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DAILY MASS

MON, TUE, & WED 8:00 am St. Lucy
THURS, FRI, & SAT 8:00 am St. Monica

WEEKEND

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays beginning after the 8:00 am Mass
until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

BAPTISMS Please call the parish office.

St. Monica: 1st Sunday of the month 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sunday of the Month 1pm

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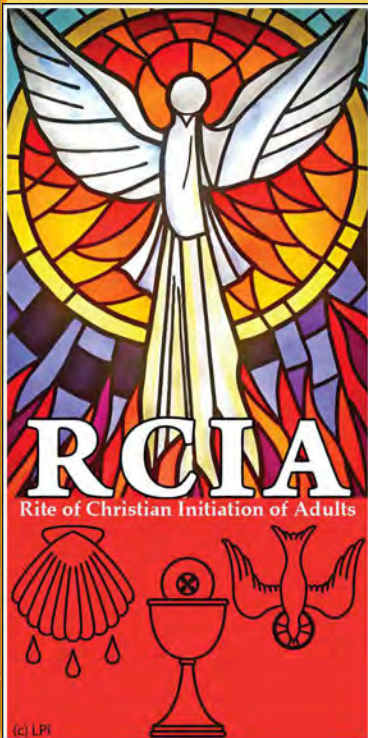
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Welcome

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.

PROGRAM FOR ADULTS DESIRING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS



Sessions will be 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 these sacraments 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.

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.*



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We are in need of canned soups, spaghetti sauce, rice sides, canned beans, canned vegetables, and grape and strawberry jelly.

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

PRAYER CORNER



Please pray for **Sarah W., Paul D., Kathleen D., Justin N., Patricia D., Kari N., and Sylvia H.**

If you have someone to pray for who is in grave need, please call the office and we will add their name in the bulletin for a month.

**SATURDAY, JULY 13**

- 8:00 am Living Mass**
Benjamin Begin
In thanksgiving to St. Anthony
- 4:00 pm**
William Collins

SUNDAY, JULY 14

- 7:30 am** Elizabeth and John Buonanno
Modeste (Mody) and
Michael Ryan
- 9:30 am** Jackie Gauthier
Gauthier Family
Joan Gallo
Jesse Jankowski
Deacon John Capomaccio
Jim Hermans
Charles Sweeney
Nicholas DiBenedetto Jr.
- 11:30 am** Mary Wall

THURSDAY, JULY 18**8:00 am****FRIDAY, JULY 19****8:00 am****SATURDAY, JULY 20**

- 8:00 am** Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
Joseph O'Neill
- 4:00 pm** Efran Juarez

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 7:30 am** People of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes
- 9:30 am** Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
Nancy Tardif
Charles Coco
Anita Mazzaglia
James Reusch
- 11:30 am** Michael Foley

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OFFERTORY

07/07/19:

Offertory: \$9,626.00

2nd Collection for Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle:
\$2,955.00

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.

Readings for the week of July 14, 2019

- Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
- Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34--11:1
- Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/ Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/ Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving isn't too difficult, right? Many of us are surrounded by kind, lovely people trying to do the right thing. Indeed, to "love ? your neighbor as yourself" seems like it should be easy enough. Treat people like you would like to be treated. Bring the new neighbors some baked goods (normal and gluten-free, just in case). Chat with the bank teller about his holiday weekend. Write an occasional card to your sister "just because." There were probably varieties of these acts of kindness in Jesus' day. Perhaps substituting figs for cookies. But "exchange pleasantries with the traveling cloth merchant" isn't the example Jesus gives.

"A man fell victim to robbers... they stripped him and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead." The righteous pass by the scene of the dying man. The hero of the story is the one on the margins of Jewish society, who perhaps would not have been welcomed, in other circumstances, by the man now in the ditch. His neighborly love causes him to halt his journey, to tend wounds, and to pay for the man's care out of his own savings. Are we interruptible? Are we attentive to the hurts of others? Are we generous with our money and possessions?

