METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JAN 22
2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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Handing on the Faith: Catechesis

In these weeks since the Epiphany of the Lord there has been a notice in the bulletin for a podcast on understanding our Catholic faith with *The Catechism in a Year Podcast* with Fr. Mike Schmitz. He has done another wonderful podcast *The Bible in a Year* with which you might be familiar. Over the course of 365 days he will read the text of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and help us to understand the essentials of our precious faith.

The Catechism tells us, "Quite early on, the name catechesis was given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ." As we are educated in the faith we enter more deeply into the fullness of Christian life.

We might be discouraged to begin such a project as reading the *Catechism* or the *Bible* in a year knowing that we'll soon miss a few days and fall behind. However, as the days are numbered we can simply pick up from our last day and continue on. It might take two years or longer, but as we make our way we enter more fully into a relationship with Jesus and with each other as brothers and sister; Jesus forms us as beloved disciples.

At this time in our parishes children, young people and adults are being educated in the faith. While the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated later this year, we are very inspired by and grateful to the adults who have entered into the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.* During Advent at St. Lucy Church we celebrated with them the *Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens* and the *Rite of Welcoming*.

On the first Sunday of Lent we will celebrate the *Rite of Sending* with them in the parish churches and they will go to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross to celebrate the *Rite of Election* with our Archbishop, Cardinal Séan. At the Easter Vigil they will enter fully into the Church.

The prologue of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that all Christ's faithful are to proclaim the Good News and are "called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer. . . (and) that our lives within the church community and as missionary disciples are prepared by catechesis or spring from it." The prologue concludes by recalling the pastoral principle stated by the *Roman Catechism*:

> The whole concern of doctrine and its teaching must be directed to the love that never ends. Whether something is proposed for belief, for hope or for action, the love of our Lord must always be made accessible, so that anyone can see that all the works of perfect Christian virtue spring from love and have no other objective than to arrive at love.

On Wednesday, January 11 Pope Francis began a new catechesis entitled: *The Passion for Evangelization*. The catechesis will continue each Wednesday for some weeks; the texts can be easily accessed on line (https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2023/documents/20230111-udienza-generale.html).

We have received a great treasure from the apostles and early Christians. Pope Francis writes, "The community of the disciples of Jesus is born apostolic and missionary. The Holy Spirit molds it outwardly – the Church moves out, that goes out – so that it is not closed in on itself, but turned outward, a contagious witness of Jesus – the faith is also contagious – reaching out to radiate His light to the ends of the earth."

As we make our way through the liturgical year Pope Francis will reflect on the Scriptures and the Church's teaching, to draw apostolic zeal from its sources. And he will also look to "some living sources, some witnesses who have rekindled within the Church the passion for the Gospel, so that they may help us to rekindle the fire that the Holy Spirit wants to keep burning within us."

The beauty of Pope Francis's catechesis can be seen as he writes of the call of the Apostle Matthew. Jesus

> sees a man. Few people saw Matthew as he was: they knew him as the one who was "sitting at the tax booth" (v. 9). He was, in fact, a tax collector. . .he was a collaborator, a traitor to the people. We can imagine the contempt the people felt for him: he was a "publican," as they were called. But in the eyes of Jesus, Matthew is a man, with both his miseries and his greatness. Be aware of this: Jesus does not stop at the adjective – Jesus always seeks out the noun...This person is a sinner, he's that kind of person. . ." these are adjectives: Jesus goes to the person, to the heart, "This is a person, this is a man, this is a woman…" This gaze of Jesus is really beautiful. It sees the other, whoever he may be, as the recipient of love, is the beginning of the evangelizing passion. Everything starts from this gaze, which we learn from Jesus.

With Pope Francis's catechesis on evangelization at his General Audiences on Wednesdays and *The Catechism in a Year Podcast* to guide us let us pray to learn the gaze of Jesus.

Dcn. John Pierce

Welcome

to St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes. We're glad you joined us!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join the Knights of Columbus on January 19-27 as they lead the 9 Day Novena for Life via Zoom. The program will include prayers, the rosary and reflection on each of the 9 consecutive days.

All parishioners, family & friends are welcome.

