

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

*Renew, Rebuild, and Reach Out:
Disciples in Heartfelt Communion
with Jesus Christ*

25th

September 24, 2017

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first
will be last." - Mt 20:16

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Methuen, MA

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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.

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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

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish

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: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

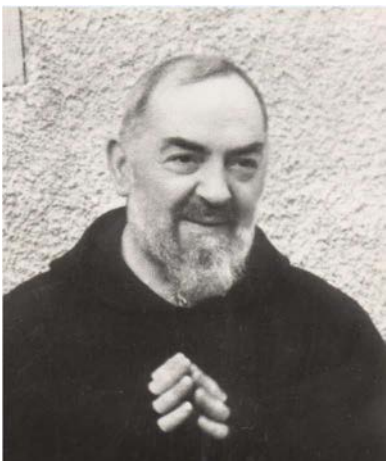
Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered for 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.

Anyone interested in receiving any or all of these sacraments, which they may have not received in their youth, are **encouraged and welcomed** to attend. If YOU know of anyone interested, please let them know and we will gladly welcome them and explain the process offered. Also, these sessions are open to anyone who has received their Sacraments but might want to come to a deeper appreciation of what these Sacraments are about. You too are welcome to join in a very interesting and relaxed atmosphere.

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.

There will be a meeting for those interested in RCIA this Sunday, September 24 at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy School House.



Padre Pio news...

Padre Pio's feast day is this weekend, Saturday Sept. 23rd. Be sure to stop by his statue in the St. Monica Chapel and pick up a prayer card.

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, October 3 from

6:30-8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica's Church. In addition to the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the evening's topic of discussion will include miracles attributed to Padre Pio's intercession. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. All interested are welcome.

Our new office hours for Wednesdays are 12:00 - 4:30 pm until December 6 so that our staff can attend Alpha.

The 2017 - 2018 CORI Forms are available on our website under "Announcements".

ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA



**TUESDAY,
SEPT. 26, 2017**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ST. LUCY'S
CHURCH HALL**

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is Ida Fitzgerald who has been invited to offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned corn and beans, rice sides, pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter, cereal, and strawberry jam.

Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

FORGIVEN

A COURSE ON THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

BEGINNING ON
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 12
AT 6PM

ST. MONICA RECTORY
1ST FLOOR SUNROOM

EACH VIDEO IS ABOUT 40 MINUTES
OR LESS FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION.

CONTACT BONNIE DOHERTY
FOR MORE INFORMATION,
978-270-3366 OR
BONNIEOCDS@GMAIL.COM.

The Archdiocese of Boston is working to encourage all parishes in the Archdiocese to participate in Formed.org which is also known as the Catholic Netflix. Formed.org offers much in the area of Programs, Studies, Audios, and eBooks. (Also, once you download an eBook, it is yours to keep, even after the free offer ends!) The Archdiocese is working with Formed.org to offer free access to all of their material until October 27 so please take a look at this wealth of Catholic information before the offer ends. You can watch Formed.org on your desktop computer or on a mobile device using the Formed app if you have an iPhone or iPad. (There is currently no Android app.) If anyone has any questions, they can contact Bonnie Doherty at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To access this material: Go to: <https://formed.org/>, Click on Login and enter email address: boston@formed.org and password: [formed17](#).

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SHARING YOUR FAITH?

Come join our faith formation team at St. Lucy's! We have openings in 1st through 7th grade and we meet from 9:10am-11:15am (nearly) every other Sunday (October to April).

TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT KARL JACKSON AT
(978) 686-3311 EXT. 35 OR
FAITHFORMATION.STLM@GMAIL.COM

Tuesday and **Friday** Confessions are suspended until we are assigned a new parochial vicar.

The 3pm Saturday Confessions will continue at both parishes.

Please pray for **Julia Steffen, Anne Calderone, Anthony Padvaiskas, and Irene Silva** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Prayer and Study "Under Our Lady's Mantle"

Join us on Wednesdays at
10:15 am for coffee or tea.

Promptly at 10:30am we will say the Rosary and the Diving Mercy Chaplet. We will then commence with either a Catholic dvd presentation or a chosen Catholic book for reading and discussion over the following weeks.

LOOKING FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU.



