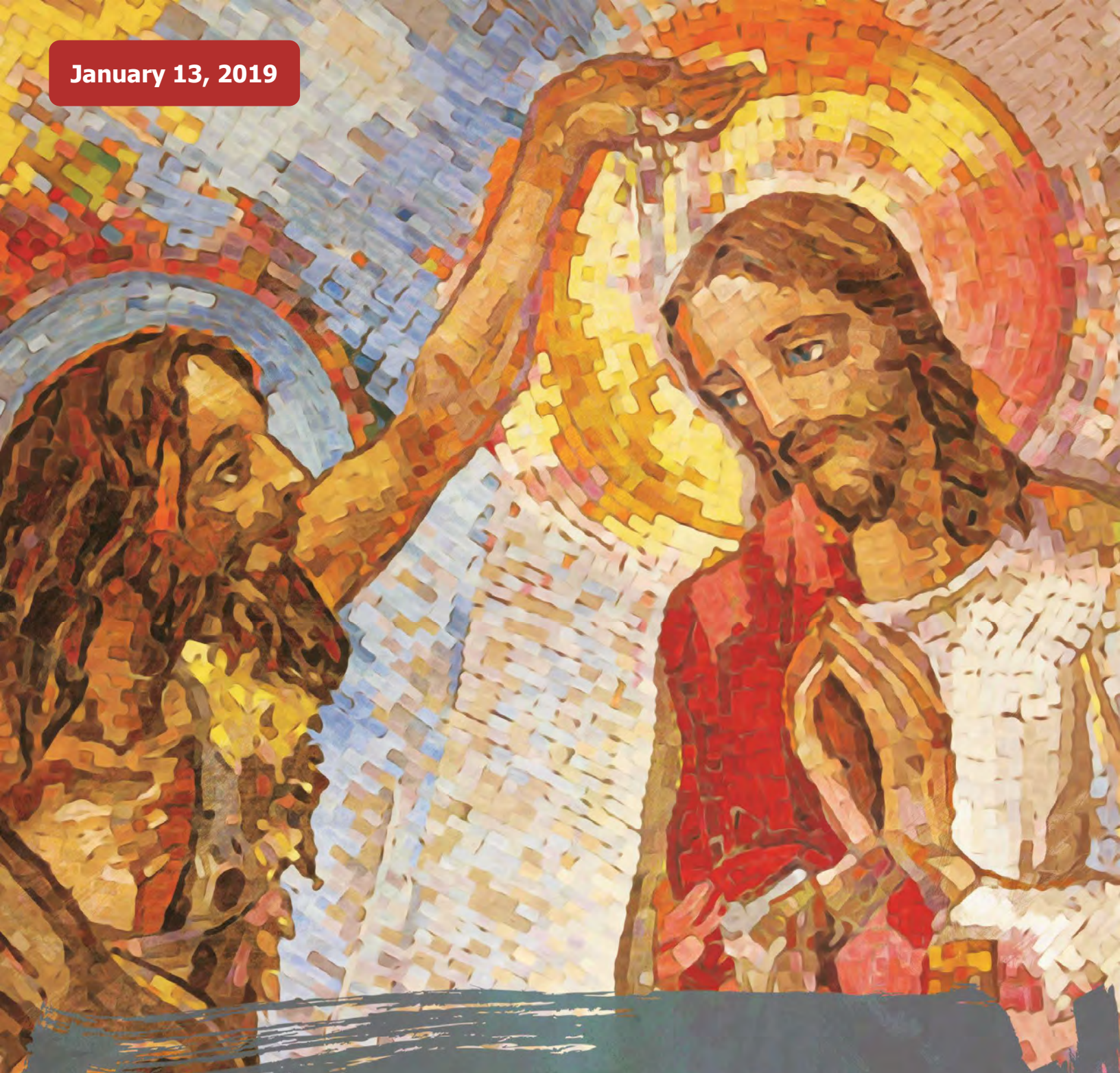


January 13, 2019



# *The Baptism of the Lord*

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST**

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



**From the Pastor**

I would like to take a brief moment to express my and Fr. Joe's heartfelt gratitude for all the Christmas and New Year best wishes, cards, and gifts that we received from so many people. Your support and appreciation of the priests of our parishes has been truly encouraging! I'd say that this first Holy Season for the new priests was very enjoyable and went rather smoothly, so that puts the whole experience in a positive light, too. Please allow this bulletin note to be my Thank You card for a wonderful first Christmas in Methuen, though I hope to thank many of you in person as well. My best for a blessed and fruitful 2019 to one and all!

**SUNDAY, JAN. 13**

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy**
- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Contest** 6 - 7:30pm at the Dupre Center at Presentation of Mary Academy

**TUESDAY, JAN. 15**

- **Confirmation 2 Event**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16**

- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House

**THURSDAY, JAN. 17**

- **Echo Part I, The Creed Course** 6-7 pm St. Monica House
- **Choir Rehearsals** 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

**FRIDAY, JAN. 18**

- **Adoration** 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Outdoor Rosary** 7:00 pm St. Monica Parking Lot

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19**

- **Faith and Fitness** 8 - 9 am St. Lucy School House
- **Baptisms at St. Lucy** 12:30 pm
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

**NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 20**

- **Faith Formation at St. Monica**
- **Men's Guild Meeting** 9:00 am
- **RCIA**
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Every Friday** 7:30am - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel  
**Thursday, Jan. 24** at St. Lucy's 6:00 - 7:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Every Friday** 4:30 - 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel  
**Every Saturday** 3:00 - 3:45 pm in St. Monica Chapel and St. Lucy Church  
**Thursday, Jan. 24** at St. Lucy's 6:00 - 7:00 pm

**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.

**Please fill out this connect card and drop it in the offertory basket or take it home and mail it back to us.**

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**ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**Free Throw Championship Contest**  
for Boys and Girls Ages 9-14

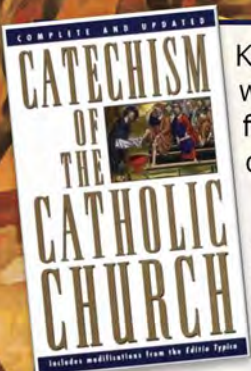
Sunday, January 13 6 - 7:30pm at  
the Dupre Center at Presentation of  
Mary Academy

For more information, please contact  
Bill Bernard at: [grandknight@kofc14725.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc14725.org)



**Outdoor Rosary** in solidarity  
with the participants of the March  
for Life 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Friday, January 18, 2019 at 7 PM  
In the parking lot at St. Monica  
**Please join us**



Karl Jackson will be offering a 12  
week Catechism Class / Alpha 2.0  
for adults, based on the Catechism  
of the Catholic Church.

All adult parishioners (17 and older)  
are invited to attend. Some light  
refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Karl at (978) 683-  
1193 ext. 35 or [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com) so  
that he's able to have enough materials available  
(although walk-ins are welcome).

Classes will require some study/reading each week  
(following the first meeting). Participants can  
choose between two meeting times:  
either **Sundays from 12:30-1:30pm at  
St. Monica's School** or **Wednesdays from  
7:00-8:00pm at St. Lucy's School House.**  
**Sunday classes begin on January 20<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday classes begin on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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canned soups, mashed potatoes, and rice.  
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baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*



Please pray for **Cynthia Ness,**  
**Jean L. Nuzzi,** and **Frank Paul Morrison**  
whose Funeral Masses were recently  
celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the  
souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life Annual Assembly for  
Life, Sunday, January 20, 2019, Faneuil Hall, Boston,  
2 pm. Featured speaker, *Stephen Mosher, Population  
Research Institute*, will speak on the abortion situation  
around the world, especially the new developments in  
Ireland and China. The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* abortion  
decisions made the U.S. one of the seven most pro-  
abortion countries in the world. Come to recommit to  
restoring protection for all.

**ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA  
ULTREYA**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**  
7:00 – 8:30 PM  
(Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)  
St. Lucy's Church Hall



All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in our monthly

Ultraya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultraya begins with Mass 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 **Deb Pellegrino** who has been invited to 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! Please feel free to *invite a friend* to join you!

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual 2019 Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness & Healing**  
with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Place: St. Monica Church  
Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Presiders: Deacon John Kobrenski and Deacon John Pierce



**A Holy Hour for Life** will be held in solidarity with the thousands of pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life for the observance of the anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court legalizing abortion on demand. The United States bishops have declared a national **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** which "shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

We encourage you to come and pray together during this hour for all those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

**The Holy Hours for Life** are sponsored by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. For more information, contact [ProLifeOffice@RCAB.org](mailto:ProLifeOffice@RCAB.org) or 508-651-1900.



**Trip to Medjugorje May 21 - 29, 2019**

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**Saturday, January 12**

**8:00 am** Joseph O'Neil  
**4:00 pm** People of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

**Sunday, January 13**

**7:30 am** Frank Romano  
**9:30 am** (multiple intentions)  
 G. Kathleen Schofield  
 Lionel Gingras  
 Ida and Andrew Piazza  
**11:30 am** Ronny Caron

**Thursday, January 17**

**7:00 am** Ida Lazzara

**Friday, January 18**

**7:00 am** Living Mass

**Saturday, January 19**

**8:00 am** Claire Waterworth  
 Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne  
**4:00 pm** Maryann & William McGurn

**Sunday, January 20**

**7:30 am** Robert Barbieri  
**9:30 am** Family Mass  
 (multiple intentions)  
 Salvatore R. Georato  
 Fernanda Cordeiro  
 Barbara Liberty  
 Marie Fradette  
 Warren & Dorothy McGovern  
**11:30 am** Arthur and Mary Beth Hamel

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;



**James Blackington**  
**Owen Capuccio**  
**Brian Pierce**

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.

**ROSES FOR LIFE**

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of  
**Michael & Linda Giarusso**  
**Theresa A. Rickley**  
**Helen Giarusso**

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.

**OFFERTORY**

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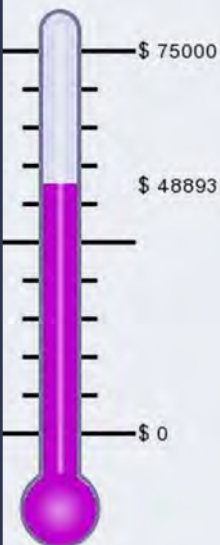
**1/1/19 Holy Day:** \$2,444.00  
**1/6/19:** \$12,231.00

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

**Please remember to send in your Grand Annual envelopes.**

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

Grand Annual to date



**Readings for the week of January 13, 2019**

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf, Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17  
**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 12**

**4:00 pm** Richard P. Giles

**Sunday, January 13**

**9:00 am Family Mass**

Kelly Martin

**11:00 am** Joseph Ulbin  
Sherry-Lynne O’Riordan  
Cynthia Ness  
Elaine Parrino  
Bolivia Arias

**Monday, January 14**

**8:00 am** Valdemar Tomaz De Aquino

**Tuesday, January 15**

**8:00 am** Gerardo and Mattia D’Andrea  
and Vincent Minicucci

**Wednesday, January 16**

**8:00 am** Janet Szostak

**Saturday, January 19**

**4:00 pm** Marion and Harry Cunha

**Sunday, January 20**

**9:00 am** People of St. Lucy and  
St. Monica Parishes

**11:00 am** Robert Arsenault  
James Tiberio  
Adrian Bunker  
Jonny Bunker  
John Piazza  
Maria Fatima Freitas

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Winter is an especially difficult time for our brothers and sisters living in poverty.

Our parish is collecting new and gently used, clean blankets and new adult and children socks until February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Together, let us bring warmth to our brothers and sisters in need.

Look for the BLUE BINS at St. Lucy's main entrance.

Sodality Chairpersons:  
Kathy Burke & Angie Rizzo



**ST. LUCY MEN’S GUILD**

Next meeting: **Sunday, January 20, 2019**

Members are invited to gather for the 9:00 am Mass. The meeting begins immediately following the Mass at 10:00 in the church hall. All men of our parish are welcome and invited to learn more about our mission and to offer any new ideas for the coming year.

Breakfast will be served. Our guest speaker will be Ed 'Hoppy' Curran, founder of the Vietnam Memorial in Lawrence.

Many new and exciting projects to support our parish are being planned! Bring a friend!

**OFFERTORY**

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**1/1/19 Holy Day:**

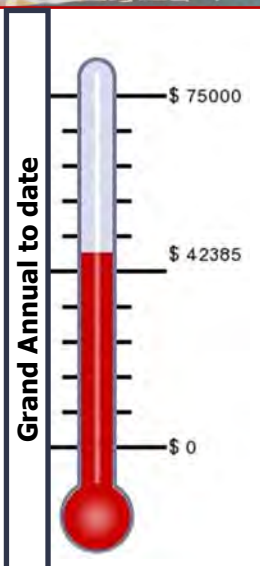
\$1,671.00

**1/6/19:** \$6,508.00

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

**Please remember to send in your Grand Annual envelopes.**

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



Thanks is due to those who donated to provide new sacred objects for St. Lucy Parish.

The original Chalice, Monstrance, and Ciborium of the parish were recently refurbished through a generous donation from the **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.**



The new Altar Crucifix is a gift from the **Rickley and Wojtowicz Families.**



The new candlesticks were purchased by donations that memorialized the following individuals:

- Margaret Fiocca Fitzpatrick**
- Ruth Raterman Westerfield**
- Paul Ruggiero**
- Therese Bagley**
- Michael L. Glynn Family**
- Rocco and Amelia Bonanno and deceased members of family**





Support our school by selling Krispy Kreme's famous glazed doughnuts!!

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Orders and payment need to be turned in Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>!!

Doughnuts will be available for pick up Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the school hall 10:00 AM- Noon

Complete the order form below and return to school by 1/21/19.



Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks can be made payable to St. Monica School.

Thank you for you continued support.

PHOTOS FROM OUR 2018 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS





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**MARRIAGES.** Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall. 9

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**Administrative Assistant**

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### St. Lucy Parish

#### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### St. Monica Parish

#### Daily Mass Schedule:

Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### St. Monica Parish

Friday 4:30-5:30 pm and Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

### St. Lucy Parish

Typically 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

*and any time by appointment*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Fridays: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel*

*Typically 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month*

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

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com) or (978) 270 - 3366  
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



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While not perfect, ours has been a wonderful life, which has been enriched by many Boston priests who have helped us along the way.

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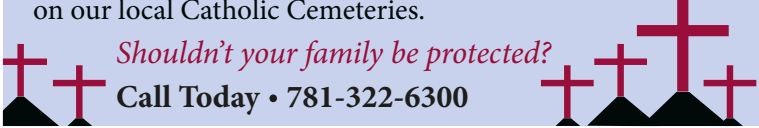
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