Please contact Bob Beaudry at erbeaudry@aol.com if you would like to participate, or if you do not have access to Zoom and would like to receive the program for a personal novena.

The time of the novena will be set to accommodate participants and will not interfere with current parish prayer and pro-life activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas) / Feast of St. Blaise
February 2, 2023
9:00am | St. Lucy Church
6:00pm | St. Monica Church
Bring your candles from home to have them blessed. The 6:00pm St. Monica Mass will also include the blessing of throats for the Feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will also take place the next day, on Friday at the daily mass.

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023
Start of Lenten Season

Join us Saturday, January 28th after the 9am Mass at St. Monica Church for a prayer service with the Icon of St. Joseph on display.

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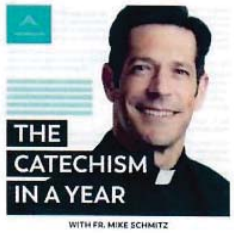

St. Monica KofC 14725 Night Our Fundraiser

Wednesday, February 1st
The Irish Cottage Restaurant
17 Branch Street - Methuen, MA
4-10pm

Come by and help support St. Monica KofC 14725 in their fundraising efforts. Bring in this flyer and give it to your server when cashing out and The Irish Cottage will donate 20% of your total bill (excluding alcohol) for both dine-in or take-out. In addition, for those in attendance for the fundraiser, The Irish Cottage will donate an extra $1.00 per guest on the night of the event.

The Irish Cottage Restaurant & Pub

St. Monica School, Methuen is looking for a part-time Special Education teacher.

Job Description:

The Special Education educator will work with individual or small groups of students to reinforce areas of the curriculum taught by the primary content teacher or will work on developing the skills necessary for students to access to curriculum at grade level (i.e., literacy skills, numeracy skills, language skills, organizational skills, retention skills, social skills, etc) per the IEP or 504.

The position is part-time 15 -18 hours per week. The position requires strong classroom management skills, and motivational skills are essential. Regular communication with participating students, parents, teachers, building administration, and others at the request of the building principal about student progress is required.

The ideal candidate will possess a BA or Master's degree, licensure in elementary education and or special education. Candidate will have experience working with students with learning disabilities and/or students who are English Language Learners. Candidate will have experience working with data, writing 504 plans, and familiar with the IEP process. Strong verbal and written communication skills needed.

Qualifications:

- Experience navigating and implementing IEPs & 504s.
- Ability to assess and collect data and supporting documents
- Ability to read, interpret, and apply student performance data to instructional planning and execution
- Ability to work independently
- Commitment to communication with parents and classroom teacher
- Perseverance and the ability to motivate students to achieve a goal
- Experience working with diverse student populations
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; excellent teamwork skills

If you are interested in applying for this position, please email your resume to:
Sharon Tully at smsoffice@methuencatholic.org

Saint Monica School
WINTER CALENDAR RAFFLE
February 2023
(If your name is picked on the day, you win that amount)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. $150	2. $50	3. $50	4. $100
5. $100	6. $50	7. $50	8. $50	9. $50	10. $50	11. $100
12. $100	13. $50	14. $50	15. $50	16. $50	17. $50	18. $100
19. $100	20. $50	21. $50	22. $50	23. $50	24. $50	25. $100
26. $100	27. $50	28. $150				

We must sell 200 tickets. If we do not sell 200 tickets, we will have a 50/50 raffle and one winner will be drawn and the winner will receive 50% of the monies collected and the school will receive the other 50%.

(This raffle has always sold enough tickets to he held!)

All payments will be sent to winner/winners mid-March.

Please return this portion of ticket with payment to Sharon Tully in the School Office.

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for $50

Checks made out to St. Monica School by 1/31/23

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Address (REQUIRED)_____

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St. Monica Student who sold ticket:_____ (if purchased through a school child)

Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize. If there is only one winner due to 50/50, that child will win a prize (if a St. Monica Child sold ticket).

COR UNUM

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If you are interested in helping, please visit corunummealcenter.org and click on the Volunteer Button, or call 978-688-8900.

US CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom
Jan 5 - Jun 8
If interested, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
- RCIA Meeting 10-11:30am St. Monica House
- Faith Formation Mass & Meeting 12:45-2:45pm St. Lucy Church, Lower Church Hall & School House
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 23
- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Boy Scout Meeting 7-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Bereavement Support Group Reunion 6-7:30pm St. Monica House

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
- Alanon 10-11:15am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St. Lucy Church
- K of C Meeting 6-8pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Rosary 6pm (Zoom)
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
- Faith2Fit 8-9am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Mass 9am followed by Prayer Service displaying Icon of St. Joseph St. Monica Church
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel

Second Collection
Church in Latin America

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formations of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

OFFERTORY | JANUARY 7 & 8

St. Monica - $7,396.00 St. Lucy - $4,987.00

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 soups, spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned fruit, pasta, jelly, rice, rice sides, baked beans, pancake mix, pancake syrup, mashed potatoes 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.

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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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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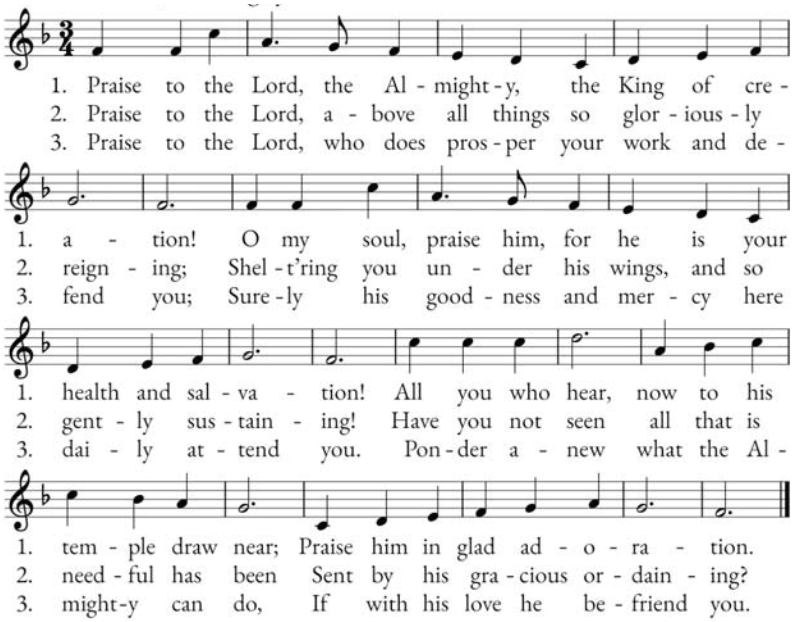
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 96*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*



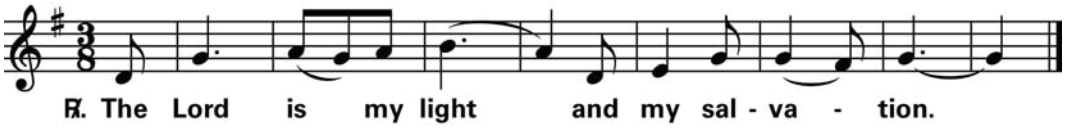
PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA *Refer to Pew Card*

FIRST READING *Is 8:23-9:3*

First the LORD degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 27*



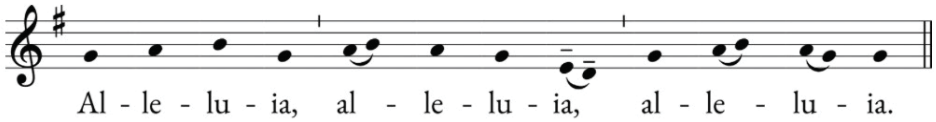
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for he LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

SECOND READING *1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17*

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.



Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

GOSPEL *Mt 4: 12-23*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

CREED *Refer to Pew Card*

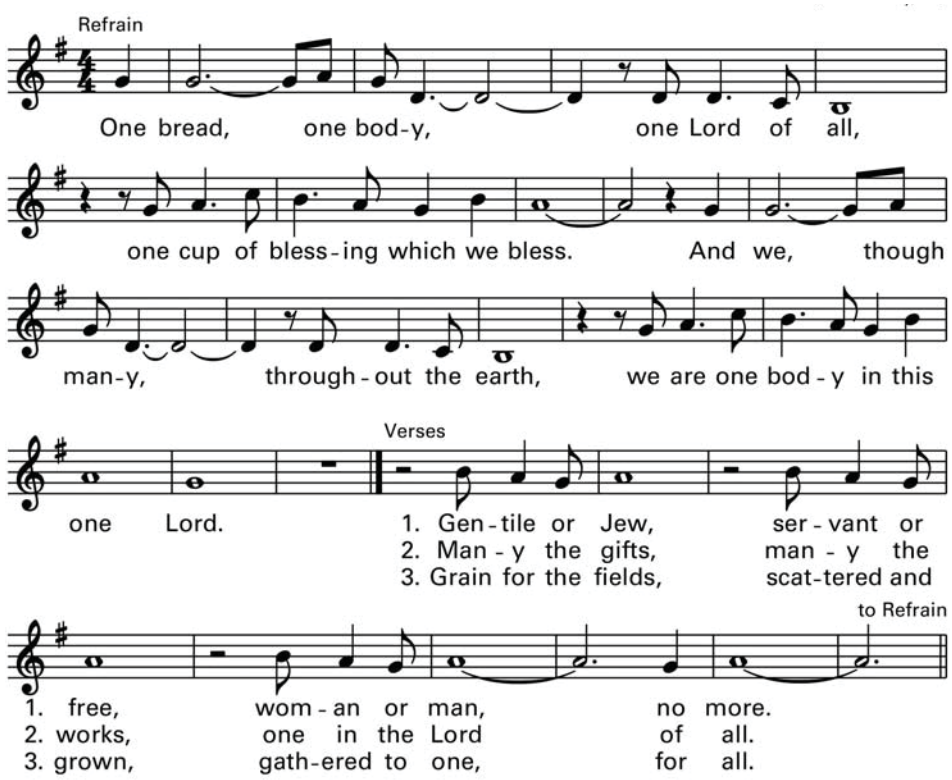
COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 34*

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

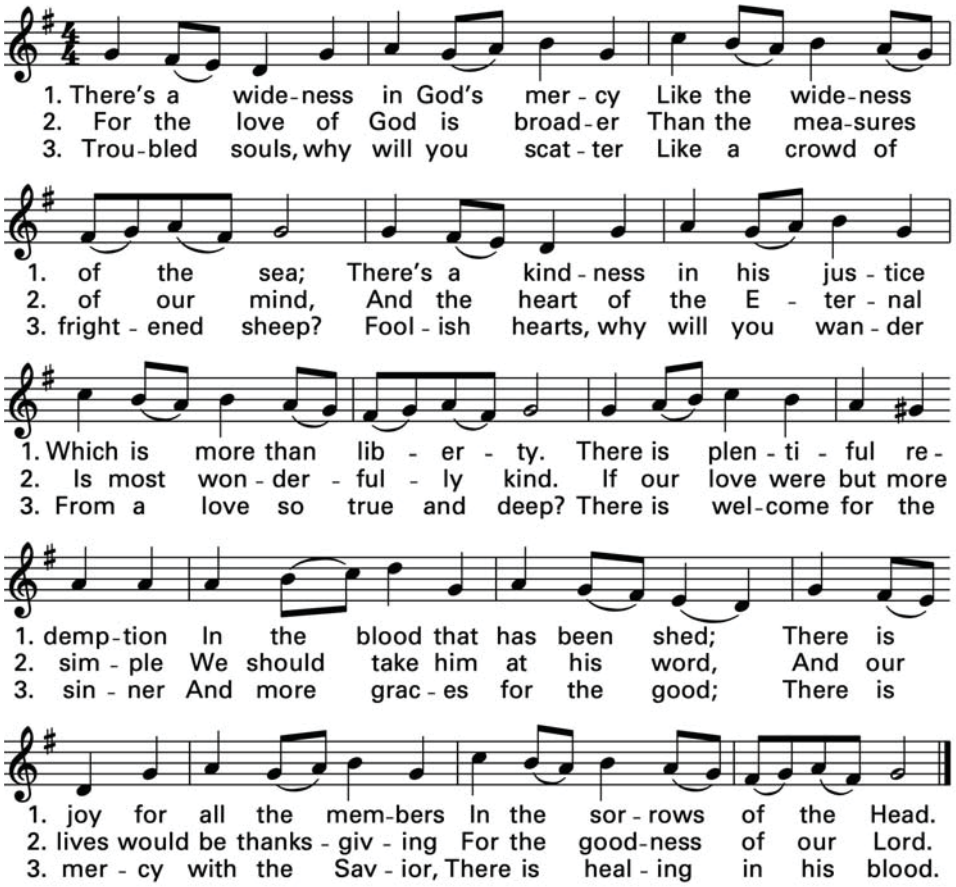
PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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 *One Bread, One Body*



