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May 14, 2017

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

Renew, Rebuild, and Reach Out: Disciples in Heartfelt Communion with Jesus Christ



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PARISH SERVICES

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St. Lucy Parish

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 8:00am/9:30am/11:30am Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

St. Monica Parish

Daily Mass Schedule: Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:00 pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 7:30am/9:30am/11:30am/5:30pm Holy Days of Obligation: 4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish Fridav 6:30-7:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

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St. Lucy Parish Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

MARRIAGES. Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

BAPTISMS. Please call the parish office. St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS





New to our community? We're so happy you joined us this weekend and we'd love to have you worship with us regularly. Come discover the peace that comes from following our Lord Jesus. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.

ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION



TUESDAYS (ST. LUCY CHURCH) 1:30-4:30PM FRIDAYS (ST. MONICA CHAPEL) 7:30AM-7:30PM

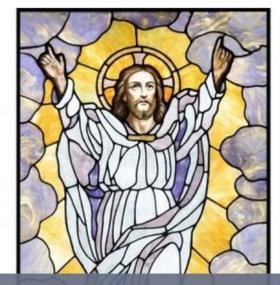
FOR MORE INFO ON ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S PLEASE CONTACT: BONNIE DOHERTY bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270-3366

ST. LUCY'S PLEASE CONTACT: ELLEN WHOLLEY - (978) 682-8459

If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS FOR THE 11:30AM AND 12:30PM HOURS AT ST. MONICA'S.

Please pray for **Soon Pak** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 25, 2017 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE:

ST. LUCY PARISH

ST. MONICA PARISH

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4:00 PM (PRIOR EVE) 7:00 AM 10:00 AM



St. Lucy's Parish BVM Sodality Fundraiser



On Wednesday May 24th from 4pm to 10pm come in and help support St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality 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 bill's total (excluding alcohol) for both dine-in or take out to St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality. For every participant, The Irish Cottage will donate an extra \$1.00 per participant. The Irish Cottage 1111 Riverside Dr. Methuen <u>978-208-4347</u>

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS



A small group is meeting in the St. Monica Rectory first floor sunroom to watch DVD presentations on Prayer.

Upcoming meeting dates: Thursday 6/1, 6/8, 6/22, and 6/29 from 6-7pm

The DVD is 30 minutes long followed by a discussion. Bring a notebook, Bible, and Catechism. The room holds only 20 so please register Contact Bonnie early. Doherty for more information: 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.

Steubenville East Catholic Conference

Join us this summer for a weekend youth conference at Umass Lowell!!

When: July 14-16

Who: All those who are currently in 8^{th} - 12^{th} grade This weekend is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun! For questions or to register contact Sammie Moore at youth.stlm@gmail.com



Medjugorje

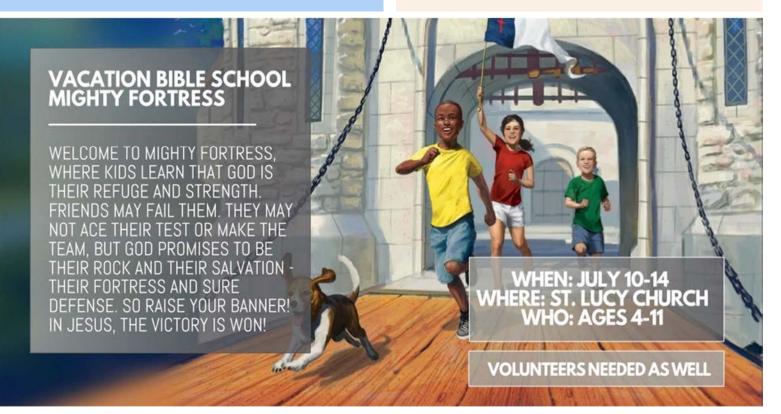
September 5th to the 13th, 2017

Come join our group traveling to beautiful Medjugorje, а place the whole world is talking about, where a piece of heaven touches the earth. Our Blessed Mother told one

of the visionaries "What I started at Fatima, I will end in Medjugorje." The spiritual trip of a lifetime! Answer Our Lady's call to "Come to me in Medjugorge."

Total cost \$2,210. Credit cards accepted. To register or for more information contact group leader Claude Langlois at (978) 682 - 6012 as soon as possible.

Our groups 14th trip to Medjugorje - nine days, seven nights, two meals per day, staying at Pope John Paul II Hotel only seconds from St. James Church in the heart of Medjugorje.





PLEASE VISIT US ON FACEBOOK Page: Theology on Tap Methuen Group: Theology on Tap Methuen, MA Event: Is It Possible to Keep the Commandments?

> BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK Piro's Italian Bakery (978) 686 –1872 300 Merrimack Street, Methuen

Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

John David Marsden Abigail Rose Johnson Jameson Patrick Keating Connor Pellerin



Immerse them in the waters of your life and love. Seal them with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate their path with the light of your hope. Clothe them with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

Miscellaneous Information



St. Rita Sodality 90th Anniversary Corpus Christi Parish 35 Essex Street, Lawrence

Saint Rita Triduum 2017 Friday, May 19

First Night of St. Rita Triduum - Guest Speaker **Fr. Joseph Thomas, BSO**, **(Fr. Joe)** from our Parishes

Holy Rosary Church, Corpus Christi Parish

7:00pm – Guest Speaker & Benediction All are welcome (women & men) Parking lot on Common Street. Use ramp entrance. www.saintritasodality.com Mary Lou Nichols - President (978) 685 - 7164

Come and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

Join Saint Patrick Parish in Lawrence on Saturday, May 20 as they welcome the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima statue in honor of the 100th anniversary of her apparitions to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. This statue is an image of the Immaculate heart of Our Lady of Fatima as she appeared in 1929 to Sister Lucia in Tuy, Spain. It was during this apparition that Our Lady asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. This Statue was blessed by Pope Francis on October 23, 2013 at the conclusion of the Wednesday audience ten days after his consecration of the world to Our Lady of Fatima on October 13. It was formally introduced at the 2014 March for Life in Washington D.C.

The event will include:

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Adoration with Devine Mercy chaplet at 3:00 pm followed by Rosary and Consecration Prayer and Litany of Loretto.

4:00 - 4:45 pm - Brown Scapular Enrollment Blessing and Investiture with Miraculous Medal

4:45 - 5:00 pm - Brief talk on Apparition of Fatima **5:30 pm -** Mass

The World Apostolate of Fatima will provide rosaries, brown scapulars and Fatima materials for the afternoon.

ST. LUCY PARISH





Saturday, May 13 - Easter Weekday4:00 pmJoseph and Emma Tringali

Sunday, May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes 9:30 am William G. Klier 11:30 am (multiple intentions) Stella Quinto, Alfio and Maria Reitano, Antonio LaSpina, Gaetano Ignoti and Anthony Liguori Mary Cefalu Marie Hajjar Violet Wrobel



St. Lucy Parish Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

The members of the Sodality will recommit to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:30 Mass on June 11th. The next Sodality meeting will be after the Recommitment Ceremony. Please remember the Irish Cottage Fundraiser on May



24th.



SAVE THE DATE NOTICE

Sunday, May 21st – Men's Guild Meeting – after 9:30 Mass in St. Lucy's Church Hall

Saturday, June 3rd – Sock Hop – to benefit St. Monica/St. Lucy's Youth Group

Sock Hop Co-sponsored by

St. Monica's Knights of Columbus For tickets – call Larry @ 978-360-9256 or Jack @ 978-373-2376

Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St. Joseph who meet regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their families, in their parishes, and in their community.

Offertory May 7, 2017: \$6,716.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday Offering.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

Monday, May 15st - Easter Weekday8:00 amAlfredo Eleonora Bencirenga
& Vincenzo Filomena Bencivenga

Tuesday, May 16th-Easter Weekday8:00 amFrank Cefalu

Wednesday, May 17th - Easter Weekday 8:00 am

Saturday, May 20 - Easter Weekday4:00 pmJennie and Vito Milone

Sunday, May 21 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Bernard Godbout and Joy Breen 9:30 am Tony Longo 11:30 am (multiple intentions) Rose Cavallaro Irene Gagne Marie Sirois John Thomas Daly Silippo Cali, Giuseppe and Carmela Ardizzone Walter Cheltowski Charles and Ann Torrisi

ST. MONICA PARISH





Saturday, May 13 - Easter Weekday 8:00 am (multiple intentions) In thanksgiving to

4:00 pm

In thanksgiving to Our Lady Connie and Albert Zampelli

Sunday, May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 amKevin O'Donnell9:30 am (multiple intentions)

George Abdulla Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro Ragonese Family, Michaud Family, DiBartolo Family Marie-Paule Labrie Richard Ferland Deceased members of the DiNoto Family Violet Wrobel Helen Fredette Pauline and Edward Jewell and Samuel R. Benigno Lionel Duhamel

- 11:30 am
- 5:30 pm Lionel Duhame Thursday, May 18 - Easter Weekday

7:00 am Robert M. Mullin

Friday, May 19 - Easter Weekday 7:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Saturday, May 20 - Easter Weekday

