

AUGUST 18, 2019



20th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MONICA PARISH

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254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

DAILY MASS MON, TUE, & WED 8:00 am St. Lucy **THURS, FRI, & SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica

WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30 am Monica, 9 am Lucy, 9:30 am Monica, 11 am Lucy, and 11:30 am Monica

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
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2019

What's your story?

"NEVER ACCEPT A LABEL IN THE PLACE OF A STORY."
- SHERRY WEDDELL, FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

Leadership and Ministry Retreat

8 AM MASS

8:30 - 9 AM COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

9 - 10:15 AM CONFERENCE

10:15 AM BREAK

10:30 - 11 AM PRAYER & REFLECTION

11 AM - 12:15 PM SECOND CONFERENCE

12:15 PM CLOSING REMARKS

ST. MONICA CHURCH

Welcome

We're glad you're here!

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.



Dear Methuen Catholic,
We want to express our sincere appreciation for your generous support of the Baby Bottle Campaign during Lent.

Thank you very much for showing your respect for life, through your amazing donations of \$1,459.19 from St. Lucy and \$2,339.06 from St. Monica. Because of your support, we can

come alongside women, children and families to build relationships and help meet needs both physically and spiritually.

The funds you provided will help supply new moms and their families with material services (formula, diapers, cribs), education (unplanned pregnancy, infant care, sexual integrity) and the love and support of our client advocates.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like a tour of the center or more information.

Thank you again,
The Pregnancy Care Center
978-373-5700

RCIA Program for adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Sessions will begin in October at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse.

Any questions, please contact Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307 or Kevin Fitzgerald at 978-686-3311.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION!

We are currently accepting registrations for 2019-2020. We have classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation at St. Monica's and First Grade through Confirmation at St. Lucy's.

Please submit your registration form and payment as soon as possible in order to secure your family's place in our program. Registrations are available in the parish offices (254 Merrimack St.) or online at methuencatholic.org on the Faith Formation Page.

We have updated our registration fees for 2019-2020.

Registration Fee: \$125/child with a \$300 family max
Confirmation Retreat Fee: \$50/child

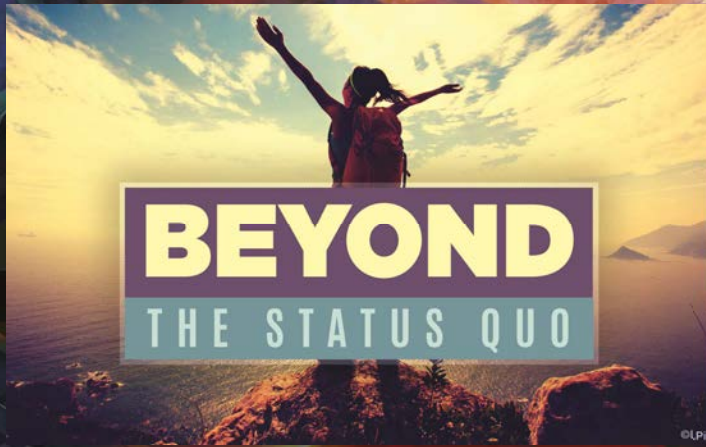
*Families can receive a **\$25 discount/child** if paid in full by **September 15, 2019 (\$250/family max)**.*

Any questions, please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683-1193 ext. 35.

Next weekend, Bishop Hennessey will be at St. Lucy Parish to speak on behalf of The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle. We will have a second collection to support the mission. There will be no envelopes but we ask that all checks or cash be placed in the collection basket.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual
Friends of the Poor Walk
Saturday, September 28, 2019
9:00 am
St. Monica Parking Lot

Please register to be a walker and ask all your friends and relatives to support you. No amount is too small! If you cannot attend, a donation of cash or a check can be placed in the poor boxes located at the back of the church and chapel.



The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The first Sodality meeting of the new season is **Sunday, September 8** at St. Lucy's after the 9:00 am Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

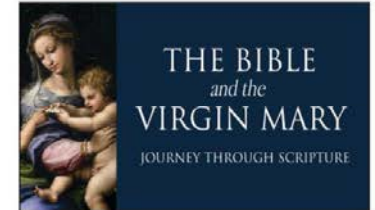
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If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To quickly register for Formed, please go to methuencatholic.formed.org. We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. **Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM**

Readings for the week of August 18, 2019

- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14
[cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/
Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab,
6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
[12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Pack 55 Cub Scouts will be welcoming new and returning Scouts at the first meeting of the year on Wednesday September 4th at 6:30pm in St Lucy's Church Hall. Cub Scouts is for youth entering grades K-5. For information, please contact Rachael at Rachael.banks@comcast.net.

