



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.

Friday Adoration at St. Monica Parish will begin after the 7am mass as usual, but will end at 5:30pm with benediction. Confession will be from 4:30-5:30pm.

Adoration and Confessions at St. Lucy's will no longer be held on Tuesdays. This month they will be offered on Thursdays, September 13 and 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church. Beginning next month they will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month.

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

We are currently accepting registrations for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation. Please find the registration form on our website and/or call the office for more information, call (978) 683-1193 or email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

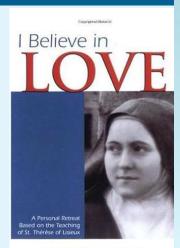


The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) will meet on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm in the Ranch House at St. Monica's. JCDA is open to girls ages 6-18. The JCDA threefold program of involvement is Message, Service, and Community.

For more information, please drop by on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK

It is impossible to fulfill our Christian mission on earth without suffering. It seems that the greater the missions are, the more the crosses are, too, and the heavier they are: the crosses of parents, the crosses of apostles, the crosses of priests, the crosses of bishops, the crosses of the Pope. - Father Jean C. J. d'Elbee, pgs 203-



by Father Jean C. J. d'Elbée

204, an excerpt from I Believe in Love (Publisher: Sophia Institute Press)

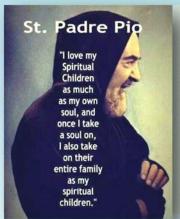
This book can be purchased at https://smile.amazon.com
If you purchase the book from this link and choose St. Monica School as the organization to support, 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.

As part of the annual Missionary Co Operative Program, Msgr. William P. Fay, Ph.D., will speak at all Masses next weekend September 8-9 about The Society for Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Msgr. Fay will share stories of his experiences in the missions, and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting lay people, priests, and religious in their evangelizing mission work. May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions.

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.



Please pray for **Doris Daly** and **Lorraine Radie** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica's Church. In addition to the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the evening's topic of discussion will include miracles attributed to Padre Pio's intercession and understanding Catholic doctrine. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. All visitors are welcome.



## Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Place: St. Monica Church

<u>Time:</u> 7 p.m.

Nine consecutive Mondays from September 10, 2018 - November 5, 2018

Our annual novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas, Queen of the first and the new evangelization, and Patroness of the unborn.

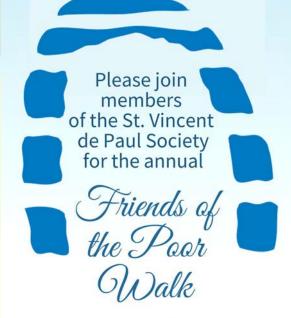
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- praying the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- reading The Nican Mopohua, the account of the Guadalupan apparitions of 1531 written in 1548 by Antonio Valeriano
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### "YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... spaghetti, canned fruits, canned spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and syrup, and cereal. Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.



#### Saturday, September 29, 2018

We will kick off from St. Monica at 9:00 am for the one mile walk. Please register to be a walker and ask all your friends and relatives to support you. No amount is too small!



#### **RCIA**

## Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered for any 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.

Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

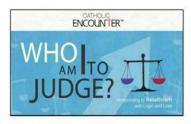
#### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Who Am I to Judge?

Presented By Dr. Edward Sri

#### How can we stand up for truth in a world that says there is no truth?

How can we explain our moral convictions without being labeled "judgmental?" Join Dr. Edward Sri as he explores what the Church teaches about truth and learn how to better explain it without fear of being "intolerant."



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-Chuck S, Wichita, KS

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



As part of the series to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Humanae Vitae, Catholic Quest is hosting a talk by Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director who became prolife and founded a ministry to assist workers to leave the abortion industry. Abby is the author of two books, Unplanned and The Walls Are Talking: Former Abortion Clinic Workers Tell Their Stories.

