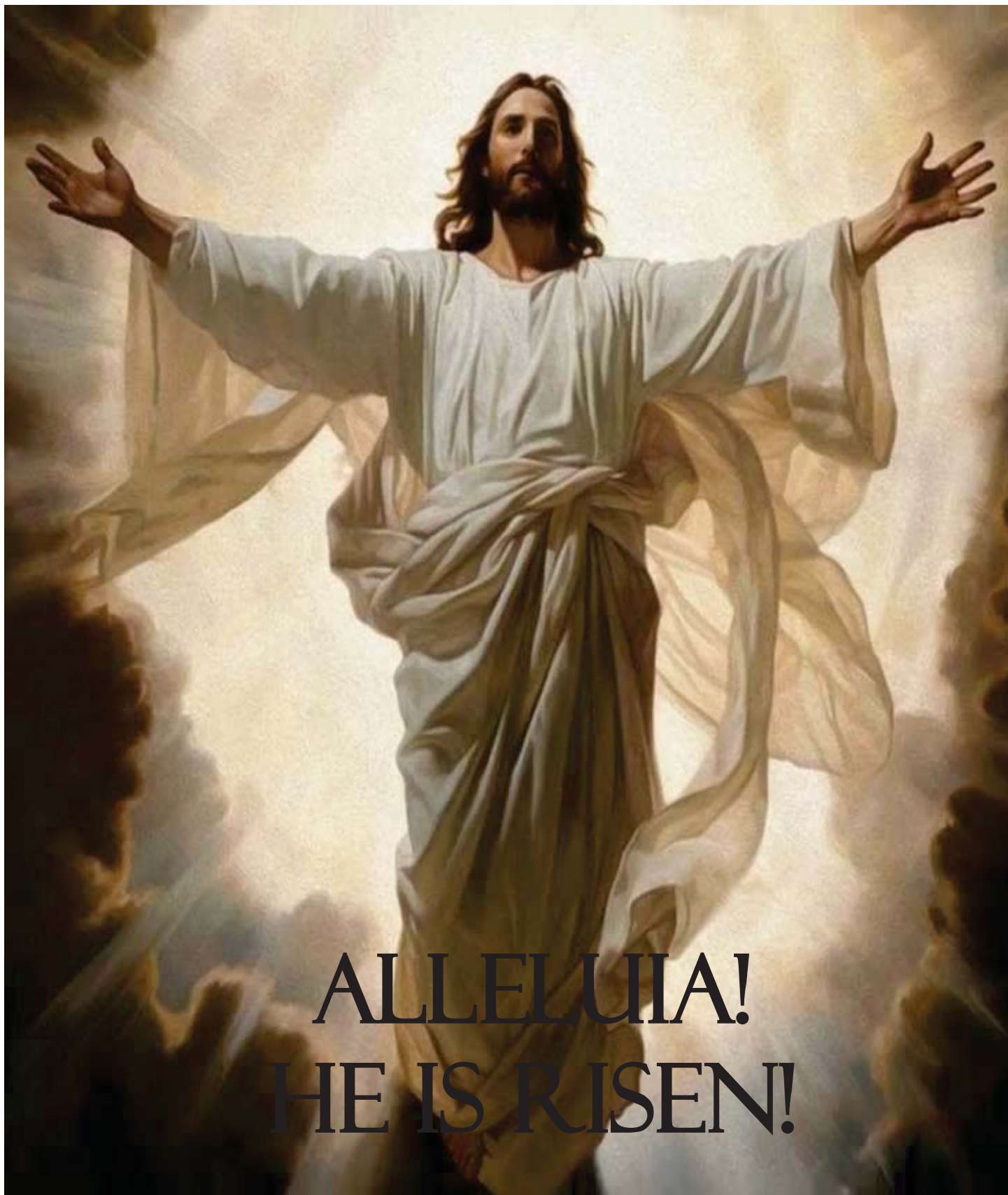


METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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**ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN!**

The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Are there any who are devout lovers of God?
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!
Are there any who are grateful servants?
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!
Are there any weary with fasting?
Let them now receive their wages!