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Teddy Coletta
4:00 pm People of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:30 am Mary and Alfio (Fred) Coco and Agnes Arcand
9:30 am Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
 Donato and Concetta Ferraro and deceased family members
 In thanksgiving to St. Anthony, the Infant of Prague, and St. Jude
 In thanksgiving to St. Joseph for favors received
 Johan Mac Isaac
 Rachel Caron
 Kelley A. Kondrat

11:30 am Flora LaTorre

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 am Dorothy "Dottie" Baublis

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 am Dick Doherty

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
4:00 pm Marin Beauchesne

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 am Marion and Vincent Devaney
9:30 am Louise Fusco
 Nancy Tardif
 Y. Beatrice Beeley
 Domenic and Julia Mazzocco
 Georgette Gagnon

11:30 am Patrick M. Lannan

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:00 pm Janet Szostak

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 am Josephine Maranto
11:00 am Dorothy Boragine
 Lucy Boragine
 Harriet Despres
 Giuseppe and Salvatore Privitera
 Betsy Lane
 Dorothy "Dottie" Baublis

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 am Manny Gianni and Christine Gianni Eldridge

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 am Yvonne Soucy

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 am Christine Bolduc

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:00 pm Christine Bolduc

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
11:00 am Real Taschereau
 Dennis Miele
 Luanne Hickey
 Deceased members of the Paris Family
 Maria Natalia Melo Mendonca
 Manuel Farias Da Silva
 Augusto Andrade
 Maria Angelina Andrade
 Herman Andrade
 Steven Michael Cabral

Observances for the week of August 18, 2019

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. John Eudes, Priest
 Tuesday: St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: St. Pius X, Pope
 Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
 Saturday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
 Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



GIVE

ST. MONICA PARISH

08/11/19 Offertory: \$8,905.00

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.

ST. LUCY PARISH

08/11/19 Offertory: \$5,151.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The second collection next weekend is for the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- **Baptisms** 12:30 pm St. Lucy Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 4:30pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30 - 8:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Leadership Meeting** 6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Lucy School House

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:00 am Mass until 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm
St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned soups, spaghetti sauce, canned spaghetti, canned vegetables, cereal, and mashed potatoes.

Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays beginning after the 8:00 am Mass until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for St. Monica Parish have been donated in loving memory of

Theresa A. Rickley
Ronald V. (Biff) Demers
Michael Cote
Laura Cote
Walter Wildes Jr.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Richard S., Jeff, Nick T., William B., and Kathy C.**

Please pray for **Pam Ducharme, Dianne Thibault, John McDaid, and Francis Kobrenski** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

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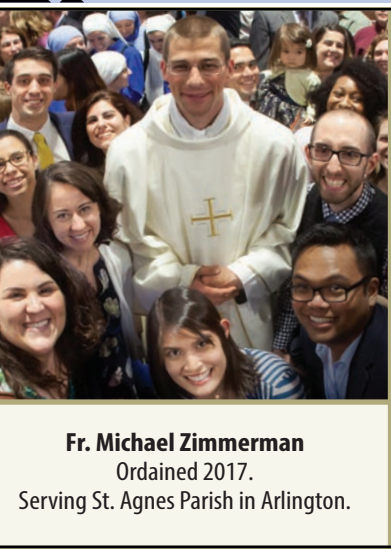
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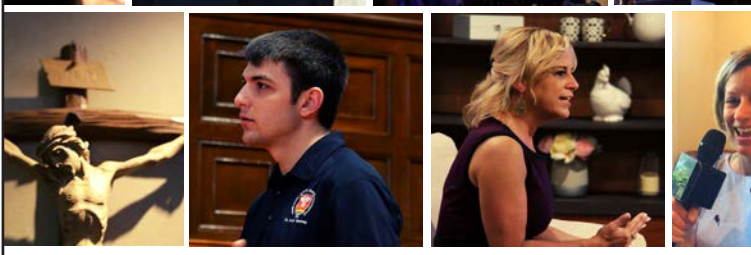
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