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**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: 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

#### ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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at St. Monica's Parish

#### 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

#### **Civic Holiday Schedule:**

Normal Schedule at both Parishes

#### St. Monica Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30-7:30 pm Friday Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

#### St. Lucy Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, December 3

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Madeline Vachon

Margaret O'Donnell

Thomas Greene

**4:00 pm** Karen Tardugno & Dora Jones

#### Sunday, December 4

7:30 am Blanche Fawcett

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Charlie & Rose Hanafin (Living)

Vivian Rozzi

In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

Irene Lavin

James Sheehy (15 Year Anniversary)

Tom Greene (Month's Mind)

Jules Deschamps

Deacon John Kobrenski (Living)

11:30 am Dalmazia Mesiti (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance) 5:30 pm The People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

#### Wednesday, December 7

**4:00 pm** Blanche Fawcett

#### Thurs., December 8

7:00 am Christine Ferguson

10:00 am

#### Friday, December 9

7:00 am Charles R. Veiga (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

#### Saturday, December 10

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Joseph Arsenault

**4:00 pm** Joseph O'Neil

#### Sunday, December 11

7:30 am Ronald Fitzgerald (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Donna St. Pierre

Theresa & William Leach

Winifred Mulcrone

Hannagan Family

Thomas F. Greene, Jr.

Michael Cocozza

Deacon John Kobrenski

11:30 am Shaun Gurry

5:30 pm Ida Michel (20 Year Anniversary)

#### STEWARDSHIP

November 21, 2016:

OFFERTORY: \$8,450.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Retired Religious Sisters: \$2,900.00

November 27, 2016:

OFFERTORY: \$9,555.00

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

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### "YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE..... canned baked beans, canned pasta, Hamburger Helper, rice, strawberry jelly, and peanut butter.

#### SVDP Giving Tree



The St. Vincent de Paul giving trees are now up in the Church. Please help us bring a smile to a child in need by taking a tag. Please return the present unwrapped or in a gift bag by December 11<sup>th</sup> with the

original tag attached to it. There will also be a box at the back of the church to return gift cards. Thank you for helping these children have a Merry Christmas.

#### Breakfast With Santa

We will hold Breakfast With Santa on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses

#### **Food Donations**

Thank you to the following for their generous food donations:

- People who bring in food on Sunday
- St. Monica School
- Cub Scouts
- Sadies

We are humbled by your generosity and continue to pray for you.



(1 Year Anniversary)



#### Roses for Life have been donated...

In Loving Memory of Michael & Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich Carole Ann Battye

Nicholas DiBenedetti Jr.

Please pray for **Joseph Litwin, Mary Lynch,** and **Irenee Grenier** who recently passed away. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



Bambinelli Sunday December 11, 2016 Mass at St. Monica

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope

will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our 9:30 Mass on Sunday, December 11. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed. Families can even make their own "bambinelli" if they want.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

## St. Monica Parish & Our Lady of Fatima Centennial 1917-2017

Honoring 100 Years:
Mass of Consecration to Our Lady
Jan 1, 2017, 11:30 AM
Feast of Mary Mother of God
Bishop Robert Hennessey Presiding

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 11:30 Mass; Consecration Mass to Mary, Mother of God & Our Lady of the Rosary
  - Bishop Robert Hennessey, DD, Presiding
  - In Solidarity with St. Monica Sister Parish "Mary Mother of God", Vladivostok, Russia
- Divine Mercy:
  - Novena: Good Friday April 15- April 22
  - Sunday (Weekend): April 22-23, 2017
- Fatima-Apparitions:;
  - May 13, 2017, June 13; July 13; August 15; September 13;
  - The Miracle of the Sun, The Last Apparition October 13, 2017
- Fatima: First Saturday Weekends: May 6/7, June 3/4, July 1/2, August 5/6, September 2/3, October 7/8.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass; June 18, 2017,

Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM (Cap), Presiding

Details of these and other events TBA

Please come join the Squires for the "Spread The Light Of Christ" event which will be on the night of Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ brought a great illumination of hope into the world. The Squires will help spread the light of Christ this Advent by lighting and blessing a Nativity scene. The Squires will serve hot chocolate and desserts after the blessing and lighting in the Knights of Columbus Hut.



