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Join us on Saturday, February 2 at 8:00 am at St. Monica's for our First Saturday Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother.

This Friday, February 1st, our school is having its monthly school Mass at 8:15 am in St. Monica Church. There will be no 7:00 am Mass that day.

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WE CAN USE... spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn), canned soups, canned tuna, Hamburger Helper, cereal, and rice.

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

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

- Faith Formation at St. Lucy
- St. Monica School Open House 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- Adult Faith Formation 12:30 1:30pm St. Monica House
- AA Meeting 6:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Confirmation 1 Meeting 6:30 8:00 pm St. Monica School Hall

MONDAY, JAN. 28

• 8th Grade Faith Formation at St. Monica's 4:00 - 5:00 pm St. Monica House

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

• St. Monica School Open House 6:00 - 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

- Al-Anon Meeting 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- Prayer and Study 10:00 am St. Monica House
- Friendship Club 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- Adult Faith Formation 7:00 pm St. Lucy Schoolhouse

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

- Echo Course Part I, The Creed 6:00 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- AA Meeting 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Choir Rehearsals 6:30 8:30 pm St. Monica Church
- Baptism Parent and Godparent Catechesis Class 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

- Adoration 7:30 am 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **School Mass** 8:15 am St. Monica Church
- AA Meeting 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Confessions** 4:30 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

- First Saturday Mass 8:00 am St. Monica
- Faith and Fitness 8 9 am St. Lucy School House
- Baptism Parent and Godparent Catechesis Class 11:30 am St. Lucy School House
- St. Monica Baptisms 12:30 pm
- **Confessions** 3:00 3:45pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 3

- Faith Formation at St. Monica
- Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting
 9:00 am St. Lucy Church
- Adult Faith Formation 12:30 1:30 pm St. Monica House
- St. Monica Baptisms 1:00 pm
- Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 Meeting 2:00 5:00 pm
- AA Meeting 6:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Confirmation 1 Meeting 6:30 8:00 pm
 St. Monica School Hall

FROM THE Pastor's Desk

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Dear Friends,

One of the reminders we got from the recent storm and subsequent bitter cold snap is that it can be suddenly difficult to contend with a New England winter. I pray that we all pulled through without too many ill effects! Another reminder is the spike in costs that this time of year can bring. Our parish budgets have been looking pretty good so far this winter because our expenditures have lagged along with the reduced snowfall totals and reasonable temperatures. However, winter has been delayed no more, and so our seasonal costs rise no differently than one's home bills this time of year.

If you have already made your Grand Annual contribution, THANK YOU! If you have yet to do so, please consider making this additional gift to your parish. We have not yet even reached our budget requirements for this special collection, which is critical to getting us through the winter without a significant hit to savings. Nobody likes to look forward to more months of cold and snow, but it is a necessary reality for us, and so is a robust Grand Annual for a balanced budget. Thank you again and may we get through this season together with as little difficulty as possible.

God bless, Fr. C



Please pray for **Daniel Melia**, **Sebastian Caruso**, **and James Hermans** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Observances for the week of January 27, 2019

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of

the Church

Thursday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord;

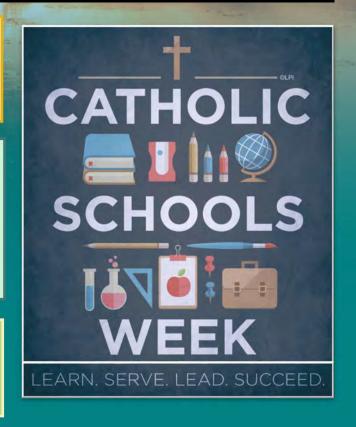
World Day for Consecrated Life

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Readings for the week of January 27, 2019

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, **Sunday:**

9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1

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-4: 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-

3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and

4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and

9a1/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2,

3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-**Thursday:**

4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4,

5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19

[8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

or Luke 2:22-32

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, **Next Sunday:**

> 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor

13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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Ma Read the Gospel and Color



Circle these words from today's Gospel:

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Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

Prayer

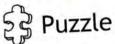
Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Isaiah, the prophet, writing about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.

























Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 26

8:00 am James M. Hourihan

Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm Joan Cargill

Sunday, January 27

7:30 am People of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am Linda A. Gougeon

> Alan P. Tisbert Robin Maclean Nancy Tardif

Jeannette and Robert Sirois

Jeannine Martin B. Deshaies Karen L. Sullivan

11:30 am **Thursday, January 31**

7:00 am Stanley and Josephine Faucher

Friday, February 1

8:15 am **School Mass**

Saturday, February 2

8:00 am **First Saturday Mass** 4:00 pm Maryanne McGurn

Sunday, February 3

7:30 am

11:30 am

9:30 am **Family Mass**

Charlie and Rose Hanafin

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This Sunday, the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs in the back of the church after the 9:30 Mass. Books and DVDs may be returned in the "return" basket also located in the back of the church.

All those who are taking Holy **Communion from St. Monica** Church to those who are ill or unable to attend Mass, please contact **Deacon John Pierce at**

dnjbpierce@gmail.com or at 9786831193 ext. 39. Thank you.

Offertory last weekend, 1/20/19: \$7,560.00

Two collections this weekend:

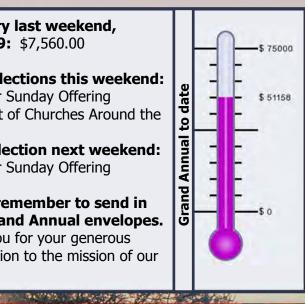
- Regular Sunday Offering
- Support of Churches Around the World

One collection next weekend:

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If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities, for a donation of \$10, we'll purchase a rose and place it in the vase before the statue of the Blessed Mother for a week. Please contact the parish office for more information.

MUSIC

NEW REHEARSAL TIME:

6:30 - 8:30 pm Thursdays in the church

Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and

various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us. No auditions necessary! Though it is preferable that you are available for the rehearsals, we are flexible and will work around schedules as best as we can.

We are looking primarily for musicians to join the Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 9:30 Masses. Please get in touch with Eric, our music director after Mass or via email at eberthiaume1@gmail.com if you have any auestions.



Saturday, January 26

4:00 pm Richard Kirsch Sr.,

Richard Kirsch Jr.,

Rose Russo Ursillo, James Russo,

Michael Filomia, and

Frank Salzano

Sunday, January 27

9:00 am Family Mass

11:00 am Geraldine Miele

Cynthia Kent Ness

Eileen Joyce Ann Ferland

Joan Rogers

John Calobrisi

Joseph L. Giuffrida

Monday, January 28

8:00 am Living Mass

In thanksgiving to St. Peregrine

for favors received Mary Pingiaro

Brian and Michael McCafferty

Jeffrey and Patricia

Tuesday, January 29

8:00 am Richard Lebel

Wednesday, January 30

8:00 am Arthur Puccini

Saturday, February 2

4:00 pm Antonio and Battistina Iannuccilli

Sunday, February 3

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

Parishes and the Deceased

Members of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

11:00 am Francis R. Covey Sr.

Joan Healey

Tony Waters, Mary Rita, and

Tony Somma

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



Blanket & Sock Drive for Lazarus House Sponsored by The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

We are collecting new and gently used, clean blankets and new adult and children socks until **February 3rd**.

Look for the BLUE BINS in the main entrance. Sodality Chairpersons: Kathy Burke & Angie Rizzo



Valentine Pasta Luncheon







Saturday, February 9

12:00 to 3:00 p.m. In the Lower Church Hall

<u>Tickets:</u> \$8.00 Adults \$4.00 Children (12 & under)

Present ticket for free drawing Winner receives \$25 gift card from Borrelli's

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For tickets please contact Cathy Rubino @ 978/685-8818.

Offertory last weekend, **1/20/19:** \$4,014.00

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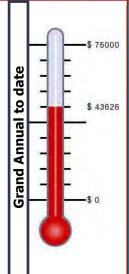
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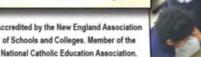
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 - · Weekly STEM program through Lawrence Math and Science Partnership -Merrimack College.
 - Visits from social and emotional support and reader dogs.
 - · Active PTO and parents that are vital to our school community.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 27, 2019 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Tuesday, January 29, 2019



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St. Lucy Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (Vigil)

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 (Vigil)

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

Typically 1st and 3rd 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 Typically 1st & 3rd 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 If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

BAPTISMS. Please call the parish office.

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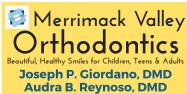
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