If any have toiled from the first hour,
let them receive their due reward;
if any have come after the third hour,
let them with gratitude join in the Feast!
And the one that arrived after the sixth hour,
let them not doubt; for they too shall sustain
no loss.
And if any delayed until the ninth hour,
let them not hesitate; but let them come too.
And the one who arrived only at the eleventh
hour,
let them not be afraid by reason of their delay.
For the Lord is gracious and receives the last
even as the first.
He gives rest to him that comes at the
eleventh hour,
as well as to him that toiled from the first.

To this one he gives, and upon another he
bestows.
He accepts the works as he greets the
endeavor.
The deed he honors and the intention he
commends.
Wherefore, you all, enter into the joy of the
Lord!
First and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!
You that have kept the fast, and you that have
not,
rejoice today for the table is richly laden!
Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.
Let no one go away hungry.

Partake, all, of the cup of faith.
Enjoy all the riches of his goodness!

Let no one bewail their poverty,
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.
Let no one mourn if they have fallen again and
again;
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.
Let no one fear death, for the death of our
Savior has set us free.
He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated
it.
By descending into hell, he made hell captive.
He embittered it, even as it tasted of his flesh.

And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry:
"You, O Hell, have been embittered by
encountering him below."
Hell was embittered, because it was done
away with.
It was embittered, because it is mocked.
It was embittered, for it is destroyed.
It is embittered, for it is annihilated.
It is embittered, for it is now made captive.
Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what
it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting? O Hell, where is
thy victory?
Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are
annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast
down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!
Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its
dead;
for Christ having triumphed over death, is
become the first-fruits of those who have fallen
asleep.
To him be Glory and Power forever and ever.
Amen!

Happy Easter! May the Resurrection Lord bless
us and help us to continue spreading his Good
News all around the world.

Fr. Marcos Pena

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Easter Monday, April 21st.



We at the Parish Offices
wish you all a Happy and
Blessed Easter!

EASTER COLLECTION Clergy Trust

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

We will have Ice Cream
Sundaes after the Easter Vigil
on April 19 at St. Lucy's.

All parishioners are invited
to join us.



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES SCRIPTURE CLASS

This 5-week class will be held every
Thursday, from April 24 to May 22
with a re-presentation every
Saturday, from April 26 to May 24.

All sessions will be held at the St. Lucy
Schoolhouse from 2:30-3:30pm.

To register, please contact Rachel Voiland at
rachelvoiland@comcast.net

Did you know that St. Monica's Sunday masses are available on cable TV? Replays are on Fridays at 7:30 am and Sundays at 5 pm. Comcast 22 / FIOS 33 & HD channel 2133. The mass streams at those same times on methuentv.org - Select Live Stream - "Community TV"



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27th

Celebrate with us with a service at St. Monica Church beginning at 2pm.

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Recitation of the Rosary
- ◆ The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Confessions
- ◆ Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy

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 6-7pm (ZOOM)

Rosary for world peace & individual intentions followed by Evening Prayer.

Contact Bonnie Doherty at
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Beginning **June 1st**, we will celebrate Spanish masses at St. Monica Church

Sundays at 5:00pm

Fridays at 6:00pm

Following the Friday evening Mass, there will be Adoration and Confessions in Spanish.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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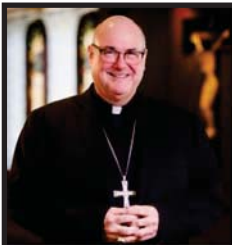
A partir del 1 de junio, celebraremos misas en Español en la parroquia St. Monica:

Domingos a las 5:00pm

Viernes a las 6:00pm

Después de la Misa del viernes por la tarde, habrá adoración y confesiones en español.

¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!



EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP HENNING

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen!

This ancient Christian greeting expresses the foundation of our Easter joy and our singing the praises of God. As you gather in Church and around the family table this day, I wish every blessing for you and yours. I pray that you always know this Easter truth that we are not alone in a cold universe. Rather we are enfolded in the arms of a loving Father. He Who created life now shows His power to renew and restore life. May that life be yours now and in eternity.