PRAYER VIGIL FOR UNITY AND PEACE

Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm

ST. MONICA CHURCH

*Following the service is a light reception
in the school hall. Please join us.*

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CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT ORGANIZATION
WISDOM OF BEN SIRA (SIRACH) 6:14-16

UNITING ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUPS

Join us for our Fall event!

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine

Friday, September 29, 2017

7:30 PM – Adoration/Praise & Worship/Confession

9:00 PM – Mass

Pizza Social & Fellowship to Follow

*Event hosted every 3rd Friday of the month

An evening of...

~ Adoration, Confession, and Holy Mass

~ Featuring Frank Connell leading musical worship

~ We welcome back Fr. Von DeRosia, as our main Mass celebrant

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Garage – 75 John St., Lowell, MA 01852

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AT DOOR

Presentation of Mary Academy

Annual Open House

Sunday, October 29 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to see what a PMA education is all about. Come tour the campus, speak with students, faculty and coaches, register for the High School Placement Test and schedule a Shadow Day. 6th, 7th, and 8th graders welcome as well as transfer students. PMA - 209 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA www.pmamethuen.org



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

PLACE: ST. MONICA CHURCH
TIME: 7 P.M.

NINE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS FROM
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 - NOVEMBER 6, 2017

This year our annual novena will be to Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas, Queen of the first and the new evangelization, and Patroness of the unborn.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- praying the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- reading the The Nican Mopohua, the account of the Guadalupe apparitions of 1531 written in 1548 by Antonio Valeriano
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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FAITH FORMATION START DATES

ST. MONICA PARISH

Kindergarten - 7th grade

Sunday, September 24th from 9:10am - 11:15am
Please meet in the Main Church

8th Grade

Monday, October 2nd from 4:00 - 5:00pm
Please meet in St. Monica's Rectory

FAITH FORMATION START DATES

ST. LUCY PARISH

1st - 7th grade

Sunday, October 1st from 9:10am-11:15am
Please meet in the Main Church

8th Grade

Monday, September 25th from 4:00-5:00pm
Please meet in St. Lucy's Schoolhouse

Members of the **Catholic Daughters and the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will be meeting on October 7th in St. Lucy's lower church hall to share information on forming a Court at our parishes.

Girls aged 6-18 are encouraged to attend (families welcome) to learn more about this unique opportunity to embrace Message, Service, and Community with the JCDA. There is information on the parish website and on the bulletin boards at both St. Lucy's and St. Monica's.

*Please contact Charlene Langenfeld
978-659-0009 for more information.*

SAINT MONICA PARISH

100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Come join the fun at
Lenzi's Restaurant in
Dracut on Saturday,
October 28, 2017.

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Get yours now by calling
Jane & Bill Shawcross at
(978) 794 - 8681 or
(978) 273 - 8830.
Tickets are \$50.00 each.



There will be a **Protecting God's Children Class** on October 12th at 6PM in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse. To register, please call Sharon Tully at (978) 686-1801. **All Parish and school volunteers are required to attend this class.**

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32

ROSES FOR LIFE

have been donated in loving memory of

*Michael and Linda Giarrusso
Cecile and Peter Checovich
Nancy Tardif*

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
CATHOLIC
LENDING
LIBRARY

will be available for free lending
of books/DVD's **this Sunday,**
Sept. 24 at the 9:30 Mass.

St. Monica Volunteers

Caroline Beaudoin will be available after the 5:30 Mass this Sunday, September 24 if you need to fill out a CORI form. Please have your photo ID with you. All church volunteers **18 years old** and above are required to fill out a new CORI every year.

The forms are also available on our website under "Announcements". We sincerely value your ministry and appreciate your ongoing support as we work with the Archdiocese to remain compliant. For more information, please call (978) 476 - 2423.

The chapel stays open until 7pm everyday.