#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, December 3

4:00 pm Yannalfo, Nardone, Conlin Family

#### Sunday, December 4

8:00 am Wilfred & Mary Despres

9:30 am Domenic & Mary Rotonnelli, Guiseppi & Francesca Bevilacqua, Rev. Charles Sgueglia,

Antonio & Philomena Sgueglia

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Albert DeSantis & Family

Warren Finniss

Walter Cheltowski

Margaret Nicolosi

Henry Bruno

Ana Lydia Mendez & Felicita Azucena

Theresa Maher

Mr. & Mrs. Walenty & Apolina Gebala

In Honor of St. Lucy

#### Monday, December 5

8:00 am Yvette Victorino

("Living" Special Intention)

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#### Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am Dorothy & Thomas Maricic

#### Wednesday, December 7

8:00 am Blasco & Sal Scrofano

#### Thursday, December 8

8:00 am Edward Boyle

(Birthday Memorial) 12:30 pm Thursday Girardi

7:00 pm

#### Saturday, December 10

4:00 pm Angelo, Jack & Jennie Maimone

#### Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Bernard Godbout

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cataldo

Joseph J. Gilmore (Anniversary)

Rossaele Tammoro & Family

Ernie Campolini (1 Year Anniversary)

Vicenzo, Vincenzina, Anthony & Paul Meli Sr. &

Vicenzo and Isabella Dadducci

Anthony Carelli (1 Year Anniversary)

Arcangelo, Giuseppina, Gabriele & Giuseppe Sangiorgio

Therese Maher

Michael & Mary Kisiel

STEWARDSHIP

November 27, 2016

OFFERTORY: \$5,462.00

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



#### "When You Sing You Pray Twice"

We are looking for volunteers to join a small choir for the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Church hall. You don't have to worry about carrying a tune. If interested, please call Kevin Fitzgerald at 978-686-3311.

#### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS

Christmas visits to members who are in nursing homes and homebound..... Please contact Eileen Breglia, Sunshine Chairperson, at 978-688-2978, with the names of members who would enjoy a visit from Eileen and her committee.

#### Sodality Christmas Dinner And Party

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Church hall Yankee Swap!!! \$10.00 Gift!!! Be creative!!! Contact: Ursula Maggio at 978-886-0915 to reserve your place.



Advent Tree of Light. Once again St. Lucy's Parish will partner with Lazarus House in assisting families over the Christmas Holiday. Advent Tree of Light will be

located at the main entrance to the Church on the weekend of November 19 to December 10. Tags will be placed on the tree for specific requests. If you are able, please make another family's Christmas brighter by taking a tag and purchasing the item requested. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS. Place the gift in a gift bag and place the tag on the outside of the bag. Leave the gift bags in the rear of the Church or in the Penance Room. All gifts must be returned by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683 -5159 with any questions.

#### **WELCOME!**

## We're glad you could join us this weekend.

#### **ST. LUCY PARISH Continued**



SHARE THE
NATIVITY... This
year during Advent and
leading up to
Christmas, we would
like to place on display
different nativity
scenes. The size doesn't

matter and pictures or banners are also welcome. All items will be returned after the holidays. The scenes will be displayed in the lower church hall and will be available for viewing from now through January 8th. If you would like to have your nativity scene displayed here at St. Lucy, please drop it off at the office during the week or give it to one of the ushers before Mass. 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 begin a new tradition here at St. Lucy. Forms are also available in the magazine rack at the front doors of the church.


#### "Heaven Can Wait" Words that Inspire, Motivate, and Entertain

by St. Lucy Parishioner Joseph G. Kalil, DDS, FACD

You are cordially invited to attend the launching of the publication of Dr. Kalil's first book at:

Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway, Methuen Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2pm

There will be a reading of some of Dr. Kalil's poems as well as a book signing. The sale of the book will be a fundraiser for the parish. The cost of the book is \$15 and \$5 of each book sold goes to our parish.

