



July 16, 2017

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

St. Lucy Parish

Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

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: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

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



**Mass to celebrate the 100th
Anniversary of St. Monica Parish**





WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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

TUESDAYS (ST. LUCY CHURCH) 1:30-4:30PM
FRIDAYS (ST. MONICA CHAPEL) 7:30AM-7:30PM

FOR MORE INFO ON ADORATION
 AT ST. MONICA'S PLEASE CONTACT:
 BONNIE DOHERTY
 bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270-3366

ST. LUCY'S PLEASE CONTACT:
 ELLEN WHOLLEY - (978) 682-8459

If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

**FRIDAY ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S IS
 IN NEED OF MORE ADORERS DURING THE
 AFTERNOON HOURS: 2:30-3:30,
 3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30.
 THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING THE
 TIME TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS.**

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Contact Michelle Faugno at EMARC, call 781-587-2322, or email mfaugno@thearc.org



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.

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.



Please pray for **Charlotte Berndtson** and **Dr. William Irving** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parishes. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY- THURSDAY: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM | FRIDAY: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM



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Did You Know?

Internet Filter Software Is No Substitute for Parental Monitoring

There is a lot of material on the Internet that is inappropriate for children. Parents can use filtering software to protect children from that material, but filters do not guarantee that children will not be exposed; a filter will never be a substitute for parents' presence. Monitor your child's online behavior. Keep your family computer in a highly visible, common area, like the family room or the kitchen. Ask your children to show you what sites they go to, and be open and willing to discuss the inappropriate material they might come across.

For particular help you may call:

The Office of Child Advocacy
Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Boston
66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA
Maureen DiMilla, Director 617-746-5996

Source: www.netismartz.org

There will be a **Protecting God's Children Class** on September 9th at 9AM and 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.**

Commission to Assist Our Brothers and Sisters in Need Nursing Home Outreach

We have established a team to provide visits to parishioners of Saint Monica and Saint Lucy Parishes who are in the Nevins Nursing and Rehab Center. If you know of a family member or friend at the Nevins who would enjoy having a visit, feel free to contact: Jeanne Desmond at 978 -377-0017.

Also, If you have a few hours a month to spare, we would love to have you join us in this very important ministry. We currently have four volunteers. **(Note: it would be nice if some men could volunteer to talk sports or play cards with the residents).** We visit in teams of two, and these visits can take place at your convenience. Eventually, as the team expands, we hope to visit other facilities in Methuen as well. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Jeanne.



Saturday, July 15

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

4:00 pm Mary V. Fusco

Sunday, July 16

7:30 am People of St. Monica &
St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*
Dorothy Ferraro
Linda Tropeano
Ethel Belanger
Joan Sabatini
Dr. Robert Broadley
Efren Juarez

11:30 am

Thursday, July 20

7:00 am Yvette Moran and
Don Lavigne

Friday, July 21

7:00 am Karen Tardugno

Saturday, July 22

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*
Therese Rousseau
4:00 pm Geraldine and
Michael Fillipon

Sunday, July 23

7:30 am Marie-Paule Labrie
9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*
Ann Talbot
11:30 am Raoul Dube

Offertory July 3, 2017: \$9,263.00
July 9: \$9,217.00

This weekend and next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday offering.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated

In loving memory of

Michael and Linda Giarrusso

Fred and Amelia Vogler

Cecile and Peter Checovich

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.

St. Monica 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance - come join the fun at Lenzi's restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Tickets are going fast. Get yours now by calling Jane & Bill Shawcross at 978-794-8681 or 978-273-8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Gianna Grace Bettano
Lena Marie Bettano
Michael Anthony Bettano
Kinsley Emerson D'Hondt
Madison St. Onge
Nora Isabella Younker



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.

Discipleship Groups

5 week video presentation by Fr. John Riccardo

July 20 - August 17

The series will run from 6-7:30pm in the St. Monica Rectory sunroom. Enter by front door and take 2nd left. Sessions run from 30-50 minutes. Extra time allowed for those who want to participate in discussion of the video. Contact Bonnie Doherty at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com if interested.



