

June 25, 2017



12<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?  
Yet not one of them falls to the ground  
without your Father's knowledge... So do not  
be afraid; you are worth more than many  
sparrows." - Mt 10:29, 31

**St. Monica Parish**

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**Regular Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

\*Our Parish Offices will close at noon on Fridays until September 8.

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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: 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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### St. Monica Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

### St. Lucy Parish

Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

**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





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.

## ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION



**TUESDAYS (ST. LUCY CHURCH) 1:30-4:30PM**  
**FRIDAYS (ST. MONICA CHAPEL) 7:30AM-7:30PM**

FOR MORE INFO ON ADORATION  
 AT ST. MONICA'S PLEASE CONTACT:  
 BONNIE DOHERTY  
 bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270-3366

ST. LUCY'S PLEASE CONTACT:  
 ELLEN WHOLLEY - (978) 682-8459

If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

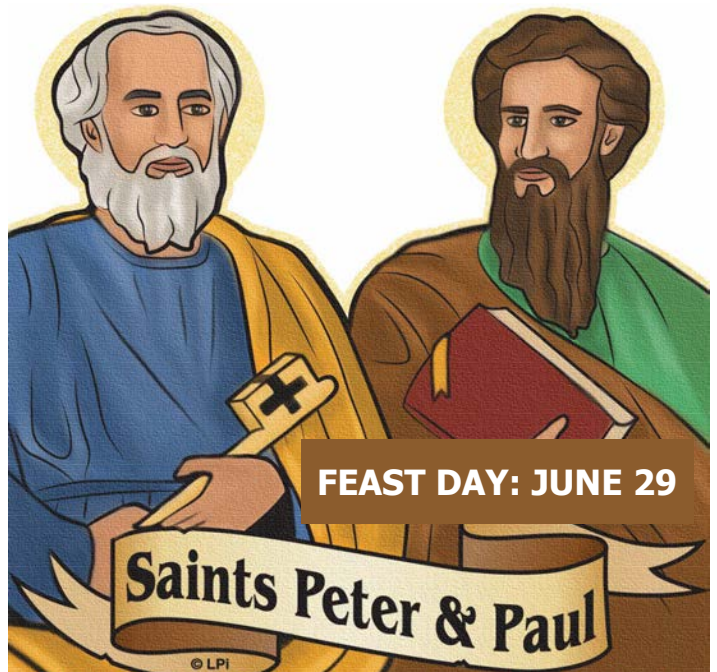
**FRIDAY ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S IS  
 IN NEED OF MORE ADORERS DURING THE  
 AFTERNOON HOURS: 2:30-3:30,  
 3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30.**  
**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING THE  
 TIME TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS.**

To have a notice placed in the July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> bulletins, please email Kera Mansour at [methuencatholic@gmail.com](mailto:methuencatholic@gmail.com)

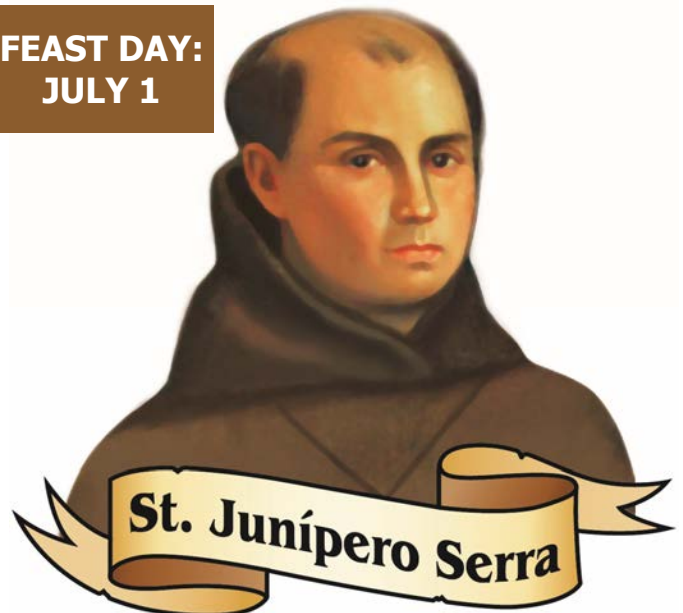
The deadline for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin is Monday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m.

