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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 ParishSt. Lucy ParishSaturday 3:00-3:45 pmSaturday 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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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

# **COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS**



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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

We raised over \$6500 in our Walk for the Poor. Many thanks to all who donated and walked especially Father Lohan, students from the school, Kristen and the PTO, Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America. We are humbled by your generosity and continue to pray for you.



### <u>"YES I CAN" Program</u>

WE CAN USE... baked beans, canned beans, canned spaghetti, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, spaghetti sauce, and strawberry and grape jelly.

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



#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 - 9 AM TO 3 PM ST. LUCY PARISH CHURCH HALL

### ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!! Baked Goods Needed for Craft Fair

The Sodality will be collecting bakery/candy for the Craft Fair Sale Table on Friday, Oct 20 from 3pm to 7pm in the parish hall. Please mark your bakery donation if it <u>contains nuts</u> <u>or if it is sugar free</u>.

Any questions please contact Marion Trovato on 978-683-7108

#### Giant Book Sale to support St. Lucy's

Same day and time as the Craft Fair in the school house. Donate books you've read that others can enjoy and support the parish. Books can be left in the portico (between the school house and the garage at St. Lucy's)



#### **CRAFT FAIR RAFFLE**

In anticipation of the Craft Fair held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the Sodality will be selling GRAND PRIZE Raffle tickets this weekend at St. Lucy's at the rear of the church. PRIZES:

2 - \$200.00 CERTIFICATE TO Market Basket 4 - \$100.00 VISA Gift Cards Ticket Price: 3 for \$5.00 / \$2.00 each Drawing will be held at the Craft Fair. You do not need to be there to WIN.

#### FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Just a reminder that Faith Formation is underway at both of our parishes, but there is still room if you'd like to enroll your children. Please contact the parish offices at 978-683-1193 for more information.

# **COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS**

In our bulletin last week, we neglected to acknowledge Caroline Glynn in the list of members of the finance council. We apologize for the mistake and thank you to all the council members for all the work you do.

Imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and He has invited us to visit with Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better. Being aware who He was, we would be humbled and honored by such an invitation. The good news is that Jesus is here with us TODAY - body, blood, soul and divinity". - *Mother Teresa's Reflection/St. Daniels Church* 

#### Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

#### SAINT MONICA PARISH

100<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions are being offered for 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 interestina and relaxed atmosphere. Anv questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

Our next meeting is next Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy schoolhouse.

Please do not leave lit candles in the churches. We found one recently at St. Monica's that could have caused a fire. Thank you for your understanding.

The Archdiocese of Boston is working to encourage all parishes in the Archdiocese to participate in Formed.org which is also known as the Catholic Netflix. Formed.org offers much in the area of Programs, Studies, Audios, and eBooks. (Also, once you download an eBook, it is yours to keep, even after the free offer ends!) The Archdiocese is working with Formed.org to offer free access to all of their material until October 27 so please take a look at this wealth of Catholic information before the offer ends. You can watch Formed.org on your desktop computer or on a mobile device using the Formed app if you have an iPhone or iPad. (There is currently no Android app.) If anyone has any questions, they can contact Bonnie Doherty at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To access this material: Go to: https://formed.org/, Click on Login and enter email address: boston@formed.org and password: formed17.

# **COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS**

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

#### Charity Day at Decolores Christian Books and Gifts

October 21 - 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Jen Robidoux, Vice President of New Hampshire Right to Life, will give a brief talk at 9:30 am. She will discuss New Hampshire Right to Life and the pro-life effort in New Hampshire. Light refreshments will be served. With the coupon below, 10% of your total purchase will be donated to NHRTL.



If you have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or in early childhood, you may feel a very deep loss which few others seem to understand. The St. Augustine community prays for you and invites you to their annual Mass of Remembrance.

Date:	Saturday, November 4, 2017
Time:	9:30AM
Where:	St. Augustine Church
	43 Essex Street, Andover, MA
<b>Celebrants:</b>	Peter G. Gori, O.S.A.
	Pastor, St. Augustine
	Paul Ring, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist,
	East Bridgewater, MA
www.StAugu	stineParish.org/miscarried-and-stillborn

# This week we celebrate

#### October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

"Everything we gain comes from what we give."

#### October 16 - Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

"Keep your heart in peace and let nothing trouble you, not even your faults. You must humble yourself and amend them peacefully, without being discouraged or cast down, for God's dwelling is in peace."

#### October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

"I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."

### October 18 - St. Luke

"Remember the past, plan for the future, but live for today, because yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come."

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

### October 19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions

Father, you consecrated the first beginnings of the faith in North America by the preaching and martyrdom of Saints John and Isaac and their companions. By the help of their prayers may the Christian faith continue to grow throughout the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross

"Let us live, then, absorbed in the thought and the desire of that immense ocean of felicity which we are to enjoy in heaven."

