



FEBRUARY 23, 2020

7<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” - Mt 5:44

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**RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST**

**DAILY MASS MON, TUE, & WED** 8:00 am St. Lucy **THURS & FRI** 8:15 am St. Monica **SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica  
**WEEKEND SAT** 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy

# LENT AT ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY PARISHES

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

This Tuesday, (2/25) at St. Monica School 6:00 - 7:30 pm

## Ash Wednesday February 26

6:30 am **Collaborative Ash Service** - St. Monica Church

8:00 am **Mass** - St. Lucy Church

10:00 am **School Mass** - St. Monica Church

12:30 pm **Mass** - St. Lucy Church

7:00 pm **Mass** - St. Monica Church

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays (2/28; 3/6; 3/13; 3/20; 3/27; 4/3)

2:30 pm - St. Monica Church

6:00 pm - St. Lucy Church - followed by a Lenten Supper (pizza or soup)

## Confessions

Wednesdays (3/4; 3/11; 3/18; 3/25; 4/1; 4/8)

6:30 - 8:00pm - Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's) & St. Lucy Church

Thursdays

6:30-7:30pm (during Adoration) - St. Lucy Church

Fridays

4:30-5:30pm - Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's)

## Parish Penance Services

4:00-5:00 pm Sunday, 3/22 - St. Monica Church

4:00-5:00 pm Sunday, 3/29 - St. Lucy Church

## Adoration (and Confessions at St. Lucy Church)

- Thursday 6:30-7:30pm - St. Lucy Church  
2/27; 3/5; 3/12; 3/19; 3/26; 4/2 (except Holy Thursday)
- Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm - Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's)  
2/28; 3/6; 3/13; 3/20; 3/27; 4/3

## Lenten Community Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (2/25) St. Monica School 6:00 - 7:30 pm

St. Monica's School Gala and Fundraiser (3/14) Merrimack Valley Country Club

Feast of St. Joseph (3/19) Adoration followed by collation - St. Lucy Church

St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance (3/21) - St. Lucy Church

Consecration of the Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's (3/29)



Thank you for all the suggested names for our newly renovated Eucharistic Chapel! The Collaborative Pastoral Council met to select the five names that best evoked communion with the Lord and a universal invitation to come and pray. From these five, the faithful from both of our parishes will vote to select our Chapel's title:

- Mt. Carmel Chapel of the Eucharist**
- Gethsemane Chapel**
- Savior of Mercy Eucharistic Chapel**
- Peace of Christ Chapel of the Eucharist**
- Divine Life Chapel of the Eucharist**

**Chant during Mass at St. Monica's**

In addition to our use of Entrance and Communion Antiphons throughout Lent, described in a previous bulletin entry, St. Monica will begin to use **chant** to accompany the **Ordinary** forms of the Mass (Holy, Holy, Holy; We Proclaim Your Death...; Lamb of God). Like the proper Antiphons, these chants date back to the early centuries of the Church and are still widely used in parishes across the country today - you've likely sung these chants yourself! Although ideally sung in Latin, we will sing them in English with organ accompaniment for ease of learning.

You can find these chants in Breaking Bread in the Order of the Mass on pg. 14 (Holy, Holy, Holy), pg. 16 (We Proclaim Your Death) and pg. 27 (Lamb of God).



**THURSDAY, FEB. 27**

**Holy Hour: Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm St. Lucy Church

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **"Men's Day of Spiritual Reflection"** next Saturday, Feb. 29. It will begin with the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Monica and will continue in the St. Monica School Hall and Chapel until 3:00PM. "The Year of the Eucharist" will be the focus of the day and will include information videos about the Eucharist, group discussions, recitation of the Rosary, and time for Confession. All men from St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be provided. Please email ERBeaudry@aol.com if you would like to attend.

**OUR SECOND ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER**

SPONSORED BY **ST. MONICA SCHOOL**

Tuesday, February 25  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
St. Monica School

Feast on pancakes with a topping bar!

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**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

Our next Sodality meeting is Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9:00 am Mass and the praying of the Rosary. Prior to the meeting at 10:00 am, we will draw the winner for our Jump into Spring Raffle.

We begin our Lenten Suppers (pizza or soup) in the St. Lucy Church Hall this Friday immediately following the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. Our first evening will be pizza. Please join us every week during the weeks of Lent.

**ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA**

Tuesday, February 25 (Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month)  
7:00 – 8:30 PM in St. Lucy 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. Our evening begins with a Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small, intimate, and confidential groups, and fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

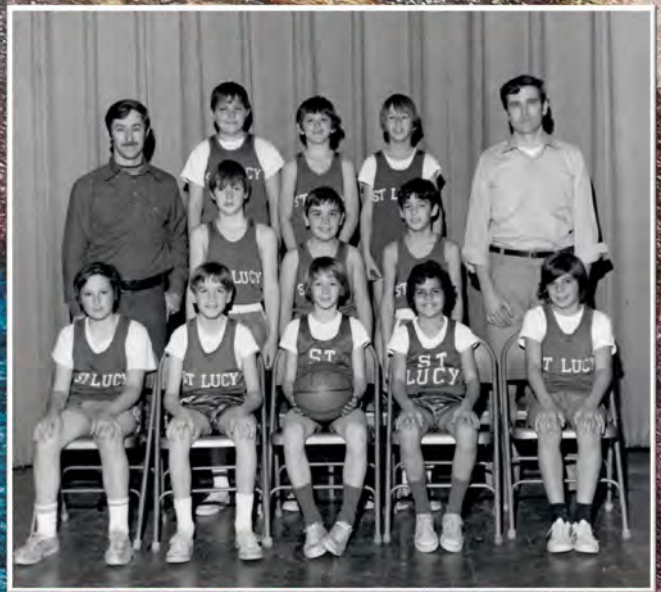
Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend **Anita Lynn Cunha**. She will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

