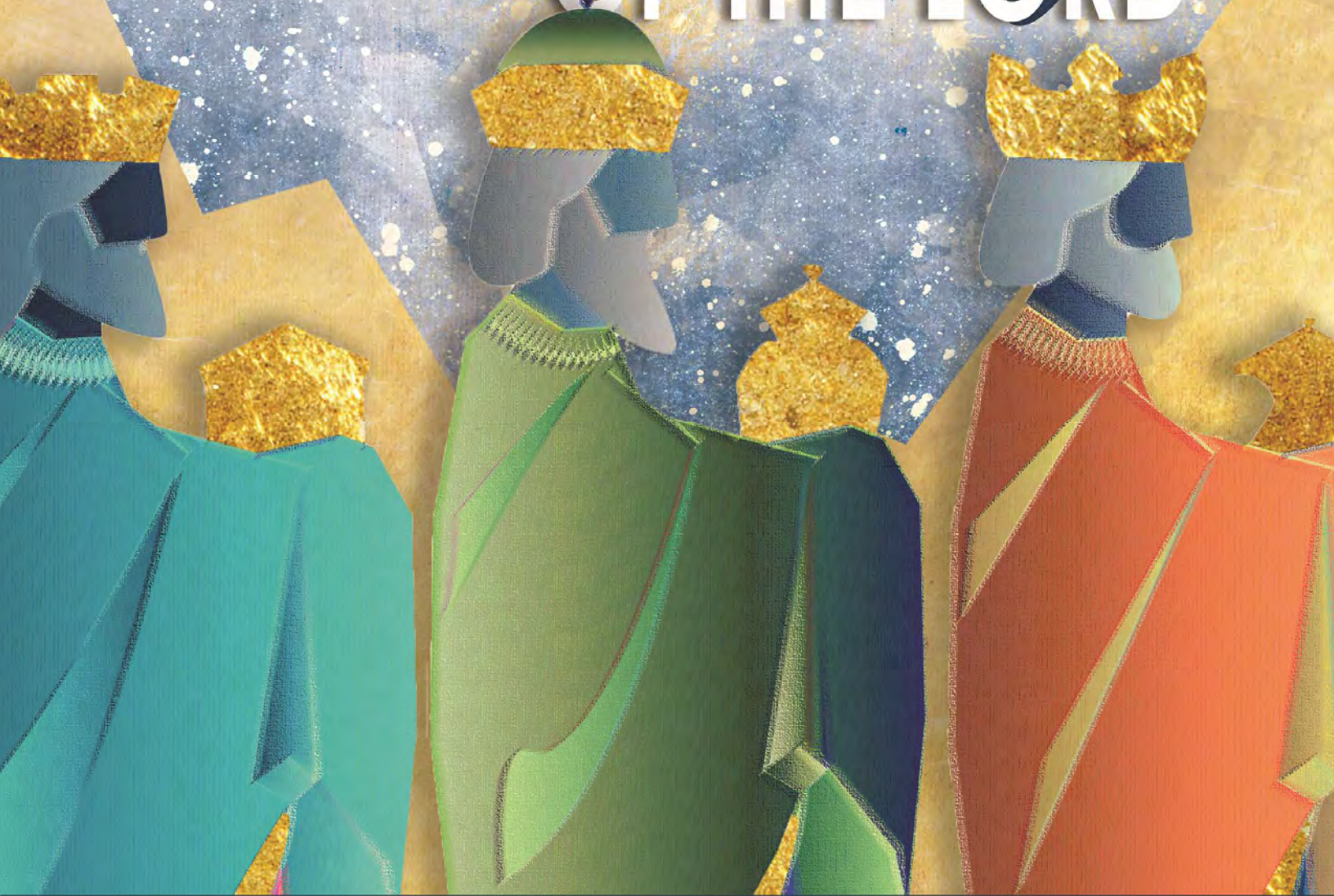


JANUARY 5, 2020

Epiphany OF THE LORD



ST. MONICA PARISH

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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

FROM THE PASTOR

On behalf of Fr. D’Onofrio, myself, and our assisting priests such as Fr. Gianni and Fr. Armano, I would like to convey a heartfelt THANK YOU for the many Christmas best wishes, cards, and gifts that we have received from all of you in our parishes and school. The best we can usually return is a grateful word of thanks, so please accept this yearly bulletin notice as our appreciation if we are unable to make a personal expression to everyone.

Another thing for which I am *very* grateful is how beautifully our Advent and Christmas services and activities were celebrated. It’s truly impossible to name all the individuals and groups that offered their time, talent, and treasure to express love of God and neighbor during this critical time of year.

Here’s one small example: the Christmas Mass schedule worked so well for times and locations that it seems everyone who came to adore the Lord had a beautiful and reverent experience. Similarly, the myriad holy season events and charitable efforts were likewise successful and can be built on in the years to come. My prayer for the New Year is that we can continue to build on these blessings so that our Faith community will grow in size and fruitfulness before God.

May God bless you and your loved ones in the New Year!

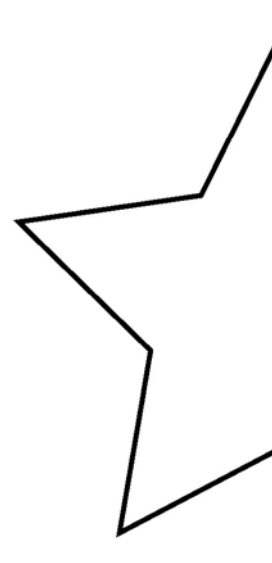


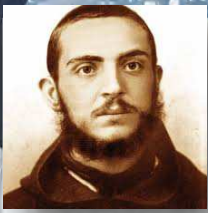
Read the Gospel and Color



Puzzle

Can you draw the second half of this star?





The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, January 7th from 6:45-8:45 pm 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 be "The Sanctity of Human Life". A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. Visitors are always welcome.



11th Annual Holy Hour for Life, Healing and Forgiveness
Marking the Anniversary of Roe v Wade

January 22, 1973 to
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.

The Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness and Healing is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Office of Diaconal Life and Ministry & the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned beans, canned spaghetti, canned tuna, and pancake mix and syrup. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*



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

WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



If you have been thinking about joining the Sodality, please come to our meeting this Sunday (January 5th) at St. Lucy's after the 9:00 AM Mass and the praying of the Rosary. Our plans for 2020 will be planned. You are always welcome!

We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

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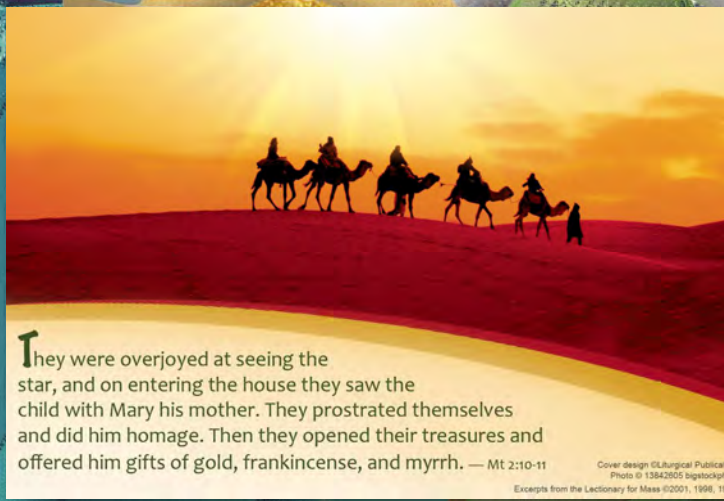
MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**
8:00 am First Saturday Mass
4:00 pm People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**
7:30 am Adele Martin
9:30 am Catherine Goff
 Umberto Noguera, Graciela Noguera,
 and Ana Rosa Osorio
- 11:30 am** Ronny Caron
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**
8:15 am Real Taschereau & Gerard Taschereau
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**
8:15 am School Mass
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**
8:00 am Living Mass
 Members of the Friel and Felice Families
- 4:00 pm** Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**
7:30 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
9:30 am Lionel Gingras
 Frank Stumpo
 Marie Fradette
 Maurice Roy
- 11:30 am** Flora and Joseph LaTorre

ST. LUCY PARISH

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**
4:00 pm Richard P. Giles
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**
9:00 am Deceased members of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sodality
- 11:00 am** Paul Browinski
 Elaine Parrino
 Theresa A. Rickley
 Paul Burke
- MONDAY, JANUARY 6**
8:00 am Living Mass
 Alex M.
 Jeff, Gerry, Kay, Pat W., Carole, Noreen, Sonia,
 Eileen, Sujerlty, Gerta, Pamela, and Tina L.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**
8:00 am Yvonne Soucy
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**
8:00 am Scott Smith and Andrew Gagnon
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**
4:00 pm People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**
9:00 am Manuel Leal
11:00 am Carmela Fuschi
 Deceased members of the Ciofola and
 DiVincentis Families
 Patricia Dionne



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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Every 1st & 3rd 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

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Every 1st & 3rd 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

We are in need of a committed adorer at the St. Monica's Friday adoration from 10:30 -11:30 am. Please contact Bonnie Doherty if interested!

GIVE

ST. MONICA PARISH

Offertory 12/22/19: \$11,629.00

The collection totals for the Christmas Masses and the weekend of 12/29/19 will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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

ST. LUCY PARISH

Offertory 12/22/19: \$6,620.00

The collection totals for the Christmas Masses and the weekend of 12/29/19 will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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

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

OFFERTORY

Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Observances for the week of January 5

Sunday:
 The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday:
 St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday:
 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:
 The Baptism of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE

Lord

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking

yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

JANUARY 5, 2020

St. Monica School is picking up and disposing of Christmas Trees for families living in Methuen only for a donation of \$10.00. The last pickup date is next weekend. If you are interested, please contact Marc Krzywicki at mk82682@aol.com, or call or text him at 978-500-7880.

We will hold an Open House on Sunday, 1/26/20 after the 9:30 Mass at St. Monica's. All prospective families are welcome to visit the school, meet the teachers, and interact with our students.



Support our school by selling Krispy Kreme's famous glazed doughnuts!! \$10 per dozen. Orders and payment need to be turned in by Tuesday, January 21st. Doughnuts will be available for pick up Sunday, January 26 at the school hall 10:30 AM- Noon. To order, please contact the school.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- **Sodality Meeting** 9:00 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **RCIA** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 12:45 pm St. Monica School Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- **Padre Pio Prayer Group** 6:30 - 8:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- **Prayer and Study** (Join us in reading "The Way of Perfection" by St. Teresa of Avila) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 4:30 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- **Parish Council** 7:15 pm St. Lucy School House

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- **Faith2fitt (Faith & Fitness)** 8:00 am St. Lucy School House. Worship and workout - getting stronger in body and spirit!
- **Choir Rehearsals** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church & 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

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

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Claire M., Eileen, Gerry, Kay, Sujerlty, Pat, Jeff, Gerta, Pamela, Kathleen L., Sylvia H., Catherine N., Justine N., Kari N., Greg P., Ron B., Bella B., Alexa M., and Sonia**

Please pray for **Anne Louise Glynn** and **Francis Farrell** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

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