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, April 27th

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall following the 10:30am Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays

6-7pm

St. Lucy Church

Saturdays

9:30am-2:30pm

Gethsemane Chapel



All are welcome! Ultreya

A Catholic gathering with prayer, music and sharing about our faith journey walking with Jesus.

When: Tuesday, April 29th

Where: St. Lucy Church Hall

Time: 7PM – 8:30PM

There will be a featured speaker and small group confidential sharing, & light refreshments.

ALL ARE INVITED!

24 Hours of Perpetual Adoration to honor and celebrate our Lord's Resurrection and Divine Mercy

WHEN: following the 4:00pm Mass Saturday, April 26, 2025 and ending at 4:00pm on Sunday, April 27, 2025

WHERE: Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church

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To all the dedicated volunteers of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes:
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 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.

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
 SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 139 (138): 18, 5-6*

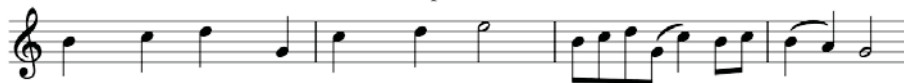
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Who did once up-on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Acts 10: 34a, 37-43*

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 118*

℟. This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD this has been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

SECOND READING*Col 3: 1-4*

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

EASTER SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended
In the combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
To Galilee he goes before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*1 Cor 5: 7b-8a*

✠. Christ, our paschal lamb, *has been sacrificed*;
let us then feast with joy in *the Lord*.

GOSPEL*Jn 20: 1-9*

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES - PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***1 Cor 5: 7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, 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*Worthy is The Lamb*

Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive
 hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve
 to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb,
 Wisdom and strength belong now to you.
 You laid down your life and died upon the cross:
 We've become a people of hope.

Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.
 Wonders and signs, revealing your might.
 Your power and glory shine upon our lives:
 We've become the light of the world.

Worthy are you, O Bread of Life,
 Salvation and joy belong now to us.
 By conquering death and rising to new life,
 We've become a people of praise.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 1. All on earth with an - gels say.
 2. Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 1. Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 2. Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Death in vain for - bids him rise;
 1. Sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply,
 2. Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, April 19 - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00am Morning Prayer & Rosary

Sunday, April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

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

Saturday, April 26

9:00am Marty and Tim Maher

4:00pm Mary Belanger

Sunday, April 27 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00am Leo & Jeanne LeDuc
Lorraine & Sam Malignaggi
Yvonne & Harry Costa
Doris Mack

12:00pm Veronique Esperence
Deceased Members of the Silvey & Maclsaac Families
Robert Plunkett
Norman Rainville



ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, April 19 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

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

Monday, April 21

9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, April 22

9:00am Albert, Russel & Roland Raza
Joan Raza
Kenneth Duncan
Dale Duncan

Wednesday, April 23

9:00am Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau
Bertrand LeBlanc
Gail Taschereau

Thursday, April 24

9:00am Ida Lazzara

Friday, April 25

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

Saturday, April 26

4:00pm Barbara Sheehan
Laura Miele York & Deceased Members of the Miele Family
Joseph & Lillian Rapazzo
Dominick DelGavio, Jr.
Alfred Abate

Sunday, April 27 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	04/20/25	Pope Francis	Easter Sunday
Mon	04/21/25	Fr. Timothy Shea	Br. Isaiah Klena OCD
Tues	04/22/25	Fr. Fernando Vivas	Br. Moses Urlakis OCD
Wed	04/23/25	Fr. James Burke	Giris Azize PJ23 Boston
Thurs	04/24/25	Fr. Hoang Le	Stephen Baruffi PJ23 Boston
Fri	04/25/25	Fr. Robert Casey	Thomas Rashid PJ23 Boston
Sat	04/26/25	Fr. Charles Bourke	Dan Waldron PJ23 Boston

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Kristin M., John S., Michael B., Robert L., Victor T., Barbara S., Carolyn, Adrienne M., Terry, Chris C., Joy M., William T., Chris B., Kathy P., Jeff H., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

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