



NOVEMBER 10, 2019

32<sup>nd</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

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**ST. LUCY PARISH**

254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

**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



# Welcome

## 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.



**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
4:00 - 5:00 pm  
St. Monica Church

We will begin practice soon. If your child is interested in participating, please call the Parish Offices at (978) 683-1193.

We are also hoping to form a combined children's choir as part of the service.

## Readings for the week of November 10, 2019

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38  
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8  
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes would like to welcome you to our  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Eve Social**

Tuesday, December 24, 2019  
immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass  
(around 5:15 – 7pm) in St. Monica's School Hall

**Pot Luck** – Bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert to share (If it's a dish best served warm, please bring your crock pot or hot plate – no Sternos) Water and punch will be provided.

**Yankee Swap** – Bring a wrapped gift to exchange (optional). The gift should be worth approximately \$10. Something you have at home that you think someone might like – this is just for fun!

**Christmas Caroling** – as time allows until 7pm

Santa's helpers to set up and/or tidy up would be greatly appreciated!

No need to RSVP – just come if you can – we'd love to have you join us! All are welcome.

Any questions, email  
debralori338@gmail.com



## Observances for the week of November 10, 2019

Sunday: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day  
Tuesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr  
Wednesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
Friday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: St. Margaret of Scotland;  
St. Gertrude, Virgin  
Next Sunday: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time





### Advent Tree of Light

Once again St. Lucy Parish will partner with Lazarus House in assisting families over the Christmas Holiday. The Advent Tree of Light will be located at the main entrance of St. Lucy Church from **November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Tags will be placed on the tree for specific requests.

If you are able, please make another family's Christmas brighter by taking a tag and purchasing the item requested.

### Please do not wrap the gifts.

Place the gift in a gift bag and place the tag on the outside of the bag. Leave the gift bags in the rear of the Church. **ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 11.** Gifts received after December 11<sup>th</sup> will be held for next year.

Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683-5159 or 508-783-1544 with any questions.

### ST. LUCY BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



The next Sodality Mass will be at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> followed by our Annual Christmas Lunch in the church hall.

Yankee Swap \$10.00 Gift! Be creative!!! Please give your name by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> if you are attending.

Contact Ursula Maggio at 978-628-3419.

### ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA ULTREYA



**Tuesday November 26, 2019**

(Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month)

7:00 – 8:30 PM

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. Ultreya this month will begin with Liturgy 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 Nikki Hancock – 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! All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!



### Read the Gospel and Color



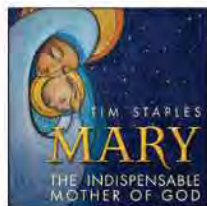


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*Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

### WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT

God doesn't give us what we can handle. God helps us handle what we are given.

*Amen*

### MISCELLANEOUS

**JESUS a CROSS the Border** **FRIDAY, NOV. 15**

Monthly Worship Event & **Latin Dance Party**

Partnering with **Pure in Heart Worcester**

**Cathedral of St. Paul**  
38 High St., Worcester, MA

<b>7:30 PM</b> Adoration & Confessions Praise & Worship with Angelique Bolduc	<b>9:00 PM</b> Bilingual Young Adult Mass with Fr. Diego Buritica	<b>10:00 PM</b> Latin Dance Party, Social, and much more!
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Parking available across the street at the Rectory.  
Find a map on the Facebook event page.



### Grief and the Holidays

The holiday season can be extremely stressful for those who have lost loved ones.

You may find yourself dreading the holidays and feeling unsure and overwhelmed with how to cope with the upcoming holiday season. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please join us for this two-part workshop to learn coping strategies, dealing with family, traditions and loss during this holiday season.

When: November 20<sup>th</sup> & December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Where: St. Augustine Parish Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
35 Essex Street, Andover, MA

Registration required. For information/registration, please call Lu Bonanno or Jacquie Marchand, Beacon Hospice Bereavement Coordinators at 978-837-3333.

Group is offered as a free service to the community.



## ST. MONICA PARISH

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 am

4:00 pm People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 am Dick Doherty

9:30 am Joseph Indoccio  
Peter and Joan Gallo  
Nancy Malonson  
Andy and Virginia Sullivan  
Deatrah Reilly  
Robert Guillette

11:30 am Rose and Salvatore Filetti  
Santina and Sebastian DiPietro

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:15 am Shirley Rosatone

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:15 am Sally McCafferty

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm Mario Forzese

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 am Joan Coulon

9:30 am John Adam Pynn  
Paul Frechette

11:30 am Deborah D'Iorio & deceased members of the D'Iorio, Leone, and Savina Families

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:00 am Mass of Remembrance

4:00 pm For the living and deceased Veterans of our parish

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 am Ralph Belmonte Sr.

11:00 am Anthony A. Carsanaro  
Elizabeth and Salvatore Privitera  
Lisa Ann Morin  
Mary Gallo

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 am Peter Maciariello

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 am Tom Troy

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 am Alexander D'Urso and  
Rosemary D'Urso-Scrofano

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

4:00 pm Perry, Clara, Steven, and Beverly Autiello

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes  
11:00 am Domenic and Giuseppe Rotonelli  
Walter Cheltowski and Stella Daly  
Vincent and Mary McCarthy  
Stephanie Abraham  
John Raineri and Raymond Latulippe Jr.  
James Brady  
Joseph and Virginia Hajjar  
Nick and Linda Ciambella

"Some Saducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ..." In this Sunday's Gospel, the Saducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Saducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Saducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Saducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we're struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

## GIVE

### ST. MONICA PARISH

11/03/19 regular offertory: \$11,489.00  
All Saints and All Souls: \$1,730.00

There is only one collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend is for our retired religious sisters.

### ST. LUCY PARISH

11/03/19 regular offertory: \$5,344.00  
All Saints: \$1,123.00 All Souls: \$482

There is only one collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend is for our retired religious sisters.

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **Confirmation 2 Mtg.** 12:45 pm  
St. Monica School Hall
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Church

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- **Parish Offices Closed**
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Church

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **Alpha Night Session** 6:15 pm St. Lucy Church Hall

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- **Prayer and Study** - Join us in reading "A Story of a Soul, Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux"  
10 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am St. Monica House

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- **Adoration** after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30pm  
St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Church

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- **Faith2fitt** 8 am St. Lucy School House
- **Holy Spirit Retreat** 9:00 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsal** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45pm St. Monica Church &  
St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- **Men's Guild Meeting** 9:00 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **Alpha** 10:30 AM St. Monica School Hall
- **RCIA Class** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Confirmation 2 Meeting** 12:45 pm  
St. Monica School Hall
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 2:30 pm  
St. Monica School Hall

### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **P & G Family, Shirley H., Noreen, Gerry, Kay, Jeff, Pat, Sabrina B., Nicolas, Ellen B., Nina B., Chloe, Kari N., Sylvia H., Kathleen L., and Justin N.**

Please pray for **Michael T. Giordano, John H. Pickles, and Claire M. Kuchar** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

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**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

**Fridays** beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

**Fridays** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

**Saturdays** 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church



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**BAPTISMS** Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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

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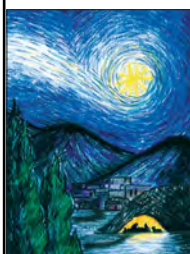
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