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COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

AUGUST 26, 2018



Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound

If you are bringing Holy Communion to the homebound after a Sunday Mass in which you are participating, there are two options to receive your Pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. The hosts in the Pyx will continue to be consecrated in the normal way. However, the Pyxes will not be left at the Tabernacle for individual pickup as is the current procedure. You can either receive it with a special

blessing before the Final Prayer (after Communion) or wait until everyone has left the church and the priest or deacon will retrieve it from the Tabernacle, then give you a sending forth blessing. In this way, the congregation will see you bring Communion to those who could not be with us if you choose that option. In both cases, EMHC's are reminded that when carrying the Blessed Sacrament, they are to go directly to their destination with minimal amount of socializing out of reverence to the Lord. Please inform the sacristans, priest, or deacon which option you prefer. Thank you for your ministry. *Fr. Colarusso*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

During June, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought Christ and hope to 47 families comprised of 79 adults and 56 children.

In addition, we brought 127 bags of food, \$1240 in Market Basket gift cards, gas cards, and clothes vouchers. Other services included preventing 3 utility shutoffs and providing rent help to 3 families.

We are dependent on your support, other benefactors, and fundraising to provide this help.

We are humbled by your support and continue to pray for you.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." *Matthew 25:35*

"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.

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.



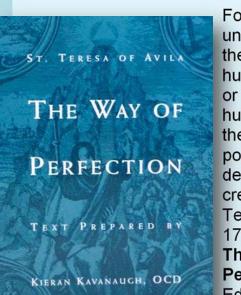
Saturday, September 29, 2018

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!



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BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK



For I cannot understand how there could be humility without love or love without humility; nor are these two virtues possible without detachment from all creatures. - St. Teresa of Avila, pg 170, an excerpt from The Way of Perfection: Study Edition (Publisher: **ICS** Publications)

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.

The Parish Offices will be closing at 12:30 on Fridays for the remainder of the summer.



The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) will meet on September 9th 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 9th.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Saint Augustine's Confessions

A Must Read Christian Classic

This fourth century prodigal turned influential Catholic bishop has inspired millions of people across time with his poetic and passionate autobiography. Saint Augustine's powerful proclamation of God's Truth and Mercy through the lens of his own conversion has made this book one of the greatest Christian classics of all time.

Read on formed.org



"What an amazing, firsthand account of this saint's conversion. I was inspired by the insight into Christian community among Sts. Augustine, Monica, Ambrose, and others."

-Joseph B, Lincoln, NE

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

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 Confession at St. Lucy's will continue on Tuesdays until the end of August. Beginning in September, they will be held twice a month on Thursday evenings. More information to follow.

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.

ST. LUCY PARISH

AUGUST 26, 2018

ST. LUCY VOLUNTEERS

THE 2018-2019 CORI FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

I will be available after all masses downstairs in the hall the weekend of <u>September 8th and 9th</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 this program, please contact the office to be informed of upcoming dates that the program will be held.

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

Connie Mercier -- coordinator

ST. LUCY



The 60th Anniversary Committee will meet in the Schoolhouse on Monday, August 27th at 6:30 PM.

Save the Date! 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

St. Lucy Parish

Saturday, October 20, 2018 5:30 PM Social Hour | 6:30 PM Dinner Michael's Function Hall, 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA

Full Course Family Style Dinner Donation: \$50 | Music and Dancing to follow

The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years. Please call (978) 771 - 2150

Tables of 10 are available! For tickets, please call 978-771-2150 or 978-794-4856

HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey

October 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the church

ST. LUCY PARISH

AUGUST 26, 2018

Mass

Saturday, August 25 4:00 pm Cortese and Rizzo Families

Sunday, August 26

9:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes 11:00 am Agnes Bonne and Raymond Bohne Donald B. Culbert Jr. Manuel Faria Da Silva Maria Natalia Melo Mendonca Maria Angelina and Agusto Andrade Herman Andrade Giuseppe Currao Jeffrey (Living)

Monday, August 27 8:00 am Rocco DePasquale

Tuesday, August 28

8:00 am Brian & Michael McCafferty (Living)

Wednesday, August 29

8:00 am Allan R. Roderick and Alan M. Roderick

Saturday, September 14:00 pmWilliam York and Laura York

Sunday, September 2

9:00 am Gaetana Polizzotti 11:00 am Battistina and Antonio Iannuccilli Maria and Pasquale Brosco Tom Gallagher **Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today.** Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

OFFERTORY

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The first Sodality Meeting of the new season is Sunday September 9th 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 16th 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

ST. MONICA PARISH



Saturday, August 25

8:00 am	Deceased members of the Hardy
	and McLean Families
4:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Lucy and
-	St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, August 26

Marion and Vincent Devaney 7:30 am **9:30 am** (multiple intentions) Louise Fusco Nancy Tardif Virginia and Andrew Sullivan Archilles and Ann Sararo Angelo, Antonette & Frank Ragonese Francesco, Nunziata and Santina Ragonese Chanel, Claire, Carol, Judy, Paul, and Diane Michaud Rocco, Emanuela, Angelo, Carmela, and Orazio DiBartolo Marie Fusco Marie Ann Guilmet 11:30 am Michael & Stella Polomoscanik

Thursday, August 30

7:00 am Nancy Tardif

Friday, August 31 7:00 am Michael Fillipon

Saturday, September 1

8:00 am 4:00 pm Charles Coco

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. Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Theresa A. Rickley Cecile and Peter Checovich Michael & Linda Giarusso Maria Laird Cheryl Laird Paul Ruggiero

Please join us Under Our Lady's Mantle

A prayer group that meets every Wednesday 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.



August 27: Feast Day of Our Patron Saint St. Monica

August 28: Feast day of St. Augustine

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, August 31 due to Labor Day weekend.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

AUGUST 26, 2018

Come Support <u>ST. MONICA</u> SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2018, 11:30AM-6:00pm Car Wash,Raffles, Fun and More!!

Bring this flyer/show electronically from your phone into Texas Roadhouse of Methuen On August 25th , 2018, 12-3PM-Car Wash/Magician/Face Painting! II:30AM-6PM Dine Out

And 15% of each bill in its entirety will be donated to ST. MONICA SCHOOL.

*Cannot be combined with any other deal or offer.
 *Any alterations made to this flyer will result in the termination of all donations to the organization. Donations will also be void if anyone associated with the organization is found soliciting the event inside or outside in the parking lot of the restaurant.

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Saint Monica School

Our Early Childhood Program is seeking donations of new or gently used tablets and IPADS.

As you prepare for the fall, maybe upgrading some of your family's current technologyperhaps 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.

St. Monica Parish: 212 Lawrence Street St. Lucy Parish: 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA

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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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Sharon Tully Administrative Assistant

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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 Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm **St. Lucy Parish** Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

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: 1st full weekend of the month Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

THE 2018 CATHOLICTV TELETHON

FRI 9/14 & SAT 9/15

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To submit your special intentions to our senior priests at Regina Cleri to remember during Holy Mass each week, please visit clergytrust.org/intentions.

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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