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# **ST. LUCY PARISH**



#### Saturday, October 14 4:00 pm

Gennaro Alfonzo and Filomena Buco

#### Sunday, October 15 8:00 am

and Alexander D'Urso 9:30 am Nina Coco Robie 11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Walter Cheltowski Anthony & Tillie DeAngelis Dolores Bruneau Michael Gueli Jillian Scalfani Armando A. Lombari Consuelo Arias (Living)

Rosemary D'Urso - Scrofano

Monday, October 168:00 amFrank Cefalu

Tuesday, October 178:00 amFor all souls and all families

Wednesday, October 188:00 amHelen Fredette(Living)

Saturday, October 214:00 pmParishioners of St. Lucy<br/>and St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, October 228:00 amTherese Rousseau9:30 amMary and Jack Amidio11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Pasquale Petralia Rita Finniss John T. Chmielecki Vivian Bodary Filippo Cali Louis Vallante

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

The church stays open until 4 pm every day.

# OFFERTORY

October 8, 2017: Regular Sunday Offertory: \$5,905.00

There is only one collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend is for Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

The LORD never tires of FORGIVING. It is WE who tire of asking for FORGIVENESS!

- Pope Francis

Come and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 - 3:45 pm

# **ST. MONICA PARISH**

# **ROSES FOR LIFE**

Roses for Life have been donated In loving memory of

#### **Donald Stewart Michael and Linda Giarrusso 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.

# PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

### Layla Rose Herra **Meghan Patricia Talty** Ayla Ree Monahan **Adeline Mae Waldron**

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, compassion. kindness, and May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

# OFFERTORY

October 8, 2017: **Regular Sunday Offertory:** \$9,501.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for our school: \$3,122.50

There is only one collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend is for Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

The chapel stays open until 7pm everyday.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 14 8:00 am (multiple intentions) Frances M. Houlihan

Donald Stewart 4:00 pm

#### Sunday, October 15

7:30 am Paul Valliere **9:30 am** (multiple intentions)

> Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro Herve and Ethel Sirois Professor, Dr. Joseph F. Aiyeku Nancy Tardiff Antonio Amaral & Maria Amaral Mary Habib Vivian Gingras Rev. Joseph X. O'Connor, OSA In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

#### Thursday, October 19

7:00 am
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11:30 am

5:30 pm

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Friday, October 20 7:00 am

#### Saturday, October 21

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

Joseph Begin Lanen Family Mary V. Fusco

#### Sunday, October 22

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes **9:30 am** (multiple intentions) Marie-Paule Labrie Claire and Chanel Michaud and Deceased members of the Michaud, Ragonese, and **DiBartolo families** Nancy Tardif Maria and Joe Peixoto and Joe Neves 11:30 am Rev. Joseph X. O'Connor, OSA

5:30 pm

# The Second Mass of the School Year

Sincere thank you to all who attended and participated. Our choir sang beautifully, the altar servers did a wonderful job, and of course we thank all those who read, presented the gifts, and assisted our younger students so they could participate as well.



# The Grand Annual - an important part of balancing our budget

This week you will be receiving a letter from me regarding the Grand Annual Collection taken up each year to make sure that we can balance our annual budget. This collection is necessary to supplement the shortfalls in the weekly offertory. Both parishes have been very faithful in their participation each year. We hope that our weekly offertory will improve and are undertaking a separate initiative this fall to strengthen the offertory. Our hope over time, is that the Grand Annual could in the future be used for special projects like property improvements. For the short term the Grand Annual is a critical piece of the operating budget. We are hoping to raise \$80,000 at St. Monica Parish and \$60,000 at St. Lucy Parish, the St. Monica figure is higher because it is a larger parish.

No pastor likes asking for money. For the vast majority of us it is one of the least pleasant tasks of being a pastor. We know that what we spend our money on reflects what we value. There is a lot of truth in the phrase "voting with your dollar". Each check we write or item we buy is at the expense of something else we don't choose. My hope is that by participating generously we are saying to God and to each other that we value St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes very much. I know that it may be difficult to give but I also know that every time we do it in a sacrificial way God repays us often in ways that undoubtedly he uses to remind us of His generosity. I gave away two tickets for the Red Sox for the last game of the season to a family that I know would appreciate them. It was the little boy's very first Red Sox game. On Columbus Day weekend I was home celebrating my niece's wedding and on Monday morning my brother-in-law was given an extra ticket to the playoff game at Fenway and offered it to me. As I sat in the seat near where I would have been just days prior, I couldn't help but think God rewarded me because I gave something I valued away. God is never outdone in generosity, He knows what we need and simply asks that we trust him with everything, including our finances.

Every meal I take in the rectory with the priests I always pray for those who have prepared it at all levels of production and for those who have provided it, and that is each and everyone of you. Please know my thanks for all you do for our parishes, but more so know that God is thankful.

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# **COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS**



Please pray for **Peter DeFrancesco**, **Diana Laroche, Virginia Buckley**, **Marcelle Shripsa, Robert Talbot Sr., Leo Seman**, and **Collette Donahue** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our

parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

#### **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

Lawn & Leaf Clean Up - Methuen Area Call Alex Parishioner (978) 557 - 1029 **Seventeenth Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy** Ashley Bolis, a resident of the Merrimack Valley and a Corpus Christi parishioner is continuing a project which she started as a student at St. Monica's Grammar School. The project is called "Warm & Fuzzy". There will be boxes at the entrances of the Church where you may drop off **new** hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks (for children, babies and adults) until November 19<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). These articles will be distributed to the needy during the winter months. Any help you can give Ashley with her project will be greatly appreciated.

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