

ST. MONICA PARISH

212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA

ST. LUCY PARISH

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** 8:15 am St. Monica **SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica
WEEKEND SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy



DECEMBER 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
- Mt 2:20

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.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Jan. 1st

Mass Schedule:

DEC. 31st

4:00 PM St. Lucy Church & St. Monica Church

JAN. 1st

9:00 AM St. Lucy Church & St. Monica Church

Our Commission to Aid Our Brothers and Sisters in Need visited the Daybreak Shelter with coffee and pastries and sang Christmas carols with the people living there.



St. Lucy Advent Tree of Light

Many thanks to all parishioners for another successful year of giving to Lazarus House. Your generosity exceeded all expectations. Over 300 gifts were sent this year. A special "Thank You" to Kerin McLaughlin for printing all the tags. May God bless you all!
Annette Autiello - Coordinator

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

Year of the 
EUCCHARIST

Cardinal Seán O'Malley has declared a Year of the Eucharist for the Archdiocese of Boston! The year will officially begin on Holy Thursday 2020 and end on the Feast of Corpus Christi 2021.



Share the Nativity at St. Lucy's

This year during Christmas, we are putting on display different Nativity Scenes. The scenes will be displayed in the lower church hall and will be available for viewing until Jan. 6. If you would like to

have your Nativity scene displayed at St. Lucy, please drop it off at the office during the week or give it to one of the Ushers before each Mass. They can be of any size and pictures or banners are also welcome. All items will be returned after the holidays. Please use the form below so that we have your contact info so each display can be returned. Let's truly celebrate together the "Reason for the Season" and continue this tradition at St. Lucy.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____



11th Annual Holy Hour for Life, Healing and Forgiveness

Marking the Anniversary of Roe v Wade

January 22, 1973 to January 22, 2019

Place: St. Lucy Church

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Time: 7 p.m.

Presiders: Deacon John Kobrenski & Deacon John Pierce

A Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness and Healing with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist will be held on January 22, 2020 as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand.

We will pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, for those who have been wounded by abortion, for those facing death, and for increased holiness in the Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned beans, canned spaghetti, canned tuna, and pancake mix and syrup. Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT

Every time I count my blessings, my love for God grows bigger. And every time I count my struggles, my faith in God grows stronger Amen.



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



If you have been thinking about joining the Sodality, please come to our January 5th meeting after the 9:00 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. Our plans for 2020 will be planned. You are always welcome!

We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 am Living Mass

Dorothy Barnes
Steven DiZazzo

4:00 pm Robert Putnam

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 am Gladys Perry

9:30 am Nancy Tardif
Sr. Claire Ann Torla
Ruth Clarke
Judith Clermont
Richard Fairbanks

11:30 am Raymond Matton

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

8:15 am Christine Ferguson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

8:15 am Kelly Martin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 am

4:00 pm People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 am Adele Martin

9:30 am Catherine Goff
Umberto Noguera, Graciela Noguera,
and Ana Rosa Osorio

11:30 am Ronny Caron

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:00 pm Thomes Wholley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

11:00 am Robert H. Dion

Dorothy Baublis
Michael Balukiewicz
Thomas Fairbanks
Daniel J. Kennedy
Anne B. O'Brien

Laura, Thomas, Mark, and Paula Cardone
Luz and Americo Soto
Patricia Dionne

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am Gerardo and Mattia D'Andrea and
Vincent Minicucci

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 am Maciariello and Ciambella Families

4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

4:00 pm Richard P. Giles

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 am Deceased members of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sodality

11:00 am Paul Browinski

Elaine Parrino
Theresa A. Rickley



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

Fridays beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until
5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

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

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

GIVE

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Last weekend's collection totals will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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

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

OFFERTORY

On behalf of our priests, thank you for your generous support of our Christmas collection to benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. The strength and vibrancy of our communities depend on the health and well-being of our priests. Truly, healthier priests build stronger communities. If you missed our Christmas collection, you can still make a gift by going online to clergytrust.org. Thank you again for your generosity.

St. Monica School will be picking up and disposing of Christmas Trees for families living in Methuen only for a donation of \$10.00. Pick up dates are the weekends of January 4 & 5, and January 11 & 12. If you are interested, please contact Marc Krzywicki at mk82682@aol.com, or call or text him at 978-500-7880 to set up a pick-up date. Thank you!

Saint Monica School Holiday Raffle January 2020

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. \$50	29. \$50	30. \$50	31. \$150	

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

We must sell 215 tickets. If we do not sell 215 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 be held!) All payments will be sent to winner/winners mid-February.

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle \$10 per ticket or 6 for \$50 – checks made out to St. Monica School

Name _____ Phone (REQUIRED) _____

Address (REQUIRED) _____

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).

St. Monica School will hold an Open House on Sunday, 1/26/20 - After the 9:30 Mass. All prospective families are welcome to visit the school, meet the teachers, and interact with our students.



Support our school by selling Krispy Kreme's famous glazed doughnuts!! \$10 per dozen. Orders and payment need to be turned in by Tuesday, January 21st. Doughnuts will be available for pick up Sunday, January 26 at the school hall 10:30 AM- Noon. To order, please contact the school.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

- **Parish Offices Closed**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

- **Holy Hour: Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer** 6:00 - 7:00pm St. Lucy Church
- **Baptism Prep Class** 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

- **Faith2fitt (Faith & Fitness)** 8:00 am St. Lucy School House. Worship and workout - getting stronger in body and spirit!
- **First Saturday Mass** 8:00 am St. Monica Church
- **Women's Prayer Group** 9:30 - 11:30 am St. Monica House
- **Baptism Prep Class** 11:30 am St. Lucy School House
- **Choir Rehearsals** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church & 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

- **Sodality Meeting** 9:00 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **RCIA** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 12:30pm St. Monica House
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 12:45 pm St. Monica School Hall

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Tina P., Casey W., Janice M., Claire M., Eileen, Gerry, Kay, Sujerlty, Pat, Jeff, Gerta, Pamela, Kathleen L., Sylvia H., Catherine N., Justine N., Kari N., Greg P., Ron B., and Bella B.**

Please pray for **Helen Szmyt, Lawrence Caffrey, Anita Gugliuzza, John Hallsworth, and Maria Caruso** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week
Theresa A. Rickley and Maria Arasi

Sanctuary Candle for January
St. Monica Parish: **Paul Morrison**
St. Lucy Parish: **Perry, Clara, Steven, and Beverly Autiello**

Altar Bread for January
St. Lucy Parish: **William and Marie Mercier**

CONGRATULATIONS

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;
Allen Michael Benjamin
Cora Lee Thompson



New Year's BLESSINGS



Parish Offices: 254 Merrimack Street, Methuen
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
St. Monica School: 212 Lawrence St., Methuen



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STAFF

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Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio	Parochial Vicar
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Deacon John Kobrenski	Permanent Deacon
Kera Mansour	Business Manager
Carolyn Leocata	Administrative Assistant
Isabela Peixoto	Communications Associate
Donna Henderson	St. Monica School Principal
Sharon Tully	St. Monica School Administrative Assistant
Karl Jackson	Director of Faith Formation
Eric Berthiaume	Music Director - St. Monica
Sharon Waning	Choir Director/Lead Cantor - St. Lucy
Dan Bolster	Weekend Organist - St. Lucy
Kevin Fitzgerald	Facilities Manager (St. Lucy) & RCIA Coordinator

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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