



May 6, 2018

6<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

On behalf of Father Bill Lohan, Father Joseph Marwa and all of our volunteers and staff, we are pleased to extend our congratulations and prayers to all of the children who received first communion at our parishes this year. We look forward to continuing to grow in faith with you through the years.

### St. Lucy Parish

*Kyle David Alliette  
Sophia Rose Barbosa  
Aiden Bastinelli  
Joseph Brown  
Omar Jaime Cabrera  
Rocco James Campiola  
Rebecca Carlisle  
Zachary Coppeta  
Joshua Erazo  
Emma Fagan  
Jessalyn Kasperek  
Isabella Marie Koutny  
Jackson Orrin Laplante  
Jackson Sean-Carlos Machado*

*Paul Henry Mahoney  
Colby McCarthy  
Noah Thomas McMenamon  
Brianna Marie Messina  
Kaylee McDonough  
Ryan Terrence Murphy  
Haley E. Musumarra  
Joseph R. Musumarra  
Teresa Rose Petrillo  
Cyle Sergi  
Ariana Margaret Smith  
Kyra Avadon Sweetser  
Leonardo Xavier*

### St. Monica Parish

<i>Makayla Margaret Alexander</i>	<i>Lindsey Rose Crowell</i>	<i>Skyy Elise Gutierrez</i>	<i>Diana Carolina Lituma</i>
<i>Dylan Michael Anderson</i>	<i>Veronica Avis Curran</i>	<i>Mia Jayla Gutierrez</i>	<i>Michael Anthony Monsanto</i>
<i>Michaela Rose Aufiero</i>	<i>Joshua Jacob Decocq</i>	<i>Joshua Jeffrey Herald</i>	<i>Isabelle Lise-Colombe Moreau</i>
<i>Chloe Joanne Avellani</i>	<i>Aaliah Marisel DeLeon</i>	<i>Haleigh Marie Hibbard</i>	<i>Braxton David Munoz</i>
<i>Lena Marie Bettano</i>	<i>Nathaniel Ramon DeLeon</i>	<i>Emma Clare Howes</i>	<i>Gavin Wagner Poulin</i>
<i>Ethan William Boleski</i>	<i>Gianna Lucille DeLucca</i>	<i>Stella Priscilla Khabbaz</i>	<i>Dylan Robinson</i>
<i>Joshua Francis Bonds</i>	<i>Ethan Michael Desrochers</i>	<i>Kailyn Patricia Khalil</i>	<i>Amaya Cecilia Rojas</i>
<i>Owen George Brengola</i>	<i>Madelyn Marianna Downing</i>	<i>Mason Lawrence</i>	<i>Blake Matthew Shaheen</i>
<i>Jameson Daniel Brouder</i>	<i>Olivia Ann Erban</i>	<i>Ainsley Grace Low</i>	<i>Ivy Tran</i>
<i>Chloe Chiasson</i>	<i>Brooke Nicole Gagnon</i>	<i>Evan John Lydon</i>	<i>Jenna Nicole VanPraet</i>
<i>Ethan Corbett</i>	<i>Jacob Michael Gallagher</i>	<i>Katie Ann Lydon</i>	<i>Kallie White-Sullivan</i>
<i>Bryce Michael Cregg</i>	<i>Rodrigo Rafael Garcia</i>	<i>James Eric Libby, III</i>	<i>Benjamin Kenneth Wood</i>

# Farewell

ON BEHALF OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY PARISHES, WE  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO

**Sr. Suzanne Fondini, MFIC**

*Light Refreshments Will Be Served*

St. Monica School  
Hall  
212 Lawrence St.  
Methuen, MA 01844

**JUNE  
10<sup>th</sup>**

2018

Please join us  
immediately  
following the  
11:30 A.M.  
Mass.

## May - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



### May events in honor of the Blessed Mother:

- **Saturday, May 12:**  
1:00 pm - The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality of St. Lucy Parish will be holding a **Marian Service** in St. Lucy Church. All are welcome to join us in praying to our Blessed Mother.
- **Tuesday, MAY 15:**  
8:30 am Join St. Monica School students for a **May Procession** at St. Monica Church.
- **Saturday, MAY 19: 12:00 pm**  
The Knights of Columbus of St. Monica Parish will be leading a "**Rosary Rally**" on the Parish Grounds of St. Monica's. A sign up sheet will be available in St. Monica Church for anyone wishing to take part in reciting a Hail Mary. Please join us on this special day of Prayer to Our Blessed Mother!

## FULFILLED

*Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism - Part One*

SONJA CORBITT

Our group study of the popular book *Fulfilled* from Ascension Press will include video and discussion as well as a break for homemade snacks. The small group study is being offered in a private home beginning on Thursday May 10 from 6-8pm and ending on June 21. The group is limited to 8 but we must have at least 4 in order to run the study. The cost for the book and workbook is \$25. To join the group and purchase materials, sign up at <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/28353/registrations/new> or contact Bonnie Doherty if you need her to sign you up and purchase the materials. For more information or questions: [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com) or 978-270-3366.