Date: Sat., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Time: 5:30 pm

Where: St. William Church, 1351 Main St,

Tewksbury, MA

Preceding Abby's talk there will be short introductory talks by Sr. Amata Filia, from the Sisters of Life, who will speak on the work of her order and by Kate Capato, from Visual Grace, who will speak on beauty and art and its connection to the pro-life message.

Early bird tickets are \$17 through Sept. 15 https://squareup.com/store/catholic-quest-events From Sept 16-Oct 31, tickets will be \$20 each. If still available, tickets at the door will be \$25 For more information, www.catholicquest.org

#### ST. LUCY VOLUNTEERS

THE 2018-2019 CORI FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

I will be available after all masses downstairs in the hall next weekend <u>September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.</u> Please have your photo ID with you. Contact me at 978-683- 6142 if you have any questions.

All church volunteers 18 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI every year. As always, please know that the information provided by you is kept safe and secure.

Anyone who volunteers at Saint Lucy Parish is required to complete a CORI form each fiscal year. Once completed, the form needs to be reviewed and your license verified by myself or a staff member. In addition:

Any <u>new volunteer</u> needs to sign a "Code of Conduct" form (good for the duration of your time at the parish)

You must also attend the "Protecting God's Children Program" (VIRTUS). If you have not attended before, please see the schedule at the end of the page.

We sincerely value your ministry and appreciate your ongoing support as we work with the Archdiocese to remain compliant.

Connie Mercier -- coordinator



60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of **St. Lucy Parish** 

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018

#### **HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey:**

4:00 p.m. in the church

Social Hour: 5:30 PM & Dinner: 6:30 PM

Michael's Function Hall 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA

Full Course Family Style Dinner | Donation \$50 Music and Dancing to follow! Tables of 10 are available! For tickets, please call 978-771-2150 or 978-794-4856. The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years.

## Clothing and Homegoods Drive Giving Second Life

Partnering with Lazarus House Ministries

Sunday, September 9, 2018 12:00 to 2:00pm Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen

Making a difference in our community starts with making a difference in the life of another family. One family at a time. Join us for this community fundraising event and bring your donation of gently used clothing, gently used furniture, small used appliances: toasters, blenders, microwaves and housewares: dishes, pots, pans, silverware. Make a difference in another family's life and give your donated items a second life as well!

For more information contact: Denis Greene 978-397-1591

St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH presents a very special 2-day event, **Love the WordTM** featuring Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelista - in her only scheduled Northeast appearance.

Friday, Sept. 21 at 7:00PM (free will offering taken)
Saturday, Sept. 22 9:00AM - 3:00PM (\$25/ticket).

Sonja will ignite your Faith through four inspiring talks. If you can't make both days, plan to attend at least one!

St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH.

Contact: Jennifer LeClair, St. Kathryn Parish, 603.882.7793

#### **Protecting God's Children Classes**

September 8 at 8:30 am
October 11 at 6:00 PM
St. Lucy Schoolhouse.
Please register at www.virtus.org.

## **Hass**INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 1

4:00 pm William York and Laura York

Sunday, September 2

9:00 am Gaetana Polizzotti
11:00 am Battistina and Antonio

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Maria and Pasquale Brosco

Tom Gallagher Roberto Craveiro

Monday, September 3

8:00 am Janine Lebel

Tuesday, September 4

8:00 am Kevin Morgardo

Wednesday, September 5

8:00 am Luisa and Pia Rea

Saturday, September 8

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, September 9

9:00 am Deceased members of the

Sodality

11:00 am Walter Cheltowski

Andrea Meile Russell

Andrea Cugno

John N. Fitzpatrick Jr.

Kathy and Giovanni Privitera

#### **OFFERTORY**

August 26, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$5,505.00

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.

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

#### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



The first Sodality
Meeting of the new
season is Sunday
September 9<sup>th</sup> after
the 9:00 am Mass
and the praying of the
Rosary.

