

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

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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

#### **Civic Holiday Schedule:**

Normal Schedule at both Parishes

**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.

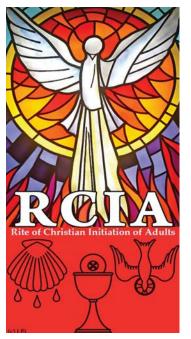
#### ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION





Our Parishes are pleased to have Fr. Herb Jones back after being ill for some time.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a "Rosary Rally" on the Parish Grounds of St. Monica on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. This Rally is being held on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Apparition of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima. Please join us on this special day in prayer to Our Blessed Mother!



The Parishes of St. Lucy and St. Monica would like to welcome and congratulate the following members of our RCIA programs who received their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Verenis Barriga Amy Dubois Roberto Liranzo Anny Ngimbi Melanie Vargas Jeydis Santiago

Please pray for Dana Martino, Richard Power, Janice Lister, Ruth Coco, Richard Buco, and Mildred Palermo whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.





#### Steubenville East Catholic Conference

Join us this summer for a weekend youth conference at Umass Lowell!!

When: July 14-16

Who: All those who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade This weekend is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun!

For questions or to register contact Sammie Moore at youth.stlm@gmail.com

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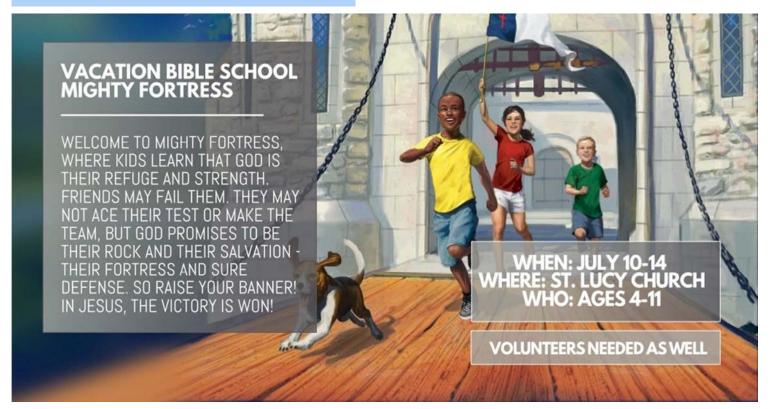
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# St. Lucy's Parish BVM Sodality Fundraiser



On Wednesday May 24th from 4pm to 10pm come in and help support St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality in their fundraising efforts. Bring in this flyer and give it to your server when cashing out and The Irish Cottage will donate 20% of your bill's total (excluding alcohol) for both dine-in or take out to St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality. For every participant, The Irish Cottage will donate an extra \$1.00 per participant.

The Irish Cottage 1111 Riverside Dr. Methuen 978-208-4347







A small group is meeting in the St. Monica Rectory first floor sunroom to watch 6 DVD presentations on Prayer.

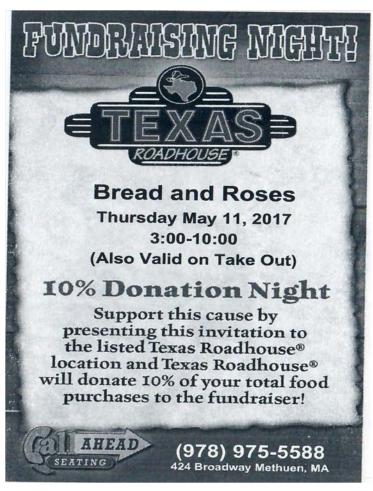
Upcoming meeting dates: Thursday 5/11, 6/1, 6/8, 6/22, and 6/29 from 6-7pm

The DVD is 30 minutes followed long bv discussion. Bring а notebook. Bible, and Catechism. The room holds only 20 so please register early. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information: 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.



#### **Miscellaneous Information**

Showing of Ignatius of Loyola movie — Saturday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH. This is a modern and very human take on the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, and often called "The Saint of Second Chances." It is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. This event is FREE and refreshments will be available for purchase.



Join us on Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. as we gather for our fifth monthly **JESUS aCROSS the Border Event**; an event that is averaging 115 catholic young adults! This event will take place at the beautiful Portuguese parish of St. Anthony's Church in Lowell, MA. Help us celebrate the month of May and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima! The evening begins with Eucharist Adoration, Praise & Worship lead by Mike McDuffee of Cry Out, and Confessions available throughout the evening.

Fr. Von DeRosia joins us again as the main Mass celebrant and following Mass we will have a pizza social. For more information please email Billy Beauchesne at JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder



#### Medjugorje

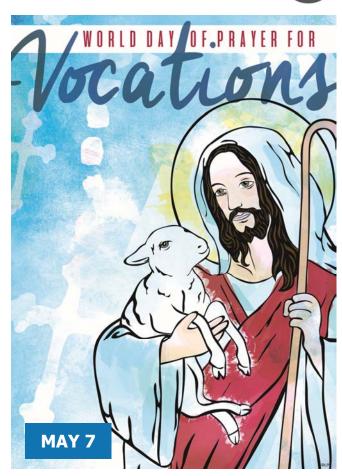
September 5<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Come join our group traveling to beautiful Medjugorje, a place the whole world is talking about, where a piece of heaven touches the earth. Our Blessed Mother told one of the visionaries "What I started at Fatima, I will end

in Medjugorje." The spiritual trip of a lifetime! Answer Our Lady's call to "Come to me in Medjugorge."

Total cost \$2,210. Credit cards accepted. To register or for more information contact group leader Claude Langlois at (978) 682 - 6012 as soon as possible.

