

DECEMBER 8, 2019

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



ST. MONICA PARISH

212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA

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



COME & SEE

A SAVIOR IS BORN

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Christmas

VIGIL

4:00 PM St. Monica Church | St. Lucy Church | St. Lucy Lower Hall
Methuen Music Hall | St. Basil's Salvatorian Center

5:15 PM Christmas Eve Social - St. Monica School Hall

10:00 PM St. Lucy Church

DAY - We encourage all to attend Mass on **Christmas Day** since it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

9:00 AM St. Lucy Church

9:30 AM St. Monica Church

11:30 AM St. Monica Church

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Jan. 1st

DEC. 31st **4:00 PM** St. Lucy Church & St. Monica Church

JAN. 1st **9:00 AM** St. Lucy Church & St. Monica Church

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Mass Schedule:

8:00 am St. Lucy Church
10:00 am St. Monica Church
(School Mass)
7:00 pm St. Monica Church

St. Lucy Triduum 2019

December 11, 12, & 13

St. Lucy Church

Come celebrate with us!

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 pm Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 12

7:00 pm Advent Parish Mission

Friday, December 13

7:00 pm Feast of St. Lucy Mass

Collaborative-Wide Lessons and Carols

Next Sunday, December 15th

4:00 - 5:00 pm St. Monica Church

Followed by refreshments in the school hall.

OF CHAPELS AND GRAND ANNUALS

Somewhere in the world a pastor is writing uplifting and edifying spiritual thoughts to his parishioners. Unfortunately, the one in Methuen isn't doing that at this moment. As I sit here on Tuesday with the snow finally tapering off and the bulletin deadline approaching, my brain is stuck on temporal realities. However, in parish life the spiritual and material realms often intersect, most particularly in the sacraments, and as is the case with our newly opened Chapel of the Eucharist (still to be named). Having popped-in more than once since Thanksgiving, it quite literally is a beautiful and holy shelter from the storms. My hope is that it will be that for any type of storm in life and for every person seeking the Presence of the Lord.

Some updates: the Chapel will be open weekdays from before rush hour in the morning until after rush hour in the evening (from about 5:00am to 7:00pm). Eventually, it may be open 24 hours a day, but we should consider the security implications of that for some time before we implement it. Also, you will note that the main entrance to the Chapel is clear of bulletin boards and collection baskets. Please refrain from dropping anything off in the entryway that is not meant to help people pray, including books and periodicals, etc. Food collection bins will always be accessible from the side entrance to the Chapel.

Lastly, in both parishes the Grand Annual response has been good. Thank you, particularly, to those who responded to the need for boiler repairs at St. Lucy (your response has been great!). We are still getting proposals and expect to get some help from insurance since the boiler was not even 20 years old. I would like to reiterate to everyone in the collaborative that the offertory and grand annuals need to be maintained and even improved. Both parishes have benefited from past gift money that helped with facility improvements, which is good. However, if the annual revenue of the parishes falls, we have to cut into savings to pay the bills, which is very bad. It's natural to look at good things happening in the parishes and feel our individual contributions don't amount to much. I assure you that they are very important and thank you again for the dedication everyone shows to our spiritual homes.

Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Giving Tree

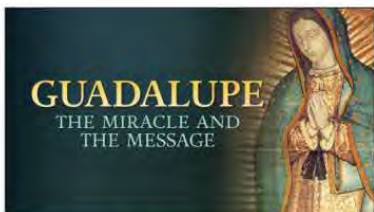
Our St. Vincent de Paul Society Giving Tree is in the rear of the church at St. Monica's. Tags listing specific gift requests are placed on the tree and we encourage you, if you are able, to take one or more tags and purchase the item(s) listed. **The gifts should be returned unwrapped, or in a gift bag, with the tag attached to the gift, and placed under the tree no later than next Sunday, December 15.** If you have any questions, please direct them to Pat Wilkens, Nativity Program Coordinator, at 978-686- 9573. Thank you.

Advent Tree of Light - Giving Tree

The Advent Tree of Light will be located at the main entrance of St. Lucy Church until **December 9th**. Tags are 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 11th will be held for next year. Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683-5159 or 508-783-1544 with any questions. Thank you.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Guadalupe
The Miracle and the Message

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**ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 14725**



CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

To help strengthen families and revitalize our parish, the Knights of Columbus invite each family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The consecration prayer will be said at all Masses at St. Monica's on Sunday, December 29, 2019.



11th Annual Holy Hour for Life, Healing and Forgiveness Marking the Anniversary of Roe v Wade
January 22, 1973 - January 22, 2019

Place: St. Lucy Church
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Time: 7 p.m.
Presiders: Deacon John Kobrenski & Deacon John Pierce

A Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness and Healing with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist will be held on January 22, 2020 as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand.

We will pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, for those who have been wounded by abortion, for those facing death, and for increased holiness in the Church.

WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT

NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES,
WHEN GOD WORKS,
IT'S ALWAYS WORTH THE WAIT.



ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 8:00 am** First Saturday Mass
- 4:00 pm** Velma and Thomas Fortune

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 7:30 am** Charles Booth Jr.
Margaret and Charles Booth Sr.
Dorothy and James McCarthy
Robert O'Connor
Howard Hart
- 9:30 am** Antonette Ragonese
Deceased members of the
Ragonese Family
Santina and Sebastian DiPietro
Archie Caredeo
- 11:30 am** People of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 10:00 am** Solemnity of the Imm. Conception
- 7:00 pm** Solemnity of the Imm. Conception

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 8:15 am** Maria Laird

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 8:15 am** Christine Ferguson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 8:00 am** Amy Waterworth
Joseph FitzMaurice
- 4:00 pm** Ronald Fitzgerald

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 7:30 am** Alice Indoccio
- 9:30 am** Irene Crowley
David Makin
Scott LaBelle
Theresa and William Leach
David DeGregorio
Angela Barletta
Marguerite Michaud
- 11:30 am** Mary Wall

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 4:00 pm** Yvonne Soucy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:00 am** Joseph Coco
- 11:00 am** Domenic and Mary Rotonelli
Giuseppi and Francesca Bevilacqua
John and Anna D'Agata
Joseph D. Cavallaro
Deceased members of the BVM Sodality
Mary Finocchiaro
Domenic and Margaret Nicolosi
Arcangelo, Giuseppina, Gabriele, and
Giuseppe Sangiorgio
Luz Maria Puentes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 8:00 am** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 8:00 am** Walter Tuminowski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 8:00 am** Richard and Janine Lebel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 4:00 pm** Angelo, James, and Jennie Maimone
Grace Riccio and Betty Parson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:00 am** People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
- 11:00 am** Lee Privitera and Salvatore Privitera
Angelo and Laura Chester
Suzanne Dooley
Mary Finocchiaro
Charles J. Piro
Deceased members of the Freil and Felice Families
Filippo Cali
Giuseppe and Carmela Ardizzone
Lucia Luciforo
Vincenzo, Vincenzina, Anthony, and Paul Sr. Meli
Vincenzo and Isabella Dadducci

GIVE

ST. MONICA PARISH

Last weekend's collection totals will be listed in next week's bulletin.

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

ST. LUCY PARISH

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

St. Monica School will be picking up and disposing of Christmas Trees for families living in Methuen only for a donation of \$10.00. Pick up dates are the weekends of December 28 & 29, January 4 & 5, and January 11 & 12. If you are interested, please contact Marc Krzywicki at mk82682@aol.com, or call or text him at 978-500-7880 to set up a pick-up date. Thank you!

**Saint Monica School
Holiday Raffle January 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. \$150	2. \$50	3. \$50	4. \$100
5. \$100	6. \$50	7. \$50	8. \$50	9. \$50	10. \$50	11. \$100
12. \$100	13. \$50	14. \$50	15. \$50	16. \$50	17. \$50	18. \$100
19. \$100	20. \$50	21. \$50	22. \$50	23. \$50	24. \$50	25. \$100
26. \$100	27. \$50	28. \$50	29. \$50	30. \$50	31. \$150	

Please return this portion of ticket with payment to Sharon Tully in the School Office.

**We must sell 215 tickets. If we do not sell 215 tickets, we will have a 50/50 raffle and one winner will be drawn and the winner will receive 50% of the monies collected and the school will receive the other 50%. (This raffle has always sold enough tickets to be held!)
All payments will be sent to winner/winners mid-February.**

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

\$10 per ticket or 6 for \$50 – checks made out to St. Monica School by 12/19/19

Name _____ Phone (REQUIRED) _____

Address (REQUIRED) _____

St. Monica Student who sold ticket: _____ (if purchased through a school child)

Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize.
If there is only one winner due to 50/50, that child will win a prize (if a St. Monica Child sold ticket).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **BVM Sodality Christmas Party** after the 11:00 am Mass St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Confirmation 2 Mtg.** 12:45 pm St. Monica School Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses**
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- **Padre Pio Prayer Group** 6:30 pm St. Monica Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- **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
- **Advent Penance Service** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am St. Monica House
- **Advent Parish Mission** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- **Adoration** after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Mass in honor of the Feast Day of St. Lucy** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **Faith2fitt** 8 am St. Lucy School House
- **Crafting for Life** 10:00 am St. Monica Conference Room
- **Choir Rehearsal** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 3- 3:45pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **RCIA Class** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Parish
- **Lessons and Carols** 4:00 pm St. Monica Church

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **John W., Gerry, Kay, Pat, Jeff, Carole, Noreen, Gerta, Eva, Eileen, Sharon H., Tina P., Casey W., and Janice M.**

Please pray for **Nina Berryman, Gilda Connors, and Gloria Morley** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at St. Lucy Parish. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week
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Fr. Colarusso is away this weekend on guard duty serving our nation.

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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

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

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd 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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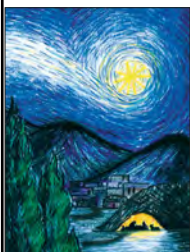
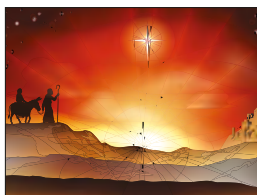
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