29 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY INC He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:20-21

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

St. Monica Parish: 212 Lawrence Street St. Lucy Parish: 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA

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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 ParishSt. Lucy ParishSaturday 3:00-3:45 pmSaturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366 For St. Lucy's, please contact Ellen Wholley at (978) 682 - 8459. If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

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

JOIN US FOR

Wednesday, November 1

Mass Schedule: 4:00 pm (prior eve) - St. Monica's 7:00 am - St. Monica's 8:00 am - St. Lucy's 10:00 am - St. Monica's 12:30 pm - St. Lucy's 7:00 pm - St. Lucy's

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.

The St. Monica Parish 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance is SOLD OUT! Thanks to everyone for their support.

Imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and He has invited us to visit with Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better. Being aware who He was, we would be humbled and honored by such an invitation. The good news is that Jesus is here with us TODAY - body, blood, soul and divinity". - *Mother Teresa's Reflection/St. Daniels Church*

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... baked beans, canned beans, canned spaghetti, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, spaghetti sauce, and strawberry and grape jelly.

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

St. Lucy/St. Monica Ultreya



Tuesday, October 24 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM St. Lucy Church Hall

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreva This

part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend **Linda Ulisse Sousa** who has been invited to offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

> Our Pilgrimage to "THE HOLY LAND"

with Fr. William Lohan as Spiritual Director November 1st to November 12th, 2018 12 days, 10 nights, 3 meals daily

To register or for more information, please contact Mr. Claude Langlois, Group Leader at (978) 682 - 6012.

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Seventeenth Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy

There are boxes at the entrances of the churches where you may drop off **new**

hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks (for children, babies and adults) until November 19th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). These articles will be distributed to the needy during the winter months. Dear friends,

It is with regret that I announce the conclusion of my work as Music Director at St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes, as of the end of October.

As many of you know, this past year has been full of great challenges and stresses in the life of my family. The death of our beloved son Thomas (23 years old) in June, was followed by the prolonged hospitalization/rehab of my elderly mother in Chicago. In the month of September, we helped her to move into our house here in Massachusetts; while being a challenge this has also been a source of joy for all of us.

In the midst of all these difficulties, my wife and I continue to marvel at the way in which God has poured his grace into our lives, and helped us to see these events in the light of faith. And words cannot express the way in which your love and prayers, along with those of our other friends, have brought strength and deep consolation to our hearts!

Nevertheless, my wife and I have had a growing sense of urgency for me to be more present to our family, as we continue to go through this period of mourning and adjustments. And this is very difficult to do while fulfilling my duties here in Methuen (a 40 mile commute each way), which require me to be away from home every weekend and every holy day, as well as during the week for funerals, meetings, etc. throughout the year.

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your Music Director over these past 4+ years, and for the privilege of working with Fr. Lohan and all the staff.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I keep you in mine!

Yours sincerely, Paul Jernberg

Please pray for Dr. Raymond Cormier and

Fr. Robert Maloney whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

The Increased Offertory Campaign MOVING FORWARD

As you know, our parishes are now involved in the Increased Offertory Campaign. In recent weeks, we have been preparing for the Program by recruiting volunteer leadership, updating parish records and producing program materials. Soon all members of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes will be invited to participate in the Increased Offertory Campaign. We hope you will respond positively and with generosity.

This week you will receive a letter from Father Lohan describing the Increased Offertory Campaign and how our parishes will benefit. It is an opportunity for all of us to take an active role in the growth and stabilization of our parishes and for each parishioner to practice the principle of stewardship — giving back a portion of our blessings to God.

On November 19, each parishioner will be asked to make a commitment to evaluate and increase – if they are able – what they give to the parish's weekly offertory collections. Please pray about your participation in this important effort.

Electronic Giving Is Here... Have You Signed Up Yet?

- It benefits you and our parish!
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On your way out of Mass today, please take a copy of **The Monthly Prayer Request For Priests** located in the back of the church. We ask that each person takes one home to offer a couple minutes each day to pray for a priest.

Formed.org, also known as the Catholic Netflix

The Archdiocese is working with Formed.org to offer free access to all of their material until October 27. Formed.org offers much in the area of Programs, Studies, Audios, and eBooks. (Once you download an eBook, it is yours to keep, even after the free offer ends!) You can watch Formed.org on your desktop computer or on a mobile device using the Formed app if you have an iPhone or iPad. (There is currently no Android app.) If you have any questions, please Doherty at 978-270-3366 contact Bonnie or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To access this material: Go to: https://formed.org/, Click on Login and enter email address: boston@formed.org and password: formed17.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Methuen Senior Activity Center 77 Lowell St., Methuen Saturday, November 4, 2017, 9:00am - 3:00pm Assorted Crafts, Jewelry Table, Gift Shop Table, Hourly Drawings, Luncheon Snack Bar, and a Giant Raffle! Enter for your chance to win! Dozens of fabulous prizes to choose from including gift certificates, cash prizes and great gifts items. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You don't need to be present to win, but join us for a fun – filled day!