The deadline for the July 9<sup>th</sup> bulletin is Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

There will be no Adoration and Confessions at St. Monica on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

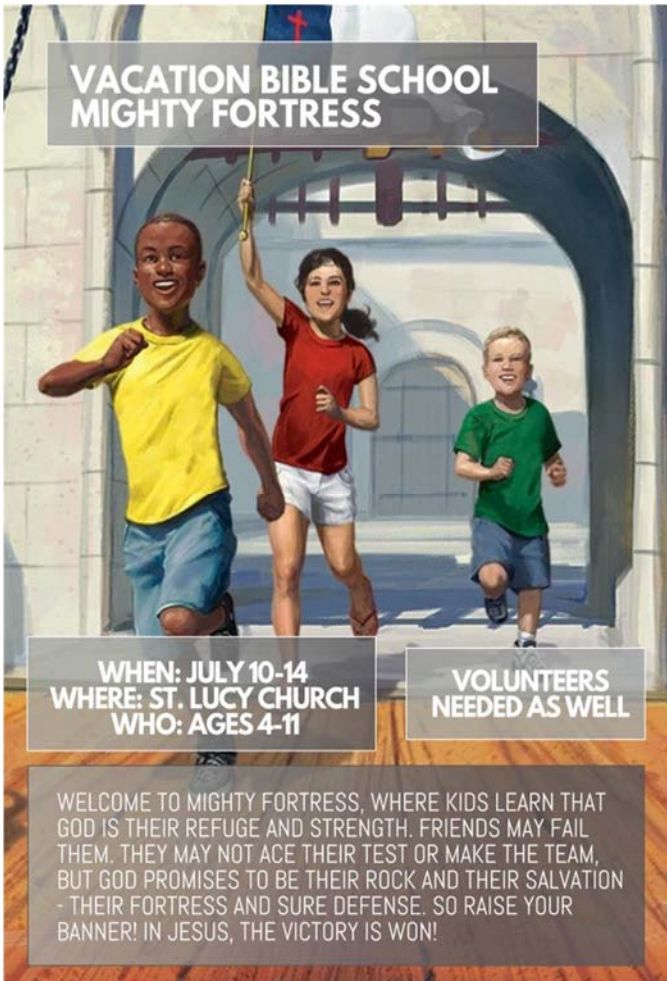


**FEAST DAY:  
 JULY 1**





**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
MIGHTY FORTRESS**



**WHEN: JULY 10-14**  
**WHERE: ST. LUCY CHURCH**  
**WHO: AGES 4-11**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED AS WELL**

WELCOME TO MIGHTY FORTRESS, WHERE KIDS LEARN THAT GOD IS THEIR REFUGE AND STRENGTH. FRIENDS MAY FAIL THEM. THEY MAY NOT ACE THEIR TEST OR MAKE THE TEAM, BUT GOD PROMISES TO BE THEIR ROCK AND THEIR SALVATION - THEIR FORTRESS AND SURE DEFENSE. SO RAISE YOUR BANNER! IN JESUS, THE VICTORY IS WON!

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**  
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### Discipleship Groups

5 week video presentation by Fr. John Riccardo. Will begin on July 20 and end on August 17. The series will run from 6-7:30pm in the St. Monica Rectory sunroom. Enter by front door and take 2<sup>nd</sup> left. Sessions run from 30-50 minutes. Extra time allowed for those who want to participate in discussion of the video. Contact Bonnie Doherty at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com if interested.



The Our Lady Queen of Peace Group will have its 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday devotion on July 1<sup>st</sup> after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the chapel. All are invited.

## FUNDRAISING TICKETS

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT MONICA COUNCIL OF METHUEN FOR AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN WITH THE LOWELL SPINNERS!**

**SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017**



**VS.**



**5:35 P.M. AT LELACHEUR PARK**

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Our parishes are forming a **JCDA Court!**

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Please contact Charlene Langenfeld at (978) 659-0009 for more information.

Joining Junior Catholic Daughters is a wonderful opportunity to form new friendships that will last a lifetime!