8:00 am (multiple intentions) Joseph O'Neil 4:00 pm Joseph Drelick

Sunday, May 21 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Bernard Murphy Jr. **9:30** am (multiple intentions) Claire Waterworth Kenneth Coco Nelinda Decola James Dicroce Sr. and Ann Orlando Cecelia Ahern Constance Rand Patricia Leslie (Living) 11:30 am Bernadette M. Beaudry Parishioners of St. Monica and 5:30 pm St. Lucy Parishes

ROSES FOR LIFE



Roses for Life have been donated

In Loving Memory of

Michael & Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich Francis J. Morel Leo and Ann Ouellette John Ouellette

If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities, for a donation of \$10, we'll purchase a rose and place it in the vase before the statue of the Blessed Mother for a week. Please contact the parish office at (978) 683-1193.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned fruit, strawberry jelly, canned beans, canned spaghetti, cereal, rice sides, pancake mix, pancake syrup, and spaghetti sauce.

Offertory May 7, 2017: \$11,590.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday Offering. Next weekend, the second collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

THE TRIUMPH: A PARISH MISSION



FEATURED SPEAKER

Fr. David W. Gunter, MIC is a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception located at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was ordained in 2009 for the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to

entering the priesthood, he studied at Northeastern University receiving a BA in Economics and Geology in 1981. He went on to obtain an MBA from Babson College in 1984. He entered the Marian Fathers in July 2014, and completed his novitiate in August 2015, when he professed first vows. Over the last few years, Fr. David has been researching Marian apparitions, Marian teachings by saints and popes, and has compiled an exciting program based on a book he has written called "The Triumph." SUNDAY, MAY 21 through WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:00pm: Presentation Topic: Testimony and Introduction

MONDAY, MAY 22

6:30pm: Rosary & Confessions 7:00pm: Presentation Topic: Catechesis Background

TUESDAY, MAY 23 6:30pm: Rosary & Confessions

7:00pm: Presentation Topic: What Has Heaven Been Saying to Us?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

6:30pm: Rosary & Confessions 7:00pm: Presentation Topic: Final remarks concerning "The Triumph". Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Fr. Gunter will speak at all weekend Masses.

Materials available for purchase

For More Information Contact: Isabela Peixoto at (978) 683-1193 or visit www.thedivinemercy.org/events



MARIAN FATHERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Mrs. Michaud was surprised on May 8th with a Teacher Appreciation Award from Sylvan Learning Centers. Kim Bass came to school to present the award to her.

The students in second grade applauded and cheered for their beloved teacher!



Suzanne is looking to hire a Part-Time Sr. Development Associate (20 hours per week) starting in August 2017. The Development Associate would be responsible initially for Event Planning (large scale events bringing in upwards of \$20K) and creating a database of Alumni. The Development Associate position would eventually become full-time. The full-Development Associate would also be time responsible for planning, organizing, and directing all of St. Monica's fundraising in conjunction with the PTO. Other responsibilities would include grant writing, the major gifts program, annual fund, planned giving, special events, capital campaigns and raising funds for financial aid. Requirements for the position are a Bachelor's Degree in Business or related field with 3-5 years experience in marketing, organizing and pre-planning, grant writing, and Research, technology, social media and finance. public relations skills are required. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please send a resume with cover letter and names and phone numbers of three employer references to Sr. Suzanne Fondini, St. Monica School Development Search, 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA 01844. Application deadline is July 1, 2017. Please, no phone calls.



St. Monica Fathers and Daughters danced the night away at a 50's Sock Hop on Saturday, May 6th. A wonderful night was had by all! Thank you to Kerry DeMattia and Lisa Maroon for organizing the event!



Check out our website for more photos of our recent events.

May Procession by St. Monica School Students

Please join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 8:30 am for the beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary as the students of our St. Monica School lead us in the May Procession.

The second grade children who will have just received their First Holy Communion, will lead us in reciting the Holy Rosary, crowning our Blessed Mother, and singing beautiful hymns. Come pray with us and be part of this holy experience!



Meet Fr. Milik— Bringing the good news to the most unlikely of places

When Fr. Adrian Milik was ordained in 2012, he was eager to start his work as a parish priest at St. Thomas Aquinas in Bridgewater. He never imagined his ministry would take him to the local prison.

For four years, Fr. Milik made frequent visits to Old Colony Correctional Center to serve inmates in a variety of ways hearing confessions, celebrating Mass, but most importantly, bringing the presence of God inside the barbed wire fences. It was in the prison that Fr. Milik learned how to truly live a life of non-judgmental love.

As Fr. Milik so beautifully states, "Each one of us has a calling to change the world—to make it better." Not only do our priests make the world a better place through their own actions, but they inspire others to do the same no matter where they may be in life.

To help ensure priests like Fr. Milik are cared for as they live out their vocation, please support the Easter collection this year.

To see Fr. Milik's full video story, visit clergytrust.org.





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