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#### **PARISH SERVICES**

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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 St. Lucy Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm



Next Sunday, June 18, Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be celebrating the 11:30 Mass at St. Monica's in observance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Monica Parish. Immediately following the Mass a reception will be held for all parishioners in the school hall.





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.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS FOR THE 11:30AM AND 12:30PM HOURS AT ST. MONICA'S.

On Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for all the Eucharistic Ministers from both Parishes at the St. Monica Chapel with Fr. Bill.

#### Notice to Parishioners

In an effort to ensure the safety of the Parishioners, we ask that those attending Mass park only in designated parking spots. Parking in Fire Lanes and non-designated spots creates an unnecessary danger for all.

We appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

Our Parish Offices will close at noon on Fridays until September 8.

#### Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Eden Alessandro
Levi Marsland
Chloe Grace Martin
Benjamin Brody Matthews
Michael Andrew Petersen
Emery Grace Weir



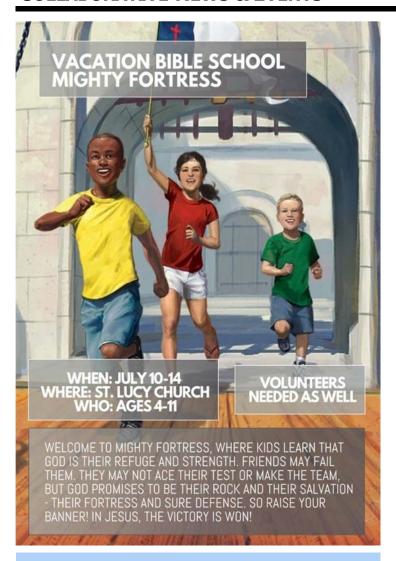
Immerse them in the waters of your life and love. Seal them with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate their path with the light of your hope. Clothe them with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.





Please pray for Mary Laflamme, Rita Bonanno, Grace Cain, and Lucy Girardi whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



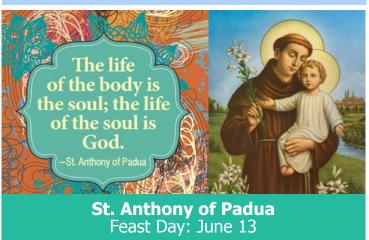


#### Steubenville East Catholic Conference

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

**When:** July 14-16

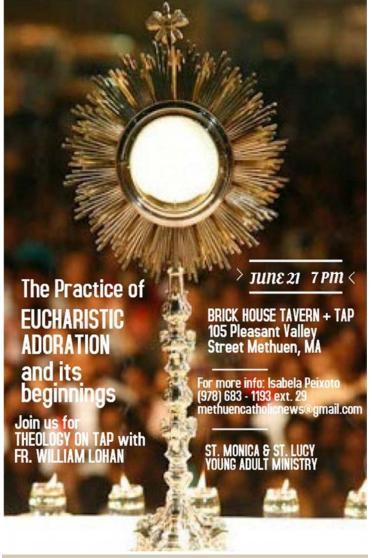
**Who:** All those who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade This weekend is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun! For questions or to register contact Sammie Moore at youth.stlm@gmail.com



#### Outreach & Service

Commission to Assist our Brothers and Sisters in need with Nursing Home Outreach

We have established a team to provide visits to parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes who are at Nevins Nursing and Rehab Center. If you know of a family member or friend at the Nevins who would enjoy a visit, please contact: Jeanne Desmond at 978-377-0017. Also, if you have a few hours to spare, we would love to have you join us in this very important ministry. These visits can take place at your convenience. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Jeanne Desmond. We are currently looking for volunteers to play Scrabble with the residents.



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# +Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 10

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Phillip Hamel

4:00 pm

Marianna Zielinski and

Diane Margosian

Sunday, June 11 - The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 am Marie - Paule Labrie

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro

Norman Lavole

Wladyslawa Maria Mroczko

11:30 am Patrick Lannan

Thursday, June 15

7:00 am Gaetano Falcone

Friday, June 16

7:00 am Julian Hernandez (Living)

Saturday, June 17

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Kevin Waterworth

Tony Fusco Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes

Sun., June 18 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 am Walter Witkos 9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Joseph Indoccio

Connie and Albert Zampelli Pauline and Edward Jewell and

Samuel R. Benigno Patricia Ann Duphily

Francis Nuzzi

Angelo Ragonese Family, Chanel Michaud Family, and

Rocco DiBartolo Family

11:30 am For the deceased of

St. Monica Parish

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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.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### "YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned beans, canned spaghetti, cereal, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna, cereal, pancake syrup, and pancake mix.

We ask for your generous help as the shelves in the food pantry are getting low. Thank you very much.

Offertory June 3, 2017: \$10,460.00 Seminary Offering: \$2,597.50

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

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

A small group is meeting in the rectory first floor sunroom to watch DVD presentations on Prayer.

> Upcoming meeting dates: Thursdays, 6/22 and 6/29 from 6-7 pm

The DVD is 30 minutes long followed by a discussion. Bring a notebook, Bible, and Catechism. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information: 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.



Saturday, June 10

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, June 11 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am John Paris

9:30 am Deceased members of the

Sodality

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Vincenzo, Vincenzina, Anthony and Paul Meli Sr.

Vincenzo and Isabella Dadducci Gerry Vancompenolle

Barbara Muise

Monday, June 12

8:00 am E.J.M. Special Intention (Living)

Tuesday, June 13

8:00 am Alice Pratt

Wednesday, June 14

8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, June 17

4:00 pm Domenic A. Nicolosi

Sun., June 18 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

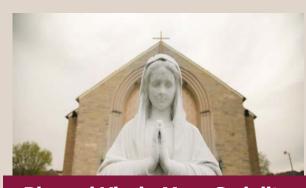
8:00 am Harriet Despres

9:30 am Salvatore Boragine Jr.

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Joseph and Yvette Bergeron

Richard Lebel Helen Hagopian



#### **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**

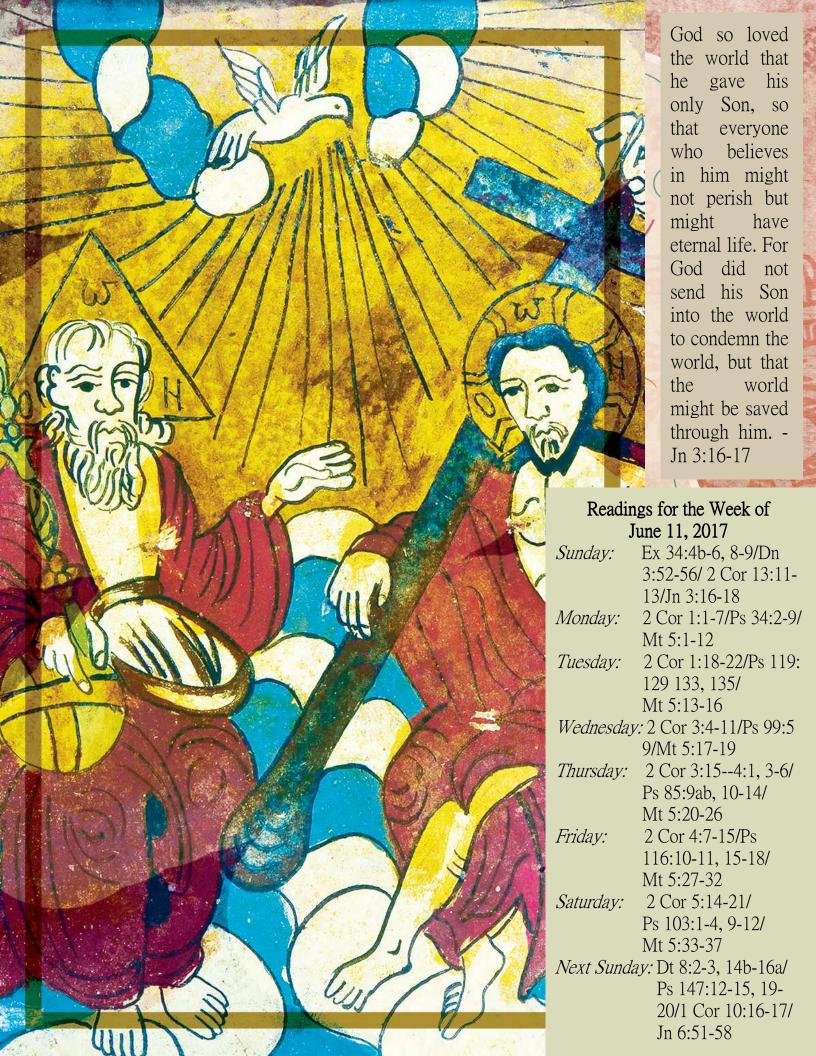
RECOMMITMENT CEREMONY ON SUNDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> - At the 9:30 Mass the members of the sodality will recommit to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The next Sodality meeting will be held after the mass and the praying of the rosary.

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

Offertory June 3, 2017: \$7,167.00 Seminary Offering: \$1,698.00

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

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





#### Little Things That make a Church Welcoming

For many of us perhaps its been a long time since we were a new comer to a church community. It could be decades ago since you first walked into St. Monica or St. Lucy Church. Can you remember that day and what your impressions were? Were they good, or perhaps not so? I suppose it couldn't have been too bad of an experience because you are still here!

As a priest who has served in several parishes over the last decade, I have experienced that feeling of being new perhaps more than most of vou. I can remember my free Saturdays as a seminarian when I attended mass "off campus" at parishes nearby just to remind myself that my priestly life would be in parishes and that I wouldn't be in a seminary environment forever. It never ceased to amaze me that the "regulars" attending mass in those parishes in Boston never introduced themselves to me, a newcomer 30 something at mass on a weekday. If I said hello they would reciprocate but never did anyone approach me and ask my name or offer theirs to me. They didn't ask if I were a father of a family new to the area. Did I just get transferred by my employer to Boston? None of these questions were ever asked. It always struck me as odd that it never happened once, not even out of a curiosity that could fall far short of Christian love.

Sometimes now on my day off I attend Mass undercover. I enjoy praying the mass and experiencing it from time to time the way you do each week, especially when I travel. Last week I was at a parish in the Hartford area at a Friday morning mass and it was the same thing. No welcome, no proactive hello just a smile and a reply to my proactive hello. How do we expect people to be moved to join our parishes if we seem indifferent to their presence among us?

As I was running on the treadmill this morning at the gym I thought about the fact that everyone in that gym was there for the same reason all staring in the same direction while running, watching big TV screens and perhaps listening to headphones, next to one another but entirely disconnected. It can feel the same at movies, we are next to each other, there for the same reason, but not connected in any real way.

Do we come to church with the same mindset that we approach the gym or the movie cinema? I know habits can be hard to break but lets be hospitable. A smile costs nothing, a proactive hello and a polite question to a newcomer can open doors and deliver the message you are happy that person is there and hope to see them again! Move over in the pew. If you sit on the end of a pew with the whole middle section empty you are sending a strong message that you don't expect people to want to fill our church and that you don't want to share space. Nothing could be more of a turnoff to new people. Don't wait to be asked to slide over to the middle or insist people crawl over you.

At St. Monica, keep the crying room empty except for families of young children who need it, it is not a personal space to be used to stay far away from others. If a child does cry smile at the child and its parents! A church with crying children is a healthy happy growing church. One without them is a dying church. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" are the words Christ says will be spoken to us at our judgement, if our judgment is a favorable one. They are words I hope to hear. How about you?

Peace.

Fr. Bill



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