Saturday, July 15

4:00 pm

Suzanne Dooley

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am

In thanksgiving to St. Francis

9:30 am

Fred, Irene & Dennis Leocata

11:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Joseph & Leonora Marcello
Dolores Arcidiacono

Monday, July 17

8:00 am

Kristin Mulvey-St. Onge

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 am

Joy Breen

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 am

Perry, Clara, Steven, and
Beverly Autiello

Saturday, July 22

4:00 pm

Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am

Richard Lebel

9:30 am

Angela Iannuccilli

11:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Patrick Joyce
Josephine Carelli
Tony Waters
Lucia Currao
Rose Salafia
Mike and Libby Alaimo
Mark and Carol Gallagher

Neighbors in Need

Next collection: This Sunday, July 16

On the **3rd weekend of every month**, we collect food for the needy. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off in the designated baskets located at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance.

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

News

SPECIAL MEETING

Save this Date. There will be a special Sodality meeting on **Sunday, August 13th**, after the 9:30 Mass to discuss details of the **Sodality Craft Fair**. Please mark your calendar and try to make every effort to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The first Sodality Meeting of the new season is **Sunday, September 10th** after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. The Craft Fair is **Saturday, October 21st**.

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

Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Elizabeth Maureen Tulley

Sofia Anna Tulley

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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 July 3, 2017: \$6,660.00

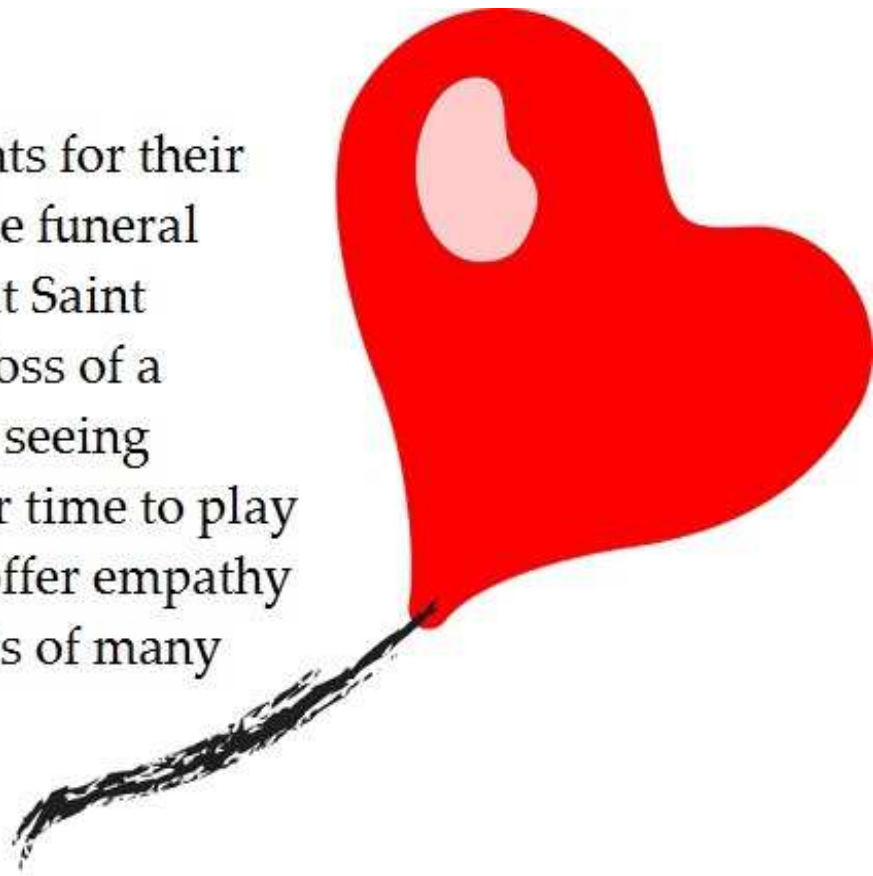
July 9: \$6,210.00

Correction on 6/25 Peter Pence Collection:
\$1,691.00

This weekend and next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday offering.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

I'd like to thank your students for their thoughtful response after the funeral Mass I attended on Friday at Saint Monica's in Methuen. The loss of a friend is a painful thing but seeing young people stopping their time to play to stand in line in order to offer empathy and respect raised the spirits of many in attendance...



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Respectfully,

A visitor to St. Monica's



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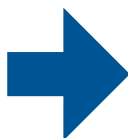
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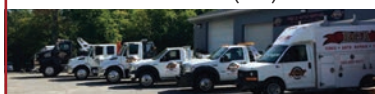
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