RECESSIONAL HYMN *There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy*



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Saturday, January 21
9:00am Deceased Members of the Thomas, Sardella & Lahoud Families

4:00pm Dorothy Bellingreri

Sunday, January 22
9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moreau
Michael Milnes
Robert Deziel
Elizabeth Chojnowska

12:00pm Special Intention

Saturday, January 28
9:00am Kaylee Draffen

4:00pm Harold & Ida Sullivan
Edward Sullivan

Sunday, January 29
9:00am Susan Johnson
Nancy Tardif

12:00pm Ronald MacMillan

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, January 21
4:00pm Perry, Clara, Steven & Beverly Autiello

Sunday, January 22
10:30am Edward Ferrira
Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau
Bertrand LeBlanc
Geraldine Miele
Joseph L. Giuffrida

Monday, January 23
9:00am Alfio Greco

Tuesday, January 24
9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Thursday, January 26
9:00am Helen Fredette

Friday, January 27
9:00am Deceased Members of the Lavigne & Gray Families

Saturday, January 28
4:00pm Richard Giles

Sunday, January 29
10:30am Oscar Lemieux
Giuseppe Brancato
Eileen E. Joyce
Sarah & John Agacaoili
Robert & Brenda Maurais

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	01/22/23	Fr. Vincent Mellone	Deacon Jose Ignacio Montero Burgos
Mon	01/23/23	Fr. John O'Brien	David Joanis
Tues	01/24/23	Fr. Francis Daley	Chris Letizia
Wed	01/25/23	All Paulists	Barry Mongeon
Thurs	01/26/23	Fr. Timothy Kelleher	Luis Alberto Piceno
Fri	01/27/23	Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy	Christopher Silebi
Sat	01/28/23	Fr. Thomas Boudreau	Tim Walsh

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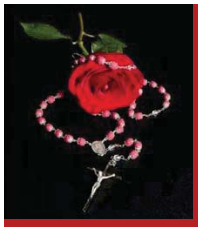

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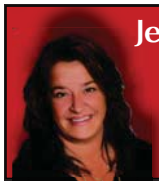

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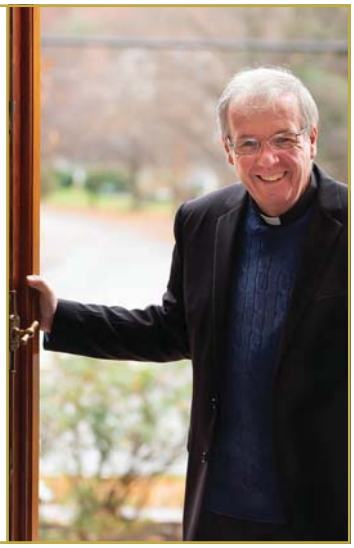

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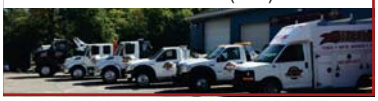

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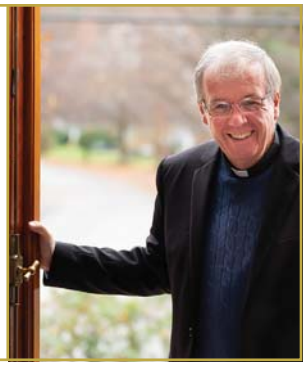

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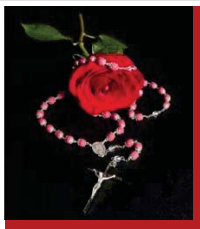

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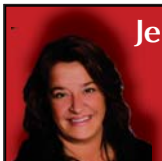

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