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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



**You are invited to Alpha
for a time of great food, even
better conversation and
talks that make you think.**

Sun, Sept. 22 | 10:30am

St. Monica School

Tues, Sept. 24 | 9:00am

St. Lucy Church Hall

Tues, Sept. 24 | 6:15pm

St. Lucy Church Hall

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Invite a friend and come join us!

FAITH FORMATION

Classes begin:

Sunday, September 22nd at St. Monica's (K-7)

Sunday, September 29th at St. Lucy's (1 - 7)

Monday, September 30th (8th grade)

Faith formation classes have begun, but you still have time to register. Registrations are available in the Parish Offices or online at methuencatholic.org on the Faith Formation Page.

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

Confirmation Retreat Fee: \$50/child

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

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

RCIA sessions are also open to anyone who has received these Sacraments but want to come to a deeper appreciation of what they are about. **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.



In anticipation of the **Sodality Craft Fair** held at St. Lucy Parish on October 19th, members of the Sodality will be selling **GRAND PRIZE Raffle tickets** next weekend, Sept. 28/29 & Oct 05/06

Prizes are: 1 \$500 VISA gift card
1 \$300 VISA gift card
1 \$100 Market Basket Gift Card

Cost of the tickets:
6 for \$10 | 15 for \$20 | \$2 each

You do not need to be present to win. *Sponsored by the St. Lucy Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality. We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.*

A Book Sale to support St. Lucy's will also be held the same day in the school house. Donate books you've read that others can enjoy and support the parish. Books can be left in the portico (between the school house and the garage at St. Lucy's) from October 6th to the 14th.

2019 - 2020 CORI FORMS

All volunteers 18 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI form **every year**.

New volunteers are asked to

- **sign a Code of Conduct form** (good for the duration of your time at the parishes) and
- **attend a Protecting God's Children Class**
Next class: **Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 AM in the St. Monica School Hall (new date, time, and location)** This class is a one time requirement for all parish and school employees and volunteers. *Sign up at Virtus.org. Sign in as a First-time registrant. Our organization is Boston MA Archdiocese.*

If you have not filled out your CORI Form for this year, please stop by our Parish Offices to fill one out.

Deadline: September 30.

For any questions, please contact Isabela Peixoto at the Parish Offices.

As always, please know that all the information provided by you is kept safe and secure. We sincerely value your ministry and appreciate your ongoing support as we work with the Archdiocese to remain compliant.

ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
(Every 4th Tuesday of the Month)
7:00 - 8:30 PM St. Lucy Church



All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in our 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 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 and Cursillista **Marie Lucy** 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! Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

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 in the back of St. Monica Church and Chapel.



FEAST DAY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
SEPTEMBER 27

MEN'S GUILD

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Members are invited to gather for the 9:00 am Mass. The meeting will be immediately following the Mass in the church hall.

Guest Speaker is Retired Methuen Police Officer

John Earnshaw

Offering review of Defibrillator use & CPR Training

NOTE: Defibrillator is available for use in St. Lucy Church. This is a great opportunity to learn how to use it in case of emergency. Anyone and everyone interested in attending may do *so!*

All men are welcome and invited to learn more about the Men's Guild mission & to offer any new ideas for the coming year... Many new and exciting projects to support St. Lucy Parish are being planned.

Refreshments will be served.

Any questions – Call 978-360-9256

MISCELLANEOUS

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

"The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Our Faith"

Saturday, November 23, 2019

Registration begins at 7:30 AM, first talk is at 9 AM

Assumption College, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA
(Tsotsis Building)

Guest speakers: Kathleen Beckman, Michelle Schmidt, Mother Miriam, O.S.B., and Tim Francis

All are welcome!



Monday, Sept. 23 is St. Padre Pio's Feast day.

Please stop by his statue in the St. Monica Chapel, pick up a prayer card, and

request his powerful intercession.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:45 to 8:45 pm.