#### **Miscellaneous Information**

#### Coping with Grief During the Holidays

The holiday season can be extremely stressful for those who have lost a loved one. If you are dreading the upcoming holiday and feel overwhelmed with your emotions, come join our 2-week session and develop coping strategies in a supportive, confidential environment. The group sessions will be held on Dec. 14, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the beige house located on the St. Monica campus. Registration is required. Please call Lu Bonanno at 978-837-3333. The sessions are offered as a free service to the public.

#### BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Susan Conroy of EWTN will be visiting Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Methuen, MA on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Conroy lived for 12 years with Mother Teresa of Calcutta in India and has shared workshops on EWTN and written books on Saint Mother Teresa.

There will be a 6:30 Mass, followed by a presentation on Mother Teresa downstairs in the Parish Hall after the Mass, along with a book signing.

#### Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/

Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/

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Mt 11:2-11

#### **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.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy Thank You

I wish to extend a heart-felt thank you to all who participated in donating to Project Warm & Fuzzy. It is amazing to see how an idea that started so small has become so incredibly successful. The out-pouring of support this year has surpassed all other

years. Thanks to your kind hearts and generosity, many children and adults will stay warm this winter. I look forward to working with you again next year to make this project an even greater success. I would also like to thank the people who spent countless hours knitting and crocheting all year long. The personal touch gives an additional layer of warmth that can only come from something hand-made with care and love. I know some and others I have not met, but I thank you all for making this such a successful project and for contributing to the good of others. May God bless you during this Holy Christmas season and always.

Ashley Bolis, Founder, Project Warm & Fuzzy

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

**BULLETIN BOARDS:** Please submit all bulletin board postings to Isabela Peixoto at the Parish Office to be approved by Fr. Lohan.

#### Holy Hour for our Parishioners Monday Nights at 7:00pm at St. Lucy Church

An hour dedicated to praying for an out pouring of the Holy Spirit for a rebirth of faith in our parishes, for a renewed energy in all of us who are here and for the touching of our hearts to become more active as we draw in the lost.

#### Advent Parish Mission

Join Saint Lucy and Saint Monica Parishes for a three day parish mission to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Sunday, December 11: Penance Service

Monday, December 12: Join us for an evening of worship. Liz Cotrupi Pfunder is a Catholic speaker and musician who travels nationally to spread the love of Christ. She will be sharing her incredible witness story, and leading the parish in worship during Eucharistic Adoration.

#### Tuesday, December 13:

Mass to celebrate the feast day of Saint Lucy

Where: Saint Lucy Parish Time: 7pm (all three nights)



St. Lucy and St. Monica Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St.
Lucy's Church and St. Monica's Chapel.
Please contact Bonnie Doherty at
bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366
for more information about adoration at

St. Monica's and the parish office for information about adoration at St. Lucy's.

Tuesdays (St. Lucy) 1:30-4:30pm \*Fridays (St. Monica) 7:30am-7:30pm

\*PLEASE NOTE! No late starts for November and December. However, there is no adoration or confession on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 due to Holiday weekends.



## SAINT MONICA SCHOOL NEWS

Holiday Raffle

## January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.
\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.
\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
29.	30.	31.				
\$150	\$50	\$150				

## We must sell 215 tickets or all monies will be returned. All payments will be sent to winners at the beginning of February.

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

#### St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

\$10 per ticket – checks made out to St. Monica School by 12/22/16

Name	_ Phone (REQUIRED)	
Address (REQUIRED)		
St. Monica Student who sold ticket:		

Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize.

# St. Monica Parish 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



## **Save the Date**



St. Monica Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance Come Celebrate with your Family & Friends







**When:** Saturday, October 28, <u>2017</u>, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Where: Lenzi's Restaurant, 810 Merrimack Ave (Route 110), Dracut

Dinner buffet & dessert; cash bar

**Entertainment: DJ Russ McQueen** 

Cost: \$50.00 per person

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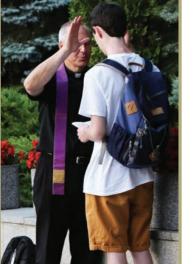
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