In the past few weeks, who has crossed your mind as someone in need of help? Perhaps it's an acquaintance suffering from cancer. Maybe you were invited to donate or volunteer to a local social cause, but it just won't stick in your mind (or schedule) to make it happen. The needs of people are many and varied. We can't help everyone, but God does place opportunities in our path for compassion and courageous love. This week, be "the one who treated him with mercy."



SATURDAY, JULY 13

4:00 pm Gloria Baker

SUNDAY, JULY 14

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

11:00 am Rose M. Cavallaro
Walter Cheltowski
Elaine Bonanno
Jennifer M. McCann Black
Paul Ruggiero
Marcelle Baldwin

MONDAY, JULY 15

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JULY 16

8:00 am Francesco and Concetta Bellia

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

8:00 am Christine Bolduc

SATURDAY, JULY 20

4:00 pm Perry, Clara, Steven, and Beverly Autiello

SUNDAY, JULY 21

9:00 am William Vieira

11:00 am Angelo Maimone
Jack and Jenny Maimone
Tomas & Adrianna Campone
Angela Iannuccilli
Battistina Iannuccilli
Amelia M. Luciano
Therese Rousseau
Frank Bonanno



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Please pray for **Dennis Miele** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our parish. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Observances for the week of July 14

- Monday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Saturday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus wants you to love your neighbors. He wants you to help your neighbors. You could help the people who live next door, or the people that go to your church. But Jesus wants you to think bigger than that. Jesus wants you to help people all around the world - no matter where they live, and no matter what they believe.

Prayer

Dear God, show me how to help others around the world.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of people holding hands all around the world. They are all our neighbors.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

UNDERSTAND	GUIDE	GLORY
SPIRIT	TRUTH	MESSAGE
SHOWS	SPEAK	FATHER

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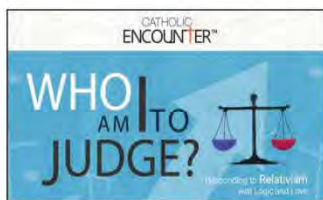
FORMED PICK

Who Am I to Judge?

Session 1: Don't Impose Your Morality on Me!

Is Morality Relative?

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? Dr. Edward Sri shares practical responses to these pressing questions.



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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.

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INVITATION TO ALL ST MONICA & ST. LUCY PARISHIONERS

"Fr. Joe" Thomas, who often helps our priests with Masses and funerals, will celebrate his 75th birthday at All Saints Church in Haverhill with a Divine Liturgy (Mass) in the Byzantine Melkite Rite. It will be Saturday, July 20th, at 6:00 PM. Both Bishop Nicholas Samra of the Melkite Eparchy (Diocese) of Newton and our own Bishop Robert Hennessey will be attending. There will be a simple reception in the hall afterwards.

The Divine Liturgy will satisfy the Sunday Obligation.

Instead of gifts for Fr. Joe, he requests that you donate to All Saints Parish in his name.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, JULY 15

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 4:30pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- **Echo Course: Episode 26** 6:00 - 7:00 pm **The Second Commandment** St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsal** 6:30 - 8:30 pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:00 am Mass until 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **AA Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- **Faith2fitt** 7:30 am at Methuen Track and Field
- **Baptisms** 12:30 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 21

- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

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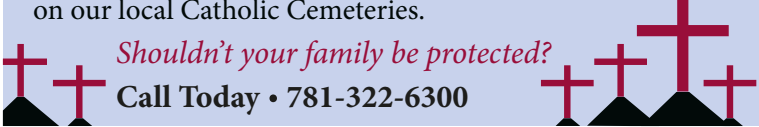


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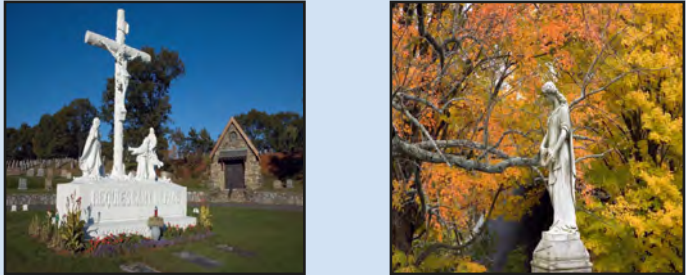


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