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 1st. In addition to reciting the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, our topic of discussion will be Blessings of the Holy Rosary. A Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. Visitors are always welcome.

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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

After you register, please email Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at (978) 270 - 3366 or at the email above.

Pro-Life Ballot Initiative

Abortion destroys the smallest and most helpless members of the human family. We, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect His precious gift of life.

Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts?

Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

Next weekend, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions (website: www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org) will be collecting signatures at St. Monica's after all the Masses on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies.

If you want to get involved and do more to help the prolife movement, please contact Monica Silvey at mmsilvey@verizon.net to volunteer. Learn more at www.StopTaxpayerAbortion.org. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 am Waterworth Family
Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
Barbara Hevey
Joseph O'Neil
4:00 pm Margaret Collins

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 am Eric Sullivan and Thomas Marisic
9:30 am Jacqueline and Charles Larocque
Rita Conroy
Nicole Hufnagle
Alice and Joseph McKenna
Jeanette Heffernan
Johan MacIsaac
11:30 am Peter LaTorre

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:15 am Ann Humlak

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15 am Dick Doherty

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil
Alice Indoccio
4:00 pm People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30 am Salvatore Georato
9:30 am Leo Seman
Nancy Tardif
Christine Marie Silva
Susan Priestley
Joan Coulon
Mary R. Coco
11:30 am Eileen Bateman Sarre

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:00 pm Cortese and Rizzo Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
11:00 am Margaret J. Covey
Sarah Boyle
Helen V. Koza
Dora Giuffrida

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 am Manny Gianni and Christine Gianni Eldridge

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 am Andrew and Isabel Mulvaney

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00 pm Thomas, Ruth, and Michael Wholley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am Real Taschereau
11:00 am Walter Cheltowski and Stephanie Kaminski
Friel and Felice Families
John, Salvatore, and Josephine Piazza

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

ST. MONICA PARISH

9/15/19 Offertory: \$9,982.00
2nd Collection for Clergy Benefit Trust: \$2,386.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The second collection next weekend is for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

ST. LUCY PARISH

9/15/19 Offertory: \$5,573.00
2nd Collection: \$1,395.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The second collection next weekend is for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

Next weekend, we will have a second collection at both parishes in support of the relief efforts for the (arch) dioceses of the Bahamas and the United States that have been ravaged by the destruction of Hurricane Dorian. Please address your checks to either St. Monica Parish or St. Lucy Parish, with "Hurricane Dorian Relief" in the memo. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- **St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk Pledge Drive** after all the Masses at St. Monica's
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **Alpha** 10:30 - 11:30 am St. Monica School
- **Confirmation 2 Meeting** 12:45-2:15pm Monica School Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6 - 6:30pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe** 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- **Alpha Morning Session** 9 - 10:30 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Alpha Night Session** 6:15 pm St. Lucy Church Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- **Prayer and Study** 10 am - 12 pm St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 4:30 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- **Baptisms Parent and Godparent Catechesis Class** 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- **Signature Drive** after the 4 pm Mass St. Monica Church
- **Sodality Craft Fair Ticket Sale** after the 4pm Mass St. Lucy Church
- **St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk** 9:00 am St. Monica Parking Lot
- **Confessions** 3 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **Signature Drive** after all the Masses St. Monica Church
- **Sodality Craft Fair Ticket Sale** after all the Masses St. Lucy Church
- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **Confirmation 2 Meeting** 12:45-2:15pm Monica School Hall
- **Confirmation 1 Parent and Student Info Meeting** 4:00 - 5:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Felipe, Shaun P., Dave Holm, Tracey A., Noreen, Gerry, Kay, Pat, Jeff, Marilyn B., and Bobby.**

Please pray for **Elizabeth Privitera, Rita Mauro, and Bob Brouder** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

**Adaline Donna Meaney-Vega
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We are in need of tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, mashed potatoes, and pancake mix and syrup. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*



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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
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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.

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