## Got questions about life?

Everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the world, and everyone is welcome.

**methuencatholic.org**

## You're Invited!

Starting Sept. 13 at 6:00 p.m.

### Methuen Collaborative

at St. Lucy Church Hall  
254 Merrimack Street  
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faithformation.stlm@gmail.com  
Karl (978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35



Join us on **Thursday, June 29 from 6-7 p.m.** in the St. Monica rectory first floor sunroom to watch the final DVD presentation on prayer.

The DVD is 30 minutes long followed by a discussion. Bring a notebook, Bible, and Catechism. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information:  
978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.

The **Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting for July has been moved to July 11.

### Catholic Homeschool Conference - July 28

*The IHM New England Homeschool Conference* will be held at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren Street, in Lowell, on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> (12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit [ihmconference.org](http://ihmconference.org) or email: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto:info@ihmconference.org).

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### Father and Son Retreat

Sons, ages 14-18

Come and experience monastic life with your father for a weekend!

Friday, July 14 - Sunday, July 16

Friday, July 21 - Sunday, July 23

Friday, July 28 - Sunday, July 30

Register now, space is limited

### Monastic Weekend

For men, 18-30 years of age  
Be a monk for a weekend

Experience Monastic Life  
August 11-13, 2017

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**Saturday, June 24**

**8:00 am** (*multiple intentions*)

Myrna G. Nolan

**4:00 pm**

Joseph Drelick

**Sun., June 25 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:30 am**

Jerry Bedard

**9:30 am** (*multiple intentions*)

Michael and Helen Silva and  
deceased members of the Silva Family

Anthony and Ann Campagnone

and deceased members of the

Campagnone Family

Bob and Dolores Demars

Albert and David Burokas

Berthier Lavoie

Michael J. Gueli

Brian Sheehan

Paul Miele

Marie-Paule Labrie

**11:30 am**

**Thursday, June 29**

**7:00 am**

Dorothy Brooks

**Friday, June 30**

**7:00 am**

James Michael McCall

**Saturday, July 1**

**8:00 am** (*multiple intentions*)

**4:00 pm**

Anastazja Arabudzka and

Genowefa Doda

**Sun., July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:30 am**

People of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes

**9:30 am** (*multiple intentions*)

Charlie and Rose Hanafin

Violet Sayer

To the Blessed Mother for

favors received

Christine Ferguson

**11:30 am**

(Living)

**Offertory June 18, 2017: \$9,603.00**

The second collection this weekend is the Holy Father - Peter's Pence. Next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday offering.

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

## ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated  
in loving memory of

Michael and Linda Giarrusso

Cecile and Peter Checovich

James Michael McCall

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 at (978) 683-1193.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### "YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned beans, canned spaghetti, cereal, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna, cereal, pancake syrup, and pancake mix.

We ask for your generous help as the shelves in the food pantry are getting low. Thank you very much.

## CATHOLIC LENDING LIBRARY



This Sunday, June 25, the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs at the 9:30 Mass in the back of the church. Borrowed books/DVDs may be returned at that time or in the return

basket also located in the back of the church.

This will be the final Sunday of availability until September.



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



# Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 24

4:00 pm

Mary Rotonelli and  
Francesca Bevilacqua

Sun., June 25 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

Parishioners of St. Lucy and  
St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am

William J. Klier

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Joseph Dominic Cavallaro  
Catherine Petralia  
Gregory Debrocke  
Mary Ann Bonanno  
Helen Lombardi  
Francis J. Morel  
Albina and Philipppo Bonvino

Monday, June 26

8:00 am

Tuesday, June 27

8:00 am

Wednesday, June 28

8:00 am

Phyllis Hayes

Saturday, July 1

4:00 pm

Lino Brosco

Sun., July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

Elena-Raffaele DePadua

9:30 am

George and Gloria Colizzi

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Al Duval

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

## Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Lucas Richard Allard

Paul Anthony McKnight

Elijah James Meaney

Benjamin Ortiz

Samuel Edward Ortiz

Robert Alberto Pagan Jr.

Landon Andrew Vondrasek



Immerse them in the waters of your life and love. Seal them with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate their path with the light of your hope. Clothe them with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

Offertory June 18, 2017: \$5,838.00

The second collection this weekend is the Holy Father - Peter's Pence. Next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday offering.

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

## FOOD DONATIONS

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of every month, we collect food for the needy. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off in the designated baskets located at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance.



## ST. MONICA SCHOOL



On June 13, our students brought in loaves of bread and rolls to be blessed for the Feast of St. Anthony. The bread and rolls were donated to St. Monica St. Vincent de Paul for distribution.

We were still in the giving spirit even though it was our last week of school!



If you can't beat-em join them! Some teachers might be driven to distraction with the use of Fidget Spinners by students in the classroom, but Gr. 4 Teacher Deb O'Neil decided to use a lesson created by Erin at [www.erintegration.com](http://www.erintegration.com) to utilize Fidgets in the classroom. Utilizing Fidget Spinners, this lesson introduces students to Newton's Laws of Motion and how forces are acting on everything around us. Students in Grades 4, 5 & 7 participated in the lesson.

To reach our school's website directly, please access [www.methuencatholic.org/st-monica-school](http://www.methuencatholic.org/st-monica-school)

**Mission Statement** - Saint Monica School is a distinctively Catholic School, a faith community of the Catholic Church. Our mission is that of the Church; to spread the Gospel and prepare students for their state in life. In our striving for academic excellence, we keep in focus that this is a Catholic School where religious and moral formation are the first in the hierarchy of values. In fostering leadership in our students, we prepare them to take their place in the Church and Society as leaders who will be prepared to serve all with respect, dignity, and justice.





## The Reception of the Holy Eucharist

Having celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi our hearts are filled with joy at such a sublime gift. Now the challenge is never to take this great gift for granted. Last week I noted that Christ is present body, blood, soul, and divinity in each and every part of the sacred host and precious blood. The whole Christ is present in both of the species. If we receive either one, we receive Christ entirely. Going forward we are going to be putting even more of an emphasis on making sure that the homebound and those in nursing homes have visits from parishioners. To better facilitate this effort, we are going to be substantially decreasing the numbers of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass by eliminating distribution of the Precious Blood as of next weekend. (If you are unable to receive a host, even a gluten-free one, please let us know before Mass and we will arrange for you to receive the Precious Blood.) I am encouraging those involved in this ministry at mass to prayerfully consider bringing the Eucharist to those who are unable to come to Mass. This outreach beyond the walls of the church is an important role rightly entrusted to the laity while the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass is proper to the clergy. Sr. Rina Brunetti, PM has given over 20 years of service to St. Lucy Parish as our outreach minister to those who cannot come to Church. She is now retiring from that service that has been a true labor of love for her. It is impossible to put into words how much her ministry has meant to St. Lucy Parish. At funeral masses and wakes, the families' faces light up when I even mention her name. There is a group of people doing wonderful work helping her and will continue the fine work she has done. At St. Monica, Pat Ferguson and others have been dedicated to making sure that people are visited, receive communion and are anointed. In the near future we will be working to make these ministries in the two parishes more of a collaborative effort between the two parishes. I am hoping the numbers of visitors at both parishes will grow so that people can continue to receive regularly and have good human contact with members of our parishes.

On receiving Holy Communion at Mass here are a few reminders that the ministers and I discussed last night, remember that we are receiving Christ himself!

- Be in a state of grace and properly disposed when receiving, don't receive in mortal sin without a prior sacramental confession
- Don't grab the host, receive it. (I remember Msgr. Fay fondly on this one, he always said that was important!)
- Don't walk away before you consume it
- Come close to the minister and if receiving in the hand have your hands chest high, not near your waist
- If receiving on the tongue open your mouth wide so the minister can place host on your tongue.
- Wash hands before mass
- Don't receive with gloves on, or with a piece of clothing covering part of your hand.
- Give a loud "amen" to the ministers proclamation of "the Body of Christ"

Christ is made present to us in a miraculous way, may we be conscious of that by being truly present to him.

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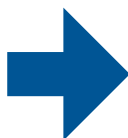
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