



MARCH 3, 2019

# 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

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**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.

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

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Fridays** 7:30am - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel | **Typically 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month** 6 - 7 pm St. Lucy Church

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Fridays** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel | **Saturdays** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church  
**Typically 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month** 6 - 7 pm St. Lucy Church *and any time by appointment*



## LENT 2019



### ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6

#### SCHEDULE:

- 6:30 am **Collaborative Ash Service** St. Monica
- 8:00 am **Mass** St. Lucy
- 10:00 am **Mass** St. Monica (School Mass)
- 12:30 pm **Mass** St. Lucy
- 7:00 pm **Mass** St. Monica

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday in Lent (March 8 to April 12)**

- 2:30 pm** St. Monica Church
- 6:00 pm** St. Lucy Church  
(followed by a Lenten Supper - pizza or soup)

### PENANCE SERVICES

- Sunday, March 24** 4:00 pm St. Monica Church
- Sunday, March 31** 4:00 pm St. Lucy Church

### DAILY MASS TIMES

During Lent, beginning after Ash Wednesday, the daily Masses at St. Monica's on Thursdays and Fridays will be at 8:15 am.

### MEN'S LENTEN SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Grow in your faith this Lent.  
Sponsored by the St. Monica's Knights of Columbus  
and St. Lucy's Men's Guild

The group will meet from 8:00-9:00am on Saturdays in St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall.

**March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, & April 6**

We will be going through Dr. Edward Sri's *No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion*.

To register or learn more please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683-1193 ext. 35 or [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com).

You can also speak with Bill Bernard of the Knights or Larry Giordano of the Men's Guild.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- **Faith Formation at St. Monica**
- **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting** 9:00 am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **RCIA** 11:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Adult Faith Formation** 12:30 - 1:30 pm St. Monica School
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 2:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:00pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

### MONDAY, MARCH 4

- **St. Monica 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation** 4:00 pm St. Monica House

### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Bar** 6:00 – 7:30 pm St. Monica School Hall
- **Padre Pio Prayer Group** 6:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10:00am St. Lucy School House
- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Adult Faith Formation** 7pm St. Lucy Schoolhouse

### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- **Adoration and Confessions** 6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church
- **Echo Course Part 1, The Creed** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30-8:30pm St. Monica Church
- **Parish Council** 7:00 pm St. Lucy School House

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- **Adoration** 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **AA Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Stations of the Cross** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Stations of the Cross** 6:00 pm St. Lucy Church  
(followed by a Lenten Supper)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- **Faith and Fitness** 8 - 9 am St. Lucy School House
- **Men's Lenten Group** 8 - 9 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **The Creating Life Group** 10:00 am St. Monica Conference Room
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **First Connect Group Meeting** after the 4 pm Mass St. Lucy School House

### NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy**
- **Adult Faith Formation** 12:30 - 1:30 pm St. Monica School
- **AA Meeting** 6:00pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

## FROM THE PASTOR

If you are tempted to say: "Wow, Lent? Already?", then at least you can take some solace from the origin of the word "Lent." Supposedly, it is a bit of an abbreviation of the word "lengthening," which refers to the fact that the daylight is getting longer as we approach spring. Perhaps the arrival of Lent, then, could bring with it a motivation to embrace our spiritual practices with extra vigor as preparation for Easter *and* warmer weather.

One of my goals as pastor is to try to use the Collaborative arrangement of our parishes to enhance what is available to the parishioner. However, as I often say, this does not mean that we will robotically duplicate activities, but that we will look to what is available at **each** parish as a way to enhance the Faith life of **everybody**. The intention of incorporating some changes to our Lenten spiritual practices this year is to give more people an extra opportunity and motivation to participate. Perhaps the most dramatic change in this vein is to the daily Mass time at St. Monica's on Thursdays and Fridays. It is being moved to 8:15 during Lent to allow the St. Monica School kids to go to Mass at least once per week. However, a list of Masses in other local parishes has been made available in this bulletin for anyone who adds early morning Mass to their workday as a Lenten practice.

A better example of a change that I hope will allow greater participation has to do with our Station of the Cross times. We are blessed to have the Stations offered every Friday of Lent at each parish, but with the now earlier time for Friday Confessions and Benediction at St. Monica, an opportunity opens up to provide both a daytime and an evening offering for the Stations of which anyone in either parish can take advantage.

So with that in mind, St. Monica will offer Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm on the Fridays of Lent, which will align it more closely with the hour that Our Lord gave up his spirit on the Cross *and* allow more families and after schoolers to have exposure to this very important spiritual tradition of the Church. Similarly, because St. Lucy adds to its Stations the great option of a simple, meatless meal during the Fridays of Lent, the time for that is being moved to 6:00pm to allow more commuters and families to participate, irrespective of what parish any of us calls home.

