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Daily Mass Schedule: Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 8:00am/9:30am/11:30am

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

St. Monica Parish

Daily Mass Schedule: Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:00 pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 7:30am/9:30am/11:30am/5:30pm Holy Days of Obligation: 4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish Friday 6:30-7:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm **St. Lucy Parish** Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

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

BAPTISMS. Please call the parish office. St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS



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. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.



Our new office hours for Wednesdays are 12:00 - 4:30 pm until December 6 so that our staff can attend Alpha.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church **Fridays** 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica's Chapel



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

For St. Lucy's, please contact **Ellen Wholley** at (978) 682 - 8459

If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

On Friday, September 8, Adoration at St. Monica's will begin at 9:00 am.

Join us for Tea and Treasure Thursday, September 14 at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House. For questions, please call Millie at (978) 686 - 0339

In two weeks, the diocese-wide collection will support the health and well-being of our 590 Boston priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ's good news, joyfully perform good works, and spread good faith to all they encounter. Show your gratitude by giving generously to the collection on September 16/17. You may also make your gift online at clergytrust.org or simply text the word PRIEST to 56512 (msg. & data rates may apply). And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching"@ClergyTrust." Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support of our priests through the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust.

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

Please pray for **William Zolubos** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace. **Forgiven:** A course on the Sacrament of Reconciliation Offered over 6 weeks beginning on Thursday, October 12 at 6pm in the St. Monica Rectory 1st floor sunroom. Each video is about 40 minutes or less followed by discussion. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information, 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.



Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered 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, a program commonly known as RCIA.

Anyone interested in receiving any or all of these sacraments, which they may have not received in their youth, are **encouraged and welcomed** to attend. If YOU know of anyone interested, please let them know and we will gladly welcome them and explain the process offered. Also, these sessions are open to anyone who has received their Sacraments but might want to come to a deeper appreciation of what these Sacraments are about. You too are welcome to join in a very interesting and relaxed atmosphere.

Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307. All are most welcome to come to Prayer and Study "Under Our Lady's Mantle" formerly called "Women of Grace".

We will be meeting each Wednesday morning at 10:15 am for coffee or tea beginning on September 13. Promptly at 10:30am we will say the Rosary and the Diving Mercy Chaplet. We will then commence with either a Catholic dvd presentation or a chosen Catholic book for reading and discussion over the following weeks.

The first dvd will be 'Speaking of Saints' by Susan Conroy who lived and worked with Mother Teresa in India.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Got questions about life? Join us for Alpha.

Alpha isn't a lecture, and it isn't a class. Alpha is a chance to talk about life, God and everything in between. You could be a life-long Catholic or know absolutely nothing about Christianity. Alpha is for everyone! Come see if it's for you. No commitment. No charge. No judgement. Bring a friend and join the conversation.

Starting September 13 at 6:00 pm St. Lucy Church Hall

Let us know you're coming.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Please place in the Alpha R.S.V.P boxes located in the churches by **September 8**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

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Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. -Saint Padre Pio

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, September 5 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. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. New members are welcome.



Please join Father Lohan and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the annual Friends of the Poor Walk.

September 23, 2017 We will kick off from St. Monica at 9:00 am

for the one mile walk. Please register to be a walker and ask all your friends and relatives to support you. No amount is too small! For more information contact John Gibney at 978 - 857 - 2081 or Dick Larnard @ 508 - 954 - 4939

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2017-18 Faith Formation Year. Please submit your form and payment as soon as possible in order to secure your family's place in our program. Please stop by our office to pick up a registration form or go to our website methuencatholic.org and select the appropriate parish. Then click on the GET INVOLVED tab. At the next page click on the KIDS box and then select FAITH FORMATION. From there you can download the registration form. Just complete it and mail it into our offices.

The registration fees are the same as last year: \$100/ child with a \$250 family max (+ the \$50 retreat fee for Confirmation Candidates). Checks may be made payable to either parish. Alternatively families may pay online by going again to the website and selecting the appropriate parish. Then click on ONLINE GIVING. Be sure to select <u>*Religious Education Registration Fee*</u> under the FUND drop down menu.

As a reminder,

- K-7th graders meet every-other Sunday starting at the end of September/beginning of October*
- 8th graders meet every-other Monday starting at the end of September
- 9th and 10th graders are involved in our Confirmation Program which meets in small groups on various nights throughout the fall and winter/spring.

*We will only have a single session that will meet from 9:10am-11:15am.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to the start of another great year as we continue to become closer disciples of Jesus Christ. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer! Karl

There will be a **Protecting God's Children Class** on September 9^{th} at 9AM and October 12^{th} at 6PM in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse. To register, please call Sharon Tully at (978) 686-1801. All Parish and school volunteers are required to attend this class.

If you would like your milestone wedding anniversary published in the bulletin, please contact Isabela Peixoto at the parish offices. We will publish a list once a month.

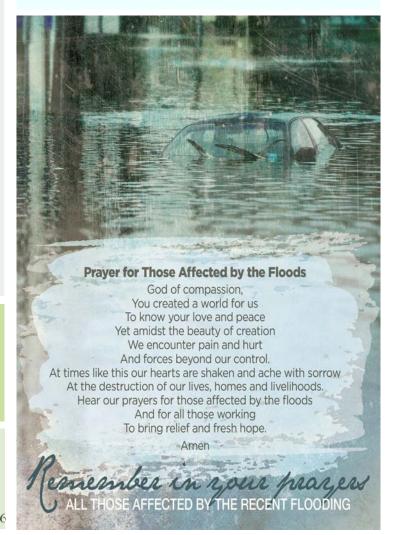
FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. LUCY PARISH

The parish's Faith Formation Office is looking for disciples of Jesus Christ