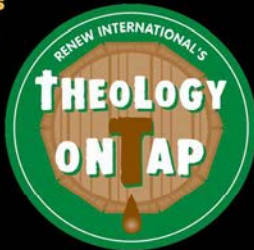




## GALILEO & THE CHURCH

St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes'  
Young Adult Ministry Presents

What happened during the most famous dispute between religion and science four hundred years ago? Does the Bible really claim that the Sun revolves around the Earth? Did the Church really teach that the Earth is the center of the universe? Why did the Holy Office condemn Galileo?



WITH DAN NORTON

**WED., MAY 16, 2018 | 7 PM**

Brick House Tavern + Tap - 105 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen, MA

For more info: Isabela Peixoto (978) 476 - 1004

**Learning to Live with Grief** - a 5 week bereavement support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one and are finding it difficult to move forward. The group will start on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 and will be held every Wednesday until June 27, 2018. We will meet in the beige house next to rectory on the St. Monica campus from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The group is offered as a free service to the public. Registration is required. Please call Lu Bonanno, at 978-837-3333 or email [lucille.bonanno@amedisys.com](mailto:lucille.bonanno@amedisys.com).

## Moms' Night Out

Women of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes are invited to bring a friend and join other Moms for an uplifting evening of fellowship, followed by a faith filled presentation.

**Sunday, May 20th at 6:00 pm**  
**St. Monica School Hall**

Bring a dessert to share  
Coffee & tea will be provided  
Kindly register on link found on  
[methuencatholic.org](http://methuencatholic.org)



**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

**St. Monica Parish**

4:00pm (prior eve)

7:00 am

10:00 am

**St. Lucy Parish**

8:00 am

12:30 pm

7:00 pm

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "YES I CAN" PROGRAM**

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, cereal, mashed potatoes, canned beans, ramen noodles, and canned carrots. **Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.**

**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**

## Our Beautiful End

*By Matthew Leonard*

### We Long for the Beautiful

We grow frustrated when sunsets fade, children grow up, and special moments pass. Will beauty be forever fleeting? Internationally known Catholic speaker, Matthew Leonard, expounds upon our experience of beauty and its powerful role in drawing us closer to our Creator and glorious home in Heaven.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com). To quickly register for Formed please go to [methuencatholic.formed.org](http://methuencatholic.formed.org). We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM



**Our Youth – Stepping up and providing stewardship for our Churches**

St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes in the last two years have each marked special anniversaries, 100<sup>th</sup> for St. Monica and 60<sup>th</sup> for St. Lucy. We have enjoyed great events for the St. Monica Anniversary last year and are planning events for St. Lucy's anniversary this year. Standing out amongst all these celebrations are the rolls that two of our young people have played in beautifying and improving the grounds of our churches. Last year, John Redman, a St Monica Parishioner, for his Eagle Scout Project built the beautiful black fence next to the St Monica Convent Rectory that encloses the play area for our pre-school children. This improves the look of the area around the playground and serves as a protective barrier for the children as well. With the addition of the fence the little ones are securely enclosed in their play area. He also undertook some beautiful upgrades and painting within the cottage parking garage which have also been very helpful.



More recently, Randol Kallelis, another teenager, who is a parishioner of St Lucy's and a long-time altar server, undertook a beautiful renovation project in honor of Our Lady at St Lucy Parish. This work was also for his Eagle Scout Project. He beautifully refurbished the statue that is behind the church on the lawn on the Frye Street side of the church. The statue itself is more radiant but also he added beautiful mulching, flowers, stones, and two beautiful and comfortable benches that have made the spot ever more prayerful. What a beautiful gift to St Lucy Parish to mark our anniversary year. In addition, the work was done during difficult spring season that seemed never to arrive and his work was completed before May began. What a beautiful honor to Our Lady that Randol completed this work in time for her special month.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**RANDOL WITH BOY SCOUTS TROOP 51 WHO HELPED HIM WITH THIS PROJECT**

On behalf of all the parishioners I want to thank all of the adults that helped these two boys with their projects, no one does it alone and our youth who have such good and generous hearts benefit so much from the adults who take the time to help them. When you see these boys make sure to thank them for the gifts they have given and the hope they provide to us older people that our faith and our churches are valued by our youth.