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

#### Men of St. Lucy Come Join Us

St. Lucy Men's Guild Mission Statement: An association of men from St. Lucy's Parish dedicated to St. Joseph that meets regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their family, in their parish, and in their community.



Join us Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> in the church hall, after the <u>9:00am Mass.</u>
Breakfast will be served and our pastor Fr. Darin Colarusso will be our guest speaker.
Membership is open to all men.

For more information, please contact: Larry at 978-360-9256 or Jack at 978-373-2376. Sponsored by St. Lucy's Men's Guild



Saturday, September 1

First Saturday Mass 8:00 am

4:00 pm

Sunday, September 2

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Beatrice Beeley

Virginia and Andrew Sullivan

Maria Laird

Eric Lewandowski Florence Regan

11:30 am Louis Caprario Sr.

Thursday, September 6

7:00 am Christine Ferguson

Friday, September 7

8:15 am Yvonne Soucy

Saturday, September 8

8:00 am Mildred Mattaso 4:00 pm Dalmazia Mesiti

Sunday, September 9

Thomas N. Ward 7:30 am 9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Norman Lavoie and deceased

family members

Virginia and Andrew Sullivan

David and Kevin Bell

Arthur Royer

Anne Marie Pedneault

Vivian Gingras Joshua Dumont

11:30 am Lillian Rapazzo

August 26, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 13,242.00

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.

Roses for Life have been donated loving memory of

> Theresa A. Rickley John N. Fitzpatrick Jr. **Cecile and Peter Checovich** Michael & Linda Giarusso

#### **Under Our Lady's Mantle**

prayer group that meets Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the ranch house at St. Monica's. We pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, read and discuss Catholic books, and watch Catholic DVD's. Our first book this season will be "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy" by Prof. Edward Sri.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12. All are welcome.



The Sanctuary Candle for the month of September is given in loving memory **Veronica Murray** 

For a donation of \$15, we will place the Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information

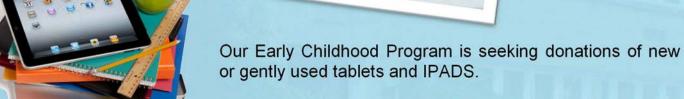
The **Altar Bread** for the month of September is given in loving memory of Thomas Verzi Jr.

For a donation of \$75, we will place the Altar Bread in loving memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Photos from our first faculty meetings and our meet and greet event.







As you prepare for the fall or maybe are upgrading some of your family's current technology - perhaps you would consider donating your gently used tablet or IPAD to our youngest scholars!!

Our teachers are seeking the opportunity to connect with our students through various methodologies and having access to this interactive technology right in their classrooms will facilitate rigorous learning for individual students. Please call **Mrs. Donna Henderson**, **Principal**, at 978-686-1801 if you are interested in donating or have any questions. On behalf of the teachers and students, thank you for your consideration.

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

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

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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: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### 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: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish

Friday 4:30-5:30 pm and Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Fridays: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month: 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

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: 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



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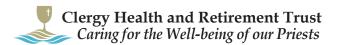
#### Meet Father Donohoe-

"I am with you; wherever you are, wherever you go, I am with you."

Father Stephen Donohoe embraced a vocation to serve as a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. As a young man, he felt the first signs of God's presence in the Holy Eucharist; that force would become what he describes today as "the bedrock of his priesthood."

After ordination, Father Donohoe became a military chaplain. During deployment, he provided for the spiritual needs of men and women facing combat. He never abandoned those entrusted to his care and stood by them at every point. Father Donohoe continues this steadfast ministry today in the parishes of the Archdiocese. He says "a great joy of ministry is to see the grace of God enlighten the lives of other people. If we bring people to the Lord, He'll do everything."

To help ensure priests like Father Donohoe are cared for as they live out their vocation, please support the special collection on September 15-16.



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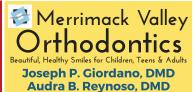
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