The public is invited and admission is free!

Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions are being offered 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, a program commonly known as RCIA. Anyone interested in receiving any or all of these sacraments, which they may have not received in their youth, are **encouraged and welcomed** to attend. If YOU know of anyone interested, please let them know and we will gladly welcome them and explain the process offered. Also, these sessions are open to anyone who has received their Sacraments but might want to come to a deeper appreciation of what these Sacraments are about. You too are welcome to join in a very interesting and relaxed atmosphere. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

Our next meeting is this Sunday, October 22nd at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy schoolhouse.

Join us for a Faith and Fitness Workout

When: EVERY Saturday beginning 10/28

Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Where: St. Lucy's Parish (downstairs);

Street address: 254 Merrimack St, Methuen, MA 01844

Bring: Water, a Yoga Mat and a Friend!

Cost: \$5.00/class suggested donation which goes to St. Vincent De Paul

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ST. LUCY PARISH



Saturday, October 21 4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, October 22 8:00 am Therese Rousseau 9:30 am Mary and Jack Amidio **11:30 am** (multiple intentions)

Pasquale Petralia **Rita Finniss** John T. Chmielecki Vivian Bodary Filippo Cali Louis Vallante

Monday, October 23 8:00 am John Mugavero

Tuesday, October 24 8:00 am Luisa and Elena Rea

Wednesday, October 25 8:00 am Charles L. Hanafin

Saturday, October 28 4:00 pm Deborah Girardi

Sunday, October 29 8:00 am

CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTION

9:30 am

Biasco Scrofano and Sal Scrofano Salvatore Boragine Sr. **11:30 am** (multiple intentions) Mary and Frank Cefalu

Lucille Pappalardo

Many people don't know that our tax dollars are used to fund abortions in Massachusetts, but that can be changed. After all the Masses this weekend, members of Mass Citizens for Life are collecting signatures outside the church for a ballot initiative to stop the public funding of abortion in Massachusetts. Over 100,000 signatures are needed to get this effort onto the ballot, so please take a few minutes to sign.

OFFERTORY

October 15, 2017: Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,092.00

The second collection this weekend is for Mission Sunday. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering and one collection on All Saints Day, November 1st. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

VAN

Saint Lucy Parish's Annual Turkey Shoot

Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon!

Sunday, 11/19/2017 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the parish hall

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Our next Sodality meeting is on Sunday, November 5th after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the rosary.

Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today. Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

ST. MONICA PARISH

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated In loving memory of

Nancy Tardif Michael and Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich Mary M. Esposito

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.

CATHOLIC FAMILY LIBRARY

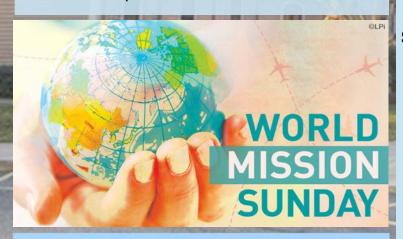
The Catholic Family Library will return **next Sunday, October 29 at the 9:30 Mass** with books and DVDs for free rental in the back of the church.

OFFERTORY

October 15, 2017: Regular Sunday Offering: \$10,995.00

The second collection this weekend is for Mission Sunday. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering and one collection on All Saints Day, November 1st.

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



The chapel stays open until 7pm everyday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21

 8:00 am (multiple intentions) Joseph Begin Lanen Family
 4:00 pm Mary V. Fusco

Sunday, October 22

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Marie-Paule Labrie Claire and Chanel Michaud and Deceased members of the Michaud, Ragonese, and DiBartolo families Nancy Tardif Maria and Joe Peixoto and Joe Neves Mary Orlando Rev. Joseph X. O'Connor, OSA Ireanna Elizabeth Stadelman

11:30 am 5:30 pm

Thursday, October 26

7:00 am

Suzanne Dooley

Friday, October 277:00 amWilliam and Margaret Collins

Saturday, October 28

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

Arthur Hamel Fernanda Cordeiro

Sunday, October 29

7:30 am	Marcelle and Jean - Guy Pelletier				
9:30 am (multiple intentions)					
	Living and deceased members of				
	the Plourde & Frappier Families				
	Jennie Hanscom				
	Veronica Murray				
	Irene Silva				
	Vilaga Denis				
11:30 am	Peter and Josephine Zelic				
	Mara Kovacevic				
5:30 pm	Leo Seman				

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Our Kindergarten class visited the fire station on Thursday, October 12. They brought our firefighters some home made cookies to thank them!

The Early Childhood Program at St. Monica School enjoyed a trip to Italy with the taste and smell of pizzelles!

The students made the pizzelles, coated them with powdered sugar and had them for snack.

This is all part of the preschool social studies program where the students travel to a different country each month. They travel by plane (set up in the school hallway) and have to show their passports to get stamped and get their boarding passes, and watch a video of takeoff, flying and landing on their smart board. They travel to the country and on different days study the language, food, customs and other facts about the country they are visiting!



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