**A Blast From the Past** - Photos from the St. Lucy Basketball Team (around 1970)



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**YES I CAN PROGRAM** - We are in need of rice sides, canned fruits, strawberry jelly, pancake mix and syrup, and mashed potatoes. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*



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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

- 8:00 am** William and Margaret Collins  
Robert Deziel  
Dorothy Bellingreri  
Sr. Estelle LeBlanc
- 4:00 pm** James E. Slattery

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

- 7:30 am** Dorothy Barnes
- 9:30 am** Louise-Anne Roy  
Jeanne Brown  
Nancy Tardif  
Deceased members of the  
Chouinard Family  
J. Robert Mundry
- 11:30 am** Mary Fairbanks

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (ASH WEDNESDAY)**

- 6:30 am** Collaborative Ash Service
- 10:00 am** Ash Wednesday School Mass
- 7:00 pm** Ash Wednesday Mass

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**8:15 am**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**8:15 am** Gerald Silva

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

- 8:00 am** Joseph O'Neil
- 4:00 pm** Michael and Laura Cote

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

- 7:30 am** People of St. Monica and  
St. Lucy Parishes
- 9:30 am** Deceased members of the  
Chouinard Family  
Kirk Walsh  
Roger Picard  
Brian Teutonico  
Rose Kay  
Ryan Covey
- 11:30 am** Joseph Indoccio and Arthur Royer

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

- 4:00 pm** Domenick "Rex" Campone  
George DiRuzza  
Thomas Campone

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

- 9:00 am** People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
- 11:00 am** Real and Gerard Taschereau  
Roland Chretien Jr.  
David Grasso  
Claire Habib  
Sgt. Stanley Podbielski

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**8:00 am** Stephen Bellingreri

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**8:00 am** Livia Bucu

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (ASH WEDNESDAY)**

- 8:00 am** Ash Wednesday Mass
- 12:30 pm** Ash Wednesday Mass

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

**4:00 pm** Allan R. Roderick

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

- 9:00 am** Deceased members of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
- 11:00 am** James Finnis  
Stanley Piskadlo  
Marguerite Moreau  
Claire Habib  
Gary Witts

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

- Thursdays** 6:30 - 7:30 pm in St. Lucy Church
- Fridays** 9:00 am - 5:30 pm  
Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Thursdays** 6:30 - 7:30 pm in St. Lucy Church
- Fridays** 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's)
- Saturdays** 3:00 - 3:45 pm Eucharistic Chapel (located at  
St. Monica's) & St. Lucy Church

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

Weekend of 2/16/2020:  
Regular Sunday Offering: \$10,823.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

Weekend of 2/16/2020:  
Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,655.00

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 parishes.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **Confirmation 1 Mtg.** 12:45 - 2:15 pm St. Monica School Hall

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation** 4:00 - 5:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- **Bible Study** 9:30 - 10:30 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** 6-7:30pm St. Monica School Hall
- **Ultreya** 7:00 - 8:30 pm St. Lucy Church

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 Ash Wednesday

- **Please see Ash Wed. Mass Schedule on page 2**
- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 3:30 pm St. Monica House
- **Knights of Columbus Mtg.** 6:30 - 10 pm St. Monica Hall

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- **Holy Hour: Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer** 6:30 - 7:30 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Baptism Class Parents & Godparents** 7 pm St. Monica Church
- **Finance Council** 7:15 pm St. Lucy School House

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- **Adoration** 9:00 am - 5:30 pm Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's)
- **Stations of the Cross** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's)
- **Stations of the Cross** 6:00 pm St. Lucy Church followed by a Lenten Supper

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- **Faith2fit (Faith & Fitness)** 8 am St. Lucy School House
- **Men's Day of Recollection (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm St. Monica School Hall
- **Choir Rehearsals** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church & 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3-3:45 pm Eucharistic Chapel (located at St. Monica's) & St. Lucy Church

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- **Sodality Meeting** 9:00 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **RCIA Class** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 12:45 - 2:15 pm St. Monica Hall
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Church



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## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **B.D., Joseph N., Joseph V., Sr. Estelle LeBlanc (St. Joseph Convent, Biddeford, Maine), Jim M., Hank, Jessalyn, and Janet.**

Please pray for **Henry Foderaro, Nancy Walsh, and Roger Avery** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at St. Monica Parish. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers and we should be praying for vocations!

Date	Priest	Seminarian
2/23/20	Fr. Chris O'Connor	Paul Born
2/24/20	Fr. Steven Clemence	Michael Dickson
2/25/20	Fr. John Grimes	Javier Padilla
2/26/20	Fr. Robert Butler	Rodrigo Martinez
2/27/20	Fr. Edward Serena	Peter Schirripa
2/28/20	Fr. Thomas Kelly	Alphonsus Quang Vu
2/29/20	Fr. Edward Malone	Jeremy Wagner

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