ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:33

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

AUGUST 5, 2018

Welcome!

We're glad you could join us this weekend. 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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, Hamburger Helper, rice sides, canned spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mashed potatoes, and cereal.

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

Join us as *Fr. Darin Colarusso* is installed as pastor of **St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes**

Saturday, August 4 Installation Mass at 4:00 pm St. Monica Church

followed by refreshments in the school hall

Sunday, August 5 Installation Mass at 11:00 am St. Lucy Church

followed by refreshments in the lower hall

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.

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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

St. Lucy Parish 8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

St. Monica Parish 4:00pm (prior eve), 7:00 am, and 10:00 am

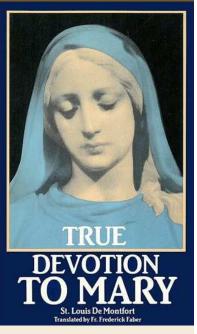
The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday, August 7th from 6:30-8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica's Church. In addition to the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the evening's topic of discussion will be "Continuing to explore what the Catholic Church Teaches Us". A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. Visitors are always welcome.

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BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK

It is then very important to recognize, first of all, false devotions to our Blessed Lady, in order to avoid them, and true devotion, in order to embrace it; secondly, which of the many practices of true devotion to our Blessed Lady is the most perfect, the most agreeable to her, the most glorious to God, and the most sanctifying for ourselves, so that we



may adopt that one. - St. Louis De Montfort, pg. 57/58, an excerpt from True Devotion to Mary (Publisher: Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., https:// smile.amazon.com)

This book can be purchased at https://smile.amazon.com If you purchase the book from this link and choose St. Monica School as the organization to support, 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.

This week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. The collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

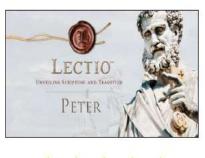
Lectio: Peter

Session 6: In the Shadow of the Galilean

The King, the Kingdom, and the Keys

Did Jesus really entrust His authority to a fisherman from Galilee? In this episode of his enlightening and engaging study on Saint Peter, Dr. Tim Gray unpacks Scripture to reveal Peter's critical role as a bridge between our King, Jesus Christ, and His Kingdom, the Church.

Watch on formed.org



"I found myself enthralled in this particular lecture. I love the entire study and am learning a great deal... but this was by far my favorite so far."

-Patrick B, Fort Dodge, IA



If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.

To quickly register for Formed please go to methuencatholic.formed.org.

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

The Parish Offices will be closing at 12:30 on Fridays for the remainder of the summer.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Join the Knights in enjoying an evening watching America's favorite pastime.

August 25

Lowell Spinners vs Vermont Lake Monsters

Go to TicketReturn.com and logon using: UserID: saintmonica Password: methuen

Save the Date!

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

St. Lucy Parish

Saturday, October 20, 2018 5:30 PM Social Hour | 6:30 PM Dinner Michael's Function Hall, 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA

Full Course Family Style Dinner Donation: \$50 | Music and Dancing to follow

The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years. Please call (978) 771 - 2150

Tables of 10 are available! For tickets, please call 978-771-2150 or 978-794-4856

HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey October 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the church

"Let that go for now."

"Umm, we'll get to that."

"Let me get a little time under my belt, then we can decide."

These are, happily, my most frequent responses to questions that parishioners have asked, which if I answered, may create a change in how we operate here in the Methuen Collaborative. Actually, I say them even more to myself when I see something that could use a tweak. Of course, the staff doesn't feel that way, because they are experiencing a decent amount of change just because of who I am as a person. Also, as I mentioned in my first homily, I am keeping focused on the rectory, the office, and the sacristies just so I don't disrupt too many apple carts in parish life beyond what affects me directly.

It has always been part of the "advice to new pastors" that one should make changes very slowly, because the biggest change is the arrival of the new guy! The newness goes both ways, though, and yet I am happy to report that I'm relatively relaxed due to the slower pace of summer. However, my absence of tension has less to do with the season than the welcome I've received, your devotedness as parishioners, and the well -ordered functioning of both parishes. These factors have given me a great deal of freedom to just not worry about too much so far.

Another thing that is helping me to get settled in is that I'm beginning to see where I can make a contribution to the Catholic community of Methuen. The growing sense that the Lord brought me here for a reason certainly adds to a hopeful outlook on the future. If, like the sense of newness, the feeling that the new priests are a good fit here goes both ways (from priest to parishioner and back), then the future is truly hopeful. I'd like to thank Bishop Hennessey for officiating my installation as your new pastor, all of you for the wonderful welcome you have afforded Fr D'Onofrio and me, and, of course, God, for bringing us together.

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We are currently accepting registrations for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation (First Communion and Confirmation).

Please find the registration form on our website and/or call the office for more information, call (978) 683-1193 or email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

Our Pilgrimage to THE HOLY LAND

November 1st to November 13th, 2018 <u>We still have openings.</u> Join us for this amazing experience.

To register or for more information, please contact Mr. Claude Langlois, Group Leader at (978) 682 - 6012.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week <u>Century 21</u> June D'Urso (978) 360 - 5889

ST. MONICA PARISH



Saturday, August 4

Marie Longo Baxter 8:00 am Living and deceased 4:00 pm members of the Frappier and **Plourde Families**

Sunday, August 5

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes 9:30 am (multiple intentions) Eulalia Aguiar

Norma Ouellette Irene M. Navlor Virginia and Andrew Sullivan Beverly Ann Burke Walter Wildes Jr. Ann Burke Joseph and Marguerite Lanctot Stephen Wasylean (Living) Nora Higginbottom **Rita Chiara**

11:30 am

Thursday, August 9 7:00 am

Friday, August 10 7:00 am

Saturday, August 11

8:00 am	Sarah Welch
4:00 pm	Richard Conlin

Sunday, August 12

7:30 am	Paul Valliere and
	Jamie and Jacob McDaniel
9:30 am (mu	ultiple intentions)
	Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
	Renald E. Rochette
	Renald J. Rochette
	Donato and Concetta Ferraro
	and deceased family members
	Virginia and Andrew Sullivan
	Rachel Torres
11:30 am	Elinor Archambeau



Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Theresa A. Rickley **Beverly Ann Burke** Michael & Linda Giarusso

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

July 29, 2018: Regular Sunday Offering: \$8,489.00

The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, August 31 due to Labor Day weekend.

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ST. LUCY PARISH

AUGUST 5, 2018



Saturday, August 4

4:00 pm

Deceased members of the Cafiso Family, Grelle Family, Maggio Family, and the Gagnon Family

Sunday, August 5

9:00 am Gaetana Polizzotti 11:00 am William Irving Joan Constantine Marie St. Pierre Helen Fredette (Living) Tony Waters Phil and Jen Gangi Rose Salafia Mike and Libby Alaimo Mark and Carol Gallagher Dr. Frank Salafia Linda Ciambella

Monday, August 6 8:00 am Francine J. Curran

Tuesday, August 78:00 amYvonne Soucy

Wednesday, August 88:00 amRaymond St. Onge

Saturday, August 11 4:00 pm Salvatore D'Urso

Sunday, August 12

9:00 am Deceased members of the Sodality
 11:00 am William Hitchmoth Laura York Walter Cheltowski Karen Piccirillo-McAneney Harry Izzi

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



Special Meeting August 12 at 10:00 am Craft Fair Meeting after the 9:00 A.M. Mass to discuss details of this year's Sodality Craft Fair. Please mark your calendar and try to make every effort to attend.

OFFERTORY

July 29, 2018: Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 5,635.00

The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

Per order of the police and fire department, we ask that you please not park on the main road nor in designated "no parking" areas.

This is for everyone's safety. Thank you

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

Save The Date!

Saturday, August 25, 2018 Scrub & Grub Event! Texas Road House 424 Broadway Methuen, MA 01844

Car Wash will be from 12-3PM and Dine Out will be from 11:30AM-6:00PM

Please plan to join us at Texas Roadhouse. We will be having a Complimentary Car Wash (Donations will be welcomed), as well as entertainment from a magician, a visit from Andy the Armadillo, and face painting! Fun for the whole family!

Once you have had some fun outside, come inside Texas Roadhouse to support our school. Texas Roadhouse will give us 15% of each person's bill who presents a flyer. All proceeds to benefit St. Monica School. Flyers available shortly.



Saint Monica School



Our Early Childhood Program is seeking donations of new or gently used tablets and IPADS.

As you prepare for the fall, maybe upgrading some of your family's current technology-perhaps you would consider donating your gently used tablet or IPAD to our youngest scholars!!

Our teachers are seeking the opportunity to connect with our students methodologies through various and this having access to interactive technology right in their classrooms will facilitate rigorous learning for individual students.

Please call **Mrs. Donna Henderson, Principal, at 978-686-1801** if you are interested in donating or have any questions.

On behalf of the teachers and students, thank you for your consideration.



2 openings for the fall, School Nurse and Afterschool Care Coordinator Please see website for details. St. Monica Parish: 212 Lawrence Street St. Lucy Parish: 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA

PARISH OFFICES

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

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

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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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 Friday 6:30-7:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm **St. Lucy Parish** Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCHARISTIC 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

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