Our groups 14<sup>th</sup> trip to Medjugorje - nine days, seven nights, two meals per day, staying at Pope John Paul II Hotel only seconds from St. James Church in the heart of Medjugorje.



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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS FROM ST. LUCY'S PARISH

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# +Mass INTENTIONS

Sat., May 6 - Easter Weekday

**4:00 pm** Gertrude and Joseph Sarro

Sunday, May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Pasquale Carmela DiLorenzo

and Genoveffa

9:30 am Deceased members of the Sodality

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Francis R. Covey Sr. Aaron Hernandez Rita Finniss Grace Mulligan Domenic Nicolosi Doris Boutin Blanca Figueredo Kevin Dixon Sr.

Tony Waters, Mary Rita Costa,

Tony Somma

Monday, May 8st - Easter Weekday

8:00 am Carmine Maria and

Pasquale Santantonio

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>- Easter Weekday

8:00 am James Bourque III

Wednesday, May 10th - Easter Weekday

8:00 am

Saturday, May 13 - Easter Weekday

**4:00 pm** Joseph and Emma Tringali

Sunday, May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica

9:30 am William G. Klier

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Stella Quinto, Alfio and Maria

Reitano, Antonio LaSpina,

Gaetano Ignoti and Anthony Liguori Mary Cefalu Marie Hajjar

## ST. LUCY PARISH BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



Our next Sodality meeting is this Sunday, May 7 after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Sodality Brunch: May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Irish Cottage Fundraiser: May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Commitment/Re commitment to our Blessed Mother - June 11

We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish.

#### St. Lucy's Men's Guild



#### SAVE THE DATE NOTICE

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Men's Guild Meeting – after 9:30 Mass in St. Lucy's Church Hall

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sock Hop – to benefit St. Monica/St. Lucy's Youth Group

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Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St. Joseph who meet regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their families, in their parishes, and in their community.

Offertory April 30, 2017: \$7,163.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,665.00

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.





#### Saturday, May 6 - Easter Weekday

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Kelly Wallace Andrew Guertin Jean Caron Jim Leonard

4:00 pm Wilfrid Valcourt

#### Sunday, May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Charles Booth Jr.

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Charlie and Rose Hanafin (Living) Thomas Thornton and Ann Thornton

Yvonne Soucy Violet Sayer Manuel Costa

Maria and Manuel Lima

Aaron Hernandez Eugene Campiola

Rudkins Family (Living)

Irwin Mercado and Ernestina Mercado

Daniel Stadelman Adele B. Saba

11:30 am Parishioners of St. Monica

and St. Lucy Parishes

Thursday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

7:00 am Sally McCafferty

Friday, May 12 - Easter Weekday

Brian and Michael McCafferty (Living) 7:00 am

Saturday, May 13 - Easter Weekday

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

In thanksgiving to Our Lady

Connie and Albert Zampelli 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Kevin O'Donnell

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

5:30 pm

George Abdulla

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro Ragonese Family, Michaud Family,

DiBartolo Family Marie-Paule Labrie Richard Ferland

Deceased members of the

DiNoto Family

Pauline and Edward Jewell and 11:30 am

> Samuel R. Benigno Lionel Duhamel

#### **ROSES FOR LIFE**



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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 at (978) 683-1193.

#### The Triumph: A Parish Mission

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Wed. May 24<sup>th</sup> Presented by Fr. David Gunter, MIC

#### Schedule of Events:

#### Sunday, May 21

7:00 pm: Presentation

Testimony and Introduction

Monday, May 22

6:00 pm: Confessions 6:30 pm: Rosary

7:00 pm: Presentation

Catechesis Background

Tuesday, May 23

6:00 pm: Confessions 6:30 pm: Rosary

7:00pm: Presentation Topic:

What Has Heaven Been Saying to Us?

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 pm: Confessions 6:30 pm: Rosary

7:00 pm: Presentation

Final remarks on "The Triumph" Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and Benediction

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#### May Procession by St. Monica School Students

Please join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 8:30 am for the beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary as the students of our St. Monica School lead us in the May Procession.

The second grade children who will have just received their First Holy Communion, will lead us in reciting the Holy Rosary, crowning our Blessed Mother, and singing beautiful hymns. Come pray with us and be part of this holy experience!

Sr. Suzanne is looking to hire a Part-Time Development Associate (20 hours per week) starting in August 2017. The Development Associate would be responsible initially for Event Planning (large scale events bringing in upwards of \$20K) and creating a database of Alumni. The Development Associate position would eventually become full-time. The full-time Development Associate would also be responsible for planning, organizing, and directing all of St. Monica's fundraising in conjunction with the PTO. Other responsibilities would include grant writing, the major gifts program, annual fund, planned giving, special events, capital campaigns and raising funds for financial aid. Requirements for the position are a Bachelor's Degree in Business or related field with 3-5 years experience in marketing, organizing and pre-planning, grant writing, and finance. Research, technology, social media and public relations skills are required. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please send a resume with cover letter and names and phone numbers of three employer references to Sr. Suzanne Fondini, St. Monica School Development Search, 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA 01844. Application deadline is July 1, 2017. Please, no phone calls.

St. Monica School will have an Open House on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM. New families who are looking for a Catholic education for their children are welcome to make an appointment to visit the school that evening. If you are interested in coming to the Open House and being given a tour by our Student Ambassadors, please call Sharon Tully in the School Office at 978-686-1801 so that we can schedule a tour for your family. We hope you will join us!

St. Monica School parents and students enjoyed a fun Paint Night on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Paint Night was sponsored by St. Monica PTO.





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