**Saturday, May 5****8:00 am** (multiple intentions)

Kelly Wallace  
 Bill Loeschen  
 Dieudonne Ngimbi

**4:00 pm** Yvonne Soucy**Sunday, May 6****7:30 am** Charles Booth Jr.**9:30 am** (multiple intentions)

Ann & Thomas Thornton  
 Charlie Hanafin  
 Rose Hanafin (Living)  
 George Abdulla  
 Manuel Costa  
 Daniel Stadelman  
 Marilyn Harty  
 The deceased members of the  
 DiNoto family  
 Joseph Caprario (Living)  
**11:30 am** Filomena-Raffaele Tammaro

**Wednesday, May 9****4:00 pm****Thursday, May 10 - Ascension of the Lord****7:00 am** Christine Ferguson**10:00 am****Friday, May 11****7:00 am** Jesse Murray**Saturday, May 12****8:00 am** (multiple intentions)

In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

**4:00 pm** Connie and Albert Zampelli**Sunday, May 13****7:30 am** Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes**9:30 am** (multiple intentions)

Richard Ferland  
 Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro  
 Antonette, Frank, & Angelo Ragonese,  
 Chanel, Claire, Judy, Carol, Diane, and  
 Paul Michaud  
 Rocco, Emanuela, Orazio, Angelo, and  
 Carmela DiBartolo  
 Giuseppe Novello, Giovanni Novello,  
 and Giuseppina Cannata  
 Joanne and Randall Montecalvo  
**11:30 am** Marie Labrie

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Eugene Cusack  
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 Michael and Linda Giarrusso  
 Cecile and Peter Checovich  
 Jeannette Sirois



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.

**Offertory**

**April 29, 2018:** Regular Sunday Offering: \$9,954.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for National Catholic Missions: \$1,870.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering and one collection on May 10, Ascension Thursday. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

**Join us for Tea & Treasure** at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on the following days:

**Thursday, May 10** - For more information, please call Millie Stumpo at (978) 686 - 0339

**Monday, May 21** - For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663



Members of the **Greater Lawrence Chapter of Mass Citizens for Life** will be selling fresh roses after all the masses on Mother's Day weekend to raise money for

their efforts to restore the right to life to all pre-born babies, and to protect the right to life of the disabled and the elderly. Suggested donations are \$2 for one rose, \$5 for three roses. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support! If you would like to help, please contact Monica Silvey @ 978-853-8248.

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## ST. LUCY 60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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## SINGING MUSIC FROM POP TO BROADWAY

## October 20

- HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey at 4:00 p.m.
- 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at Michael's Function Hall | 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA  
5:30 p.m. Social Hour | 6:30 p.m. Dinner  
Full Course Family Style Dinner | Donation: \$50  
Music and dancing to follow!

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

## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

## Sunday, May 6:

- The **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary** at the 9:00 am Mass.
- Followed by the praying of the **Rosary**.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Pilgrimage to St. Anthony Franciscan Friary, Kennebunk, Me. June 2
- Recommitment to the Blessed Virgin Mary June 10

## MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, May 5

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes

## Sunday, May 6

9:00 am Deceased members of the Sodality

11:00 am Doris Joan "DoDo" Miskell Boutin  
Roger Barbin  
A special intention (Living)  
Blanca Figueredo

## Monday, May 7

8:00 am Yvonne Soucy

## Tuesday, May 8

8:00 am Thursday Girardi

## Wednesday, May 9

8:00 am Rita Finniss

5:30 pm Confirmation Mass

## Thursday, May 10 - Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am

12:30 pm

7:00 pm

## Saturday, May 12

4:00 pm Perry, Clara, Steven, and Beverly Autiello

## Sunday, May 13

9:00 am William G. Klier

11:00 am Albert and Connie Zampelli

The church will be closed from May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> for renovations. During this time, the Sunday Masses will be held in the Lower Hall and Daily Masses will be held at St. Monica's at 7:00 am Monday - Friday. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will be at St. Monica's on Fridays 6:30-7:30 pm and Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 pm.

## Offertory

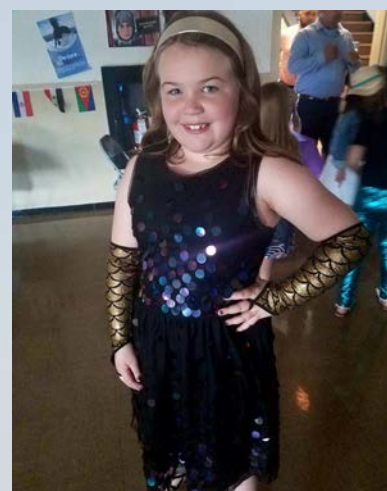
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Fantastic Memories were created at the 2018 Father/Daughter Dance held on 04/28. A very special thank you to Kerry DeMattia, and all those who helped make the night such a wonderful time!



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**MARRIAGES.** Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall. 9

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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

### 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: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

### Holy Days of Obligation:

4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. Monica Parish**

**St. Lucy Parish**

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

*and any time by appointment*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church

Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 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: 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



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