Offertory September 17, 2017: \$8,903.00
2nd Collection for Clergy Benefit Trust: \$3,145.00
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, September 23

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Deceased members of the Waterworth Family
Barbara Hevey
St. Padre Pio
Roberta Palmisano

4:00 pm

Sunday, September 24

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy's

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

David and Kevin Bell
Y. Beatrice Beeley
Chanel and Claire Michaud, Deceased
members of the Michaud Family,
Deceased members of the Ragonese Family,
Deceased members of the DiBartolo Family
Eileen J. Lannon
Mercedes Melendez
Nancy Tardif
Linda Duhamel
Irene, Blanche, and Eustache Sirois
Michelle Young
Sook Lim
Thomas John Petrillo
Claire Nawrocki
Pat Leslie

11:30 am

5:30 pm

Thursday, September 28

7:00 am

Padre Pio Feast Day

Friday, September 29

7:00 am

Margaret Collins

Saturday, September 30

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Therese Rousseau
Arthur Hamel
Manuel Peixoto
Stanislaw Arabudski and Todd Tisdale

4:00 pm

Sunday, October 1

7:30 am

Catherine Sullivan

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Charlie and Rose Hanafin (Living)
Violet Sayer
Mercedes Melendez
Angela Hyatt
Lillian Scott
Peter LaTorre

11:30 am

5:30 pm

ST. LUCY PARISH

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm

Sr. Barbara Jukins,
Rita Bonanno, & Thomas Jernberg

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am

Paul Amato

9:30 am

Antonio DeFruscia

11:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Walter Cheltowski
William Hitchmoth
Paul Meli Sr.
Dora Giuffrida

Monday, September 25

8:00 am

Joseph Rapisardo (Living)

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am

Michael Karcz

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 am

Joseph Rapisardo (Living)

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm

M. Janet Szostak

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am

Josephine and Michael Carelli
Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am

11:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Anthony, Fr. Patrick, and
Benedetto Maccarone
John Piazza
Giuseppe Currao
Celine Bresnahan
Anne Calderone
Joseph and Connie Pappalardo

Offertory September 17, 2017: \$5,837.00

2nd Collection for Clergy Benefit Trust: \$1,960.00

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.

The church stays open until 4 pm every day.

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality News

ST. LUCY PARISH CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

SATURDAY, October 21st 9:00am - 3:00pm

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN! DOWNSTAIRS IN
THE PARISH HALL!

Next Sodality Meeting: Sunday, October 8th, after the
9:30 Mass and the praying of the rosary.

Important meeting to finalize our Craft Fair.

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

MEN'S GUILD

This Sunday, September 24

**Members are invited to gather in the
vestibule for the 9:30 Mass. Meeting
will begin at 10:30 in the church hall
(immediately following the 9:30 Mass)**

**All men are invited to come and learn
more about our mission. We have many
new and exciting projects to support our
parish. Bring a Friend.**



PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Bless, Lord Jesus, the
newly baptized;

**GAVIN JAMES D'ANGELIS
CORA DEIERE DIDIO
BRAYDEN ROBERT GIOIA
KAILEANI SKY ROSADO
THALIA STARR ROSADO
HUNTER MATHEW ST. PIERRE**

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.

FROM FR. BILL

Dying young- Loving those in our lives in the here and now, confident of God's care

Today I offered a funeral mass for a 52 year old life-long family friend in West Roxbury. Up until two years ago he was believed to be entirely healthy until a routine colon exam revealed an aggressive cancer that claimed his life. Jack had a beautiful wife, five great kids ranging from first grade to a sophomore at the US Airforce Academy. He came from a close and strong nuclear family and enjoyed the love and esteem of all his peers in the community. The wait to see his family at the wake was 90 minutes and the church was filled. Jack went to church, was a good husband and father and took good care of himself physically. His death by our estimate is unfair, and it is easy to be frustrated or even mad at God regarding his passing so young, with so much life, especially family life left to be lived. I write these words not to depress you, but rather that they could be a spark in your life to value the gift of time, the gift of health, if you are fortunate right now to enjoy it, and so that like Jack you will realize how important family and friends are. Sometimes we don't take accounting of these things in the ordinary flow of daily life, but how important that we love each other to the fullest each and every day. His family is supported by so many in the community because he was a gentle, caring and loving man who gave of himself wholeheartedly. Though he suffered terribly at the end of his life, he died in peace, knowing he had done his best for God, family and friends. May we look at our own lives and make the changes that may be necessary so that if we were called home we could go with the peace that he had.



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to all who
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last Sunday
to wish
Sister Rina
well for all
her years at
St. Lucy
visiting our
Homebound.



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