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4th Sunday of Lent



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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office.
St. Monica Parish: 1st Sunday of the month 1:00pm
St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Sunday of the Month 1:00pm

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

DAILY MASS

MON, TUE, & WED 8:00 am St. Lucy

THURS & FRI 7:00 am St. Monica
(8:15 am during Lent)

SAT 8:00 am St. Monica

WEEKEND

SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes

SUN 7:30am St. Monica, 9:00am St. Lucy,
9:30 am St. Monica, 11:00 am St. Lucy,
and 11:30 am Monica

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
(During Lent, Adoration begins after the
8:15am Mass) St. Monica Chapel
1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month
6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, March 31 4:00 pm St. Lucy Church

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are being offered every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at both parishes.

HOLY HOUR

Join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer every Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday

2:30 pm St. Monica Church

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

LENT 2019

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 8:00 am St. Lucy

Thursday & Friday: 8:15am St. Monica

Adoration on Fridays at St. Monica will begin after the 8:15 am Mass and end at 5:30 pm.

Saturday: 8:00 am St. Monica

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY THIS LENT

Baby Bottles to support The Pregnancy Care Center and the Sanctity of Human Life

Please pick up a baby bottle, fill it with coins, bills or checks (made payable to PCC) and return it by Sunday, April 14.

The baby bottles are at the entrances to both churches.



The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) courts St. Therese of Lisieux (St. Monica/St. Lucy) and Our Lady of Providence (St. Clement) celebrated JCDA Day together at St. Clement Parish in Medford, MA. If you are interested in receiving information about the JCDA please contact us at 603-235-9406.

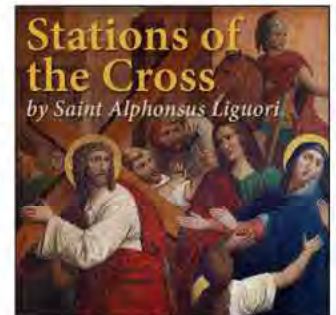
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer.



"Holding a crucifix while meditating on the Stations of the Cross... so moving. Thank you, Jesus, for the Cross."

—Marcia R, St Teresa's Church

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If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To quickly register for Formed, please go to methuencatholic.formed.org. We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. **Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM**

HELP OUR YOUTH SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

If you expect to have some Spring cleaning or clean-up projects around your yard this April, allow the youth of our community to help out on their annual service day on April 13th, 2019!

Contact Mark Forrester at youth.stlm@gmail.com.

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, MARCH 31

- **St. Monica Ministry Fair** after the 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am Masses St. Monica School Hall
- **Catholic Lending Library** after the 9:30am Mass St. Monica
- **Tickets for our school's 60th Anniversary Banquet will be sold before and after Masses** St. Monica Church
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica**
- **Adult Faith Formation** 12:30 - 1:30 pm St. Monica School
- **Penance Service** 4:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **AA Meeting** 6:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- **8th Grade Faith Formation** 4:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- **Cub Scouts Meeting** 6:00 pm St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Padre Pio Prayer Group** 6:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Adult Faith Formation** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Schoolhouse
- **The Light is On For You: Confessions** 6:30 - 8:00 pm at both parishes

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- **Adoration** after the 8:15am Mass until 5:30pm Monica Chapel
- **AA Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Stations of the Cross** 2:30pm 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, APRIL 6

- **First Saturday Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother** 8:00 am St. Monica Church
- **Faith and Fitness** 8:00 - 9:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Men's Lenten Group** 8:00 - 9:00 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Confirmation 2 Retreat** St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Baptism Catechesis Class** 11:30 am St. Lucy School House
- **Confessions** 3 - 3:45pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Tickets for our school's 60th Anniversary Banquet will be sold before and after the 4pm Mass** St. Monica Church

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- **Tickets for our school's 60th Anniversary Banquet will be sold before and after Masses** St. Monica Church
- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy**
- **Adult Faith Formation** 12:30 - 1:30 pm St. Monica School
- **St. Monica Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Church
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 2:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:00pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Ryan Robert Andren
William John Brogna Jr.
Charles Alec Christie
Michael Darcangelo
Carmen Lorraine Luciano
Scarlett Ruby
Gabriel Torres



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

St. Padre Pio

"I love my Spiritual Children as much as my own soul, and once I take a soul on, I also take on their entire family as my spiritual children."

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, April 2nd from 6:30-8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica's Church.

In addition to the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the evening's topic of discussion will include miracles attributed to Padre Pio's

intercession and understanding Catholic doctrine. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. All visitors are welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date. July 29th - August 2nd

Vacation Bible School is a fun and friendly environment where young people, aged 4-11, learn about their faith through games, songs, prayer, and other activities. Days run from 9:00am-12pm. \$25/child; \$40/2 children; \$45/3 children (maximum per family) For more information, reserve your spot, or to volunteer, please contact Annette at kmjksmom@aol.com

Position Available: St. Augustine Rectory, Andover, is in need of a cook. Part-time position, Mon-Fri (2:30-6:30). Interested? Know someone who might be interested? Please call Fr. Peter at 978.475.0050 x35 (day); x23 (night)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30****8:00 am****4:00 pm** Kelly Martin**SUNDAY, MARCH 31****7:30 am** Thomas J. Conley**9:30 am** **Family Mass**

Madeline Roiggert

Mario Vincent

Lorraine Canning

Maureen DiFrancesco

Laurentien Bigneault

Dick Doherty

11:30am Donald Ganim**THURSDAY, APRIL 4****8:15 am** Christine Ferguson**FRIDAY, APRIL 5****8:15 am** John Fitzgerald**SATURDAY, APRIL 6****8:00 am** **First Saturday Mass****4:00 pm** People of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, APRIL 7**7:30 am** Frances Houlihan**9:30 am** Charlie and Rose Hanafin

Lillian Rapazzo

Eulalia Aguiar

Marilyn Harty

Jeannine Arvanitis

Riccardo Lonardo

11:30am Richard Curtis

ST. MONICA

MINISTRY FAIR**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019**after the 4:00 pm Mass *in the St. Monica House***SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019**

after the 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30am Masses

in the 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.

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2
Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/
Jn 5:1-16**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/
Jn 5:17-30**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/
Jn 5:31-47**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21
and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53**Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11**Observances for the week of March 31, 2019****Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent**Tuesday:** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit**Thursday:** St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**Friday:** St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent**OFFERTORY**

Offertory last weekend, 3/24: \$9,477.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Easter Flowers. There is only one collection next weekend, our Regular Sunday Offering.

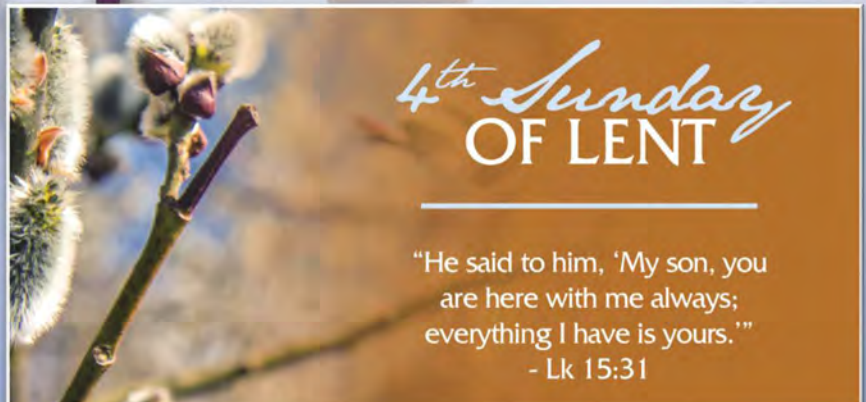
Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

ROSES FOR LIFE

have been donated in loving memory of
Theresa A. Rickley

The **Sanctuary Candle** for April is given in loving memory of **Richard Curtis**.

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.



4th Sunday
OF LENT

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.’”

- Lk 15:31



SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 am Walter Charles

11:00am Ryan Matthew Thistle

Marie Hajjar

Pauline and Tony Waters

John McCormack

Gail Genevese

Randy Grazio

MONDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 am Living Mass

Gerry, Jeff, Pat, Steve, Eileen,

Hank, and Kay

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 am Ryan Matthew Thistle

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 am William and Marie Mercier

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:00 pm Joseph and Gertrude Sarro

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 am Family Mass

Andrew Guertin

11:00am Yvonne Soucy

Michelangelo Iuvara

Anthony Mercury

Vito and Giuseppina Cunsolo

Sebastiano and Tina Consoli

Salvatore and Maria Greco

Angela and Battistina Iannuccilli

John Fitzpatrick Jr.

Sally Bradley

Photos from our St. Patrick's Dinner on March 16



This weekend's rose colored vestments are available to be memorialized for a loved one or as a gift to the parish. Please contact the office for more information.

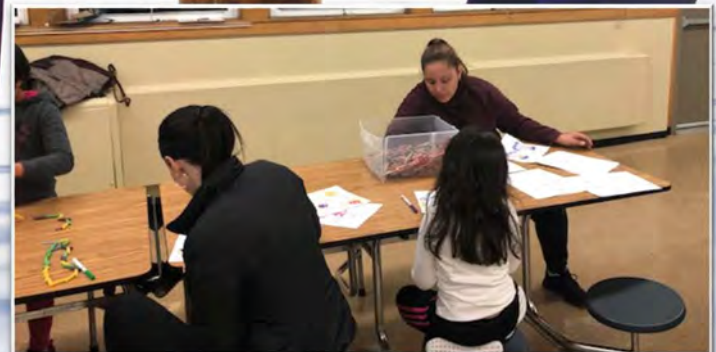
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Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to everyone who came out the night before Ash Wednesday. Pancakes, hiding the Alleluia Banner, fun crafts, and so many laughs! We especially thank all of those who volunteered to make this a successful event.



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