Please refer to the lineup of Lenten spiritual practices included in this bulletin and make note of any change in time or location compared to previous years. I ask that you keep in mind the reasoning behind these changes if you find any of them inconvenient, which I acknowledge can in itself be an additional Lenten sacrifice. God bless you.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish** - 22 Plymouth St., Methuen

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 7:00 am

**St. Patrick Parish** - 118 S. Broadway, Lawrence

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 7:00 am

**St. Michael Parish** - 196 Main Street, N. Andover

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 6:45 am

**Sacred Hearts Parish** - 165 S. Main Street, Bradford

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 7:00 am

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY****YES I CAN PROGRAM**

We are in need of cereal, spaghetti sauce, mashed potatoes, rice, baked beans, pancake mix, pancake syrup, & canned fruits. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

**connect  
groups**

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> will mark our very first **Connect Group Meeting.**

These meetings are a follow-up to our Alpha Course.

If you have already completed the Alpha Course, please join us after the 4pm Mass in the St. Lucy School House for an evening of fellowship, song, a brief (very brief presentation) and discussion.

We hope that these groups will become a regular, monthly event. Please contact Karl Jackson to let him know you're planning to attend. 978-683-1193 or [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com). See you then.



Fr. Colarusso is away this weekend on guard duty serving our nation.



**Saturday, March 2**

**8:00 am** First Saturday Mass  
**4:00 pm** Barbara Fitzgerald

**Sunday, March 3**

**7:30 am** Amy Waterworth  
**9:30 am** Donald MacMillan  
 John, Alice, & Philip McMahon  
 Charlie and Rose Hanafin  
 Denis Bourassa  
 Mary Cable  
 Jacqueline Crowell  
 Joseph Rapazzo  
 Rose Kay  
 Kenneth Henrick  
 For the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
 St. Monica Knights of Columbus  
 Lisa Cascone McDevitt  
**11:30am** Gilbert Gagnon and Geraldine Raymond

**Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday**  
 See schedule on page 2

**Thursday, March 7**

**8:15 am** Yvonne Soucy

**Friday, March 8**

**8:15 am** Joseph Klufts

**Saturday, March 9**

**8:00 am** Rose Begin  
 Yvonne Soucy  
**4:00 pm** Joseph O'Neil

**Sunday, March 10**

**7:30 am** People of St. Monica and  
 St. Lucy Parishes  
**9:30 am** Joseph Indoccio  
 Arthur Royer  
 Michael P. Tinney  
 Robert McCarthy and family  
**11:30am** Catherine Gaff

**Offertory last weekend, 2/24/19:**

\$9,055.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our Regular Sunday Offering. The one collection on Ash Wednesday is for Catholic Charities. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

## ST. MONICA

## MINISTRY FAIR

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019**

after the 4:00 PM Mass

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM Masses  
*St. Monica School Hall*

Come discover the many ministries at St. Monica Parish that may interest you and where you can share your skills and talents. There is no obligation to sign up for any ministry. We just ask that you join us for the fellowship and complimentary coffee and donuts and learn a little more about our parish.

**Ministry Spotlight:**

St. Monica Knights of Columbus Council 14725

Knights of Columbus are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. On March 29, 1882, the Knights of Columbus were chartered as a fraternal benefit society thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

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The **Sanctuary Candle** for March is given in loving memory of **Sally McCafferty**.

For a donation of \$15, we will place the Sanctuary Candle in memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.



**Saturday, March 2****4:00 pm** Kelly Martin**Sunday, March 3****9:00 am** People of St. Lucy & St. Monica  
Parishes & Deceased members  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**11:00 am** Martin Donlan  
Marjorie Groleau  
Paul Amato  
Adino Rosa  
Louise and Louis Vallante**Monday, March 4****8:00 am** **Living Mass**In thanksgiving to St. Peregrine  
for favors received  
Gerry, Pauline, Jeff, and Pat**Tuesday, March 5****8:00 am** Stanley Piskadlo**Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday**

See schedule on page 2

**Saturday, March 9****4:00 pm** Angelo Coco**Sunday, March 10****9:00 am** **Family Mass**Rosemary D'Urso-Scrofano  
Alexander Durso**11:00 am** Carole and Walter Charles  
Karen L. Hovanasian  
Emilio Cozzone  
Michael Busby  
Anthony Calderone  
Gilbert Fontaine  
Agostino Cocozza

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**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

We begin our Lenten Suppers (pizza or soup) in the church hall on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm. Our first evening will be pizza. Please join us every week during the weeks of Lent.

Our next Sodality meeting is this Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9:00 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.



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**Alfio and Vincenza Scandura.**

**OFFERTORY****Offertory last weekend, 2/24/19: \$4,962.00**

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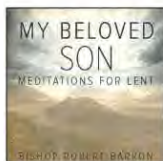


## My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent

By Bishop Robert Barron

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**BAPTISMS:** Please call the parish office.

St. Monica Parish: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Mondays at 10 a.m.

Please email all bulletin notices to [methuencatholicnews@gmail.com](mailto:methuencatholicnews@gmail.com)



Please pray for **Arline Earnshaw, Kenneth A. Henrick, Elaine Donahue, Doris Walsh, Richard Gerst, Albert Dube, Joanne Grella, and Dick Doherty** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

## ST. MONICA SCHOOL

**MARCH 3, 2019**



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PLEASE JOIN US!

### St. Monica School First Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Bar

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

6 – 7:30 PM

In the school cafeteria

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(\$20.00 max per family)

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