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Sunday
in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 11, 2020



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DAILY MASS **MON/TUE** 9 am St. Lucy **THURS/FRI** 9 am St. Monica
WEEKEND **SAT** 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy



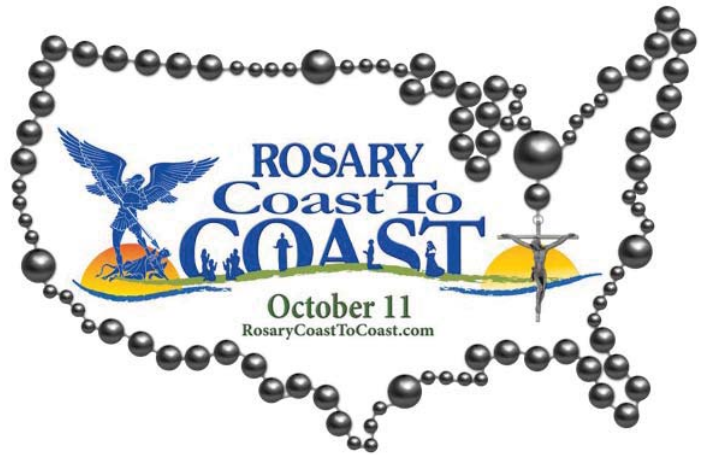
From the Pastor

No matter whether we are on the green, yellow, or red side of the COVID spectrum, our goal is always to improve the life of our parishes and school and to keep moving forward. For example, our school has been in session since before Labor Day, but this month we will be adding a weekly Mass for the students. You can imagine how many moving parts need to be coordinated in this environment just to accomplish what we used to do at the drop of a hat, but it's that important for the faith of the kids. Similarly, our Religious Education program is beginning this weekend. Most classes will be at home and online, but we are going to add a Sunday Mass just for our Confirmation candidates that will contain a longer, catechetical topic within it. On the other hand, we must, unfortunately and out of prudence, forego all of our perennial autumn social events that everyone enjoys. That just means we look forward to Advent with optimism. The Advent Mission / St Lucy Triduum, Lessons and Carols, and Advent Giving Trees are all ways we can enter into the expectation of Our Lord's Nativity at Christmas.

Regarding facilities and finances, we have never stopped seeking simple ways to improve our operations at low cost and to run more efficiently. We have been pretty successful in this regard, and due to the consistent generosity of all of you, our Catholic community is holding its own, thank God. You can expect the yearly financial report by the end of month. Please be prepared, as well, for the Grand Annual. The need for that has not gone away, unfortunately, either. Lastly, the month of October is associated with the answering of prayers offered to the intercession of the Blessed Mother (Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct 7th; the Miracle of the Sun on Oct 13th). It's a good time to pray the Rosary everyday: to finally get through this health and economic crisis and for the well-being of our nation during this contentious election season.

Our Lady of the Rosary, intercede for us!

Welcome



RCIA Program

Are you interested in taking steps to enter the Catholic Church or complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist)? If so, please contact Bonnie at 978-609-7307 for more information.

Join us for an **outdoor Rosary** this Sunday (Oct. 11) at 4pm in St. Lucy's Parking Lot as we pray for our beloved nation and Church. Our Rosary will be joined with those of other Catholics being offered at the very same time around the country and the world. Please come and bring a friend.

Rosary Coast to Coast is inspired by the Rosary on the Border in Poland and the Rosary on the Coast in both Ireland and the UK. Catholics across the country are invited to pray together to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness.



A Bible Study will be offered beginning October 28 via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy studying and learning about the Bible, meeting new and old friends while staying safe in the comfort of your own home. Offered by Ascension Press, presenter Jeff Cavins, and facilitated by Bonnie Doherty, this is [The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation](#). You will need to [order](#) a workbook for \$35.95 which also includes streaming video access for one year. Come join in a study that will bring us through Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter following the Bible from Genesis to the end.

Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information and to register: bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366 (cell). Bonnie will send out a Zoom link the week before class begins to all who have registered.



The St. Monica Knights of Columbus Council 14725 is conducting a **“Tootsie Roll Drive”** after Masses this weekend.

There will be baskets at the entrances to both churches for your freewill donation.

All proceeds will be donated to people with intellectual disabilities.

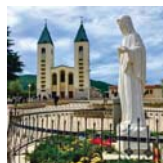
Thank you for support.



Yes I Can Program

We are in need of peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, canned beans, soups, Hamburger Helper, rice and mashed potatoes.

We will have food collection baskets available in both churches in the usual locations. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but food donations are not to be left at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

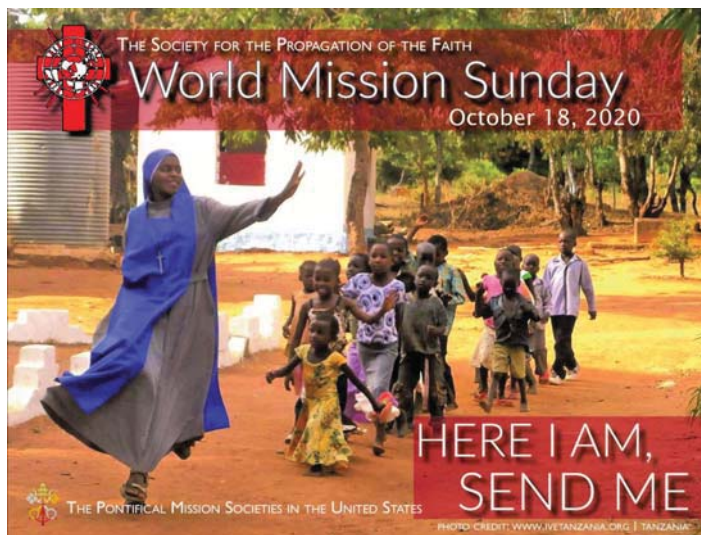


Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

May 18-26, 2021

7 nights and 2 meals daily at Hotel Wojtyla (very close to St. James Church - hotel is dedicated to Pope John Paul II. Group Leader: Maureen Slattery. Cost to be determined.

For more information, contact Claude Langlois at (978) 682-6012 or at boxcar407@verizon.net



Next week is **World Mission Sunday**. We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid.

This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can:

- PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work
- OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through the World Mission Sunday collection for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

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This Sunday's Readings



First Reading:

He will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen. (Phil 4:19-20)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. (Mt 22:9-10)



MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 10
4 pm Walter Witkos & Patricia Wright

Sunday, October 11
9 am Multiple Intentions:
Chouinard Family
Stanislaw Arabudzki
Todd Tisdale
Charles & Helen Dobeck
Linda Monahan
11 am Maurice, Helen & Maurice, Jr.
Lariviere

Thursday, October 15
9 am Kevin Waterworth

Friday, October 16
9 am Dick Doherty

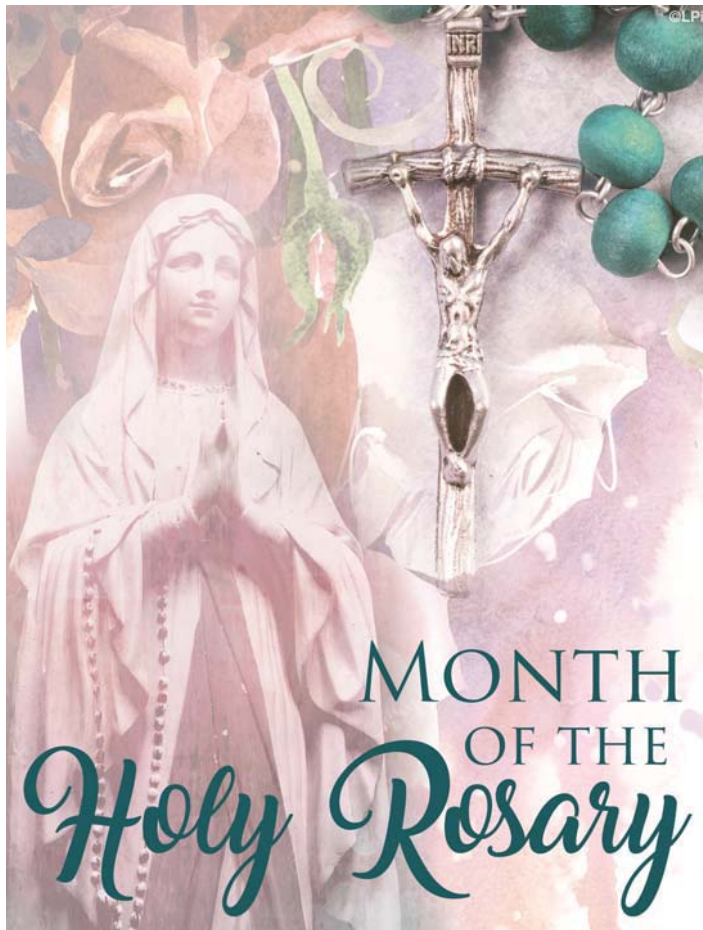
ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 10
4 pm Guido & Guida Iannalfo

Sunday, October 11
10 am Multiple Intentions:
John Rovinski
Louis DeMarco
Vincent Minicucci
Mattia & Gerardo D'Andra

Monday, October 12
9 am Luisa & Pia Rea

Tuesday, October 13
9 am Holy Souls in Purgatory



SATURDAYS
CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH
VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS
SUNDAY MASS
9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH
10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY/TUESDAY
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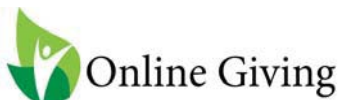
THURSDAY/FRIDAY
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9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

FRIDAY
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL
CONFESSIONS 2:00 - 3:00 PM
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Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Contact Bonnie Doherty for the link to join. bonnieocds@gmail.com

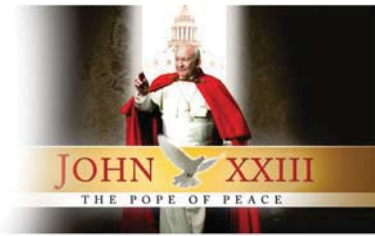


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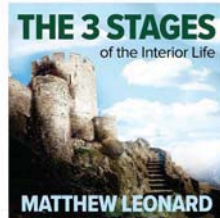
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THE 3 STAGES OF THE INTERIOR LIFE BY MATTHEW LEONARD

Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint.



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After you register, please email **Bonnie Doherty** at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at (978) 270 - 3366 or at the email above.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Jim M.** and **Daniel R.**

Please pray for **Doris Mack** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Date	Priest	Seminarian
10/11/2020	Fr. Paul McPartland	Hung Viet Tran
10/12/2020	Fr. James Rafferty	Zachary Francisco
10/13/2020	Msgr. Paul Ryan	Fernando Ayala
10/14/2020	Fr. Wallace Blackwood	Dong Huy Pham
10/15/2020	Fr. William Joy	Jose Montero Burgos
10/16/2020	Fr. Lawrence Pratt	Vincenzo Caruso
10/17/2020	Fr. George Carrigg	Mateus Martin

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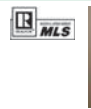
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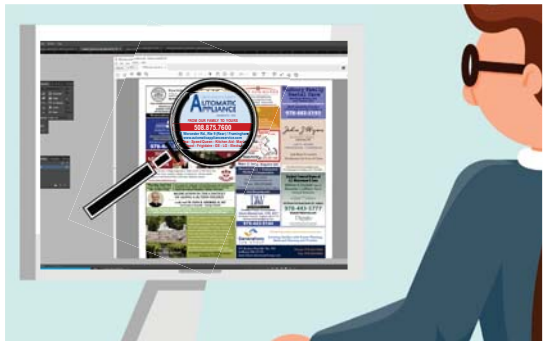


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