

A vibrant stained glass artwork featuring Jesus Christ on the left, holding a scroll and gesturing with his right hand. To his right is another figure, possibly a companion or saint, also holding a scroll. The background is filled with bright yellow and green hues, suggesting a divine light or a heavenly scene. The style is reminiscent of traditional stained glass windows.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

24<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

- Lk 15:7b

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**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

# 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.

## 2019 - 2020 CORI FORMS

All volunteers 18 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI form **every year**.

**New** volunteers are asked to

- **sign a Code of Conduct form** (good for the duration of your time at the parishes) and
- **attend a Protecting God's Children Class** (next class: Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 AM in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse) This class is a one time requirement for all parish and school employees and volunteers. *Sign up at Virtus.org. Sign in as a First-time registrant. Our organization is Boston MA Archdiocese.*

**If you have not filled out your CORI Form for this year, please stop by our Parish Offices to fill one out.**

**Deadline: September 30.**

*For any questions, please contact Isabela Peixoto at the Parish Offices.*

As always, please know that all the information provided by you is kept safe and secure. We sincerely value your ministry and appreciate your ongoing support as we work with the Archdiocese to remain compliant.

If you are attending Mass at St. Monica's, we ask that you please not park by the fountain rotary at Pollard Funeral Home as they need that space for business. You may park in their extended parking lot. We appreciate your cooperation.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- **Knights of Columbus Plant Sale after the 4 pm Mass at St. Monica's** St. Monica Parking Lot
- **Leadership & Ministry Retreat** 8:00 am - 1:00 pm St. Monica School Hall
- **Crafting For Life** 10 am St. Monica Conference Room
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- **Knights of Columbus Plant Sale after all the Masses at St. Monica's** St. Monica Parking Lot
- **Men's Guild Meeting** 9 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Confirmation 2 Retreat** 11:15 am - 4:30 pm St. Monica School Hall
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Lucy Church

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- **Commission to Assist our Brothers and Sisters in Need Meeting** 9:30 am - 11:00 am St. Monica House
- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am - 1 pm St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe** 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- **Prayer and Study** 10 am - 12 pm St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 4:30 pm St. Monica House

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- **Holy Hour: Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Echo Course Episode 34: The Tenth Commandment** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30 - 8:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Finance Council** 7:15 pm St. Lucy School House

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- **St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor Pledge Drive** after the 4 pm Mass St. Monica Church
- **FKMV Pasta Dinner** 5:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Confessions** 3 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- **St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor Pledge Drive** after all the Masses at St. Monica's
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **Confirmation 2 Meeting** 12:45 - 2:15 pm St. Monica School Hall



St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual

*Friends of the Poor Walk*

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

9:00 am  
St. Monica Parking Lot

Please register to be a walker and ask all your friends and relatives to support you. No amount is too small!

*If you cannot attend, a donation of cash or a check can be placed in the poor boxes located in the back of St. Monica Church and Chapel.*



**ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**Fall Plant Sale**  
Saturday, September 14 after the 4:00 PM Mass and Sunday, September 15 after the 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM Masses at St. Monica's.

All proceeds are used for scholarships for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students going to Catholic High Schools.

**It's time to register for FAITH FORMATION**

**Classes begin:**  
**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Monica's (K-7)**  
**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Lucy's (1 - 7)**  
**Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Registrations are available in the parish offices or online at [methuencatholic.org](http://methuencatholic.org) on the Faith Formation Page.

**Registration Fee:** \$125/child with a \$300 family max  
**Confirmation Retreat Fee:** \$50/child

*Any questions, please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683-1193 ext. 35.*

**RCIA** Program for adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation

RCIA sessions are also open to anyone who has received these Sacraments but want to come to a deeper appreciation of what they are about. **Sessions will begin in October at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse.**

Any questions, please contact Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307 or Kevin Fitzgerald at 978-686-3311.

**ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**  
**(Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month)**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM St. Lucy's Church Hall**



All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in our monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!"; words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small, intimate, and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend and Cursillista **Marie Lucy** 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!

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help decorate St. Monica Church for special seasons (Easter, Christmas, Lent, etc...). If you are interested in helping out or for more information, please call the Parish Offices.

**MEN'S GUILD**

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

Members are invited to gather for the 9:00 am Mass. The meeting will be immediately following the Mass in the church hall.

Guest Speaker is Retired Methuen Police Officer **John Earnshaw**

Offering review of Defibrillator use & CPR Training

NOTE: Defibrillator is available for use in St. Lucy Church. This is a great opportunity to learn how to use it in case of emergency. Anyone and everyone interested in attending may do so!

All men are welcome and invited to learn more about the Men's Guild mission & to offer any new ideas for the coming year... Many new and exciting projects to support St. Lucy Parish are being planned. Refreshments will be served. Any questions – Call 978-360-9256

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Permanent Diaconate**

Information and Inquiry Sessions

If you are discerning God's call to serve the Church as a minister of charity, word, and sacrament as an ordained deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston, you and your wife (for those who are married) are invited to take part in the upcoming inquirer sessions.

The first session for the Merrimack Region; "Who is the Deacon and am I one who is called?" Will take place on Saturday October 5, 2019, at 9:00 AM at Sacred Hearts Church, 165 South Main Street, Haverhill, MA. Please email the Permanent Diaconate Office at [deacon\\_vocations@rcab.org](mailto:deacon_vocations@rcab.org) to register.

To receive information in advance, please contact Deacon Eric Peabody at 781-249-0842. The Diaconate Formation Program is four years in length and is open to single and married men who will be between the ages of 35-65 at the time of ordination.

**FORMED PICK**

**Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows**

By: Kimberly Hahn

**Walk with Mary**

Kimberly Hahn reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



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If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com). To quickly register for Formed, please go to [methuencatholic.formed.org](http://methuencatholic.formed.org). We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends.

**Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**8:00 am Living Mass**  
Robert Nolan  
In thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
**4:00 pm** Connie and Albert Zampelli

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**7:30 am** Tex Johnston  
**9:30 am** Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro  
Kevin Bell and David Bell  
Maurice Roy  
Diane Smith  
Claire Michaud  
Deceased members of the  
Michaud Family  
Rose Hanafin  
Johan MacIssac  
Margaret Lowey  
Alice Indoccio  
**11:30 am** People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**8:15 am** Gregory Debrocke

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

**8:15 am** Larry Marocco

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**8:00 am** Waterworth Family  
Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne  
Barbara Hevey  
Joseph O'Neil  
**4:00 pm** Margaret Collins

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**7:30 am** Eric Sullivan and Thomas Marisic  
**9:30 am** Jacqueline and Charles Larocque  
Rita Conroy  
Nicole Hufnagle  
Alice and Joseph McKenna  
Jeanette Heffernan  
Johan MacIsaac  
**11:30 am** Peter LaTorre

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**4:00 pm** Guido and Guida Iannalfo

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**9:00 am** Deceased members of the Quinto, Reitano, and Earley Families  
Nino Lo Presti and Gaetano Ignoti, Tony Liguori  
**11:00 am** Dominick "Rex" Campone  
Walter Cheltowski and Caitlin Chelton  
Antonio DiFruscia  
Michael Kenny Jr.  
Deceased members of the Perez-Garcia Family  
Jennifer Colarusso

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**8:00 am** Christine Bolduc

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**8:00 am** Frank Doherty

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**8:00 am** Janet Szostak

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**4:00 pm** Cortese and Rizzo Families

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**9:00 am** People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes  
**11:00 am** Margaret J. Covey  
Sarah Boyle  
Helen V. Koza

**Observances for the week of September 15**

Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs  
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr  
Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and  
Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions,  
Martyrs  
Saturday: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
Next Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**GIVE**

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

9/1/19 Offertory: \$9,260.00  
9/8/19 Offertory: \$9,936.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

9/1/19 Offertory: \$4,684.00  
9/8/19 Offertory: \$7,304.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

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

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"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

**PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for **Felipe, Shaun P., Jeff, Gerry, Kay, Pat W., Dave Holm, and Tracey A.**

Please pray for **Joann Martino** and **John Mushow Sr.** 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**

St. Monica Parish:  
**Theresa A. Rickley** and **Francis Doran Jr.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

**Norah Grace DeMaria**  
**Kirwin James Moon**  
**Aubree Lynne Marie Willette**

Immerse him in the waters of your life and love. Seal him with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate his path with the light of your hope. Clothe him with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May his celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM**

We are in need of tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, mashed potatoes, and pancake mix and syrup.

*Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*



Parish Offices: 254 Merrimack Street, Methuen  
*Office Hours:* Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm  
St. Monica School: 212 Lawrence St., Methuen



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