July 23, 2017

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

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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 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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS





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.

There will be a **Protecting God's Children Class** on September 9^{th} at 9AM and October 12^{th} 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.



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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 **Patricia Leslie**, **Charles Coco**, and **Maureen Jackson** 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

STEUBENVILLE 2017







COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS



Thank you to everyone who attended our latest Theology on Tap; The Practice of Eucharistic Adoration and its beginnings with Fr. Bill Lohan.

Ensuring Your Child's School Is Safe

Every teacher, coach, and volunteer who works with children in the Archdiocese of Boston's parishes and schools must have a background check before he or she is permitted to work in any school- or parish-related job or activity that involves contact with children. But what about the children who attend non-Catholic private or public schools? Talk with school administrators and find out what steps they take to protect children from harm. Suggest that they review other abuse prevention programs to ensure that their policies and practices are up to date. And demand that all employees and volunteers who work in the school be properly screened, including background checks, before they are allowed to be near your children.

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

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Tuesday, July 25:

- <u>Eucharistic</u>
 <u>Adoration</u> at
 St. Lucy's
 1:30 4:30 pm
 in the church
- Confessions at St. Lucy's 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the church

Thursday, July 27:

• Discipleship Group

Video presentation by Fr. John Riccardo Every Thursday until August 17 6:00 pm 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 for more information.

• <u>St. Monica Baptism Class</u> - 7:00 pm in the church

Friday, July 28:

- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica's 7:30 am 7:30 pm in the chapel
- Confessions at St. Monica's 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the chapel

Saturday, July 29:

- <u>Bake Sale</u> after all Masses at both Parishes. All proceeds to help the Dominican Sisters.
- <u>Confessions</u> at St. Lucy's 3:00 3:45 pm in the church
- <u>Confessions</u> at St. Monica's 3:00 3:45 pm in the chapel

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ST. MONICA PARISH





Saturday, July 22 8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

Therese Rousseau Geraldine and Michael Fillipon

Sunday, July 23 7:30 am Marie-Paule Labrie 9:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Ann Talbot Patricia Leslie Thomas Jernberg Raoul Dube

11:30 am

Thursday, July 27 7:00 am

Joseph Rapisarda & Family (Living)

Friday, July 28 7:00 am

Michael Mulligan

Saturday, July 29 8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

John F. Houlihan Gerard Hamel Patricia Traniello

Sunday, July 30 7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Joan Trefethen Angelo Ragonese Family, Chanel Michaud Family, and Rocco DiBartolo Family Virginia Jackson Catherine M. Foley

11:30 am

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sundays will resume on September 10.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated In loving memory of Michael and Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich Sully LaTorre Leo and Ann Ouellette Gertrude B. Walsh and Edgar C. Perry

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, mashed potatoes, canned soups, canned fruits, canned carrots and beans, rice sides, strawberry and grape jelly, and peanut butter.

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.

Offertory July 16, 2017: \$10,390.00

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.

ST. LUCY PARISH



Saturday, July 22 4:00 pm

Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, July 23 Richard Lebel 8:00 am 9:30 am Angela Iannuccilli 11:30 am (multiple intentions) Patrick Joyce

Monday, July 24 8:00 am

Amelia Luciano

Fiorenza Alla

Tuesday, July 25 8:00 am

Wednesday, July 26 8:00 am

Saturday, July 29 4:00 pm

Sunday, July 30 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Josephine Carelli

Mike and Libby Alaimo

Mark and Carol Gallagher

Tony Waters Lucia Currao Rose Salafia

Anthony Fusco

Brian and Michael McCafferty (Living)

Cafiso Family, Maggio Family, Grelle Family, Fred Sweeney, and Scott Dietrich

Richard Lebel Charles J. Piro Edwiga Rovinski Warren Finniss Helen Kalil Pedro Puentes Ramza Martinos

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

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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.

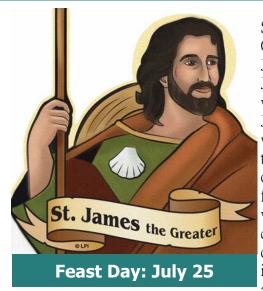
Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today. Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Offertory July 16, 2017: \$5,488.00

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

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This week we celebrate



Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and the Apostle John when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman. who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die.



Saints Joaquin (sometimes spelled "Joachim," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary.

Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joaquin and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God. 9



Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them.

Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene.

Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done. In Martha we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was. Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when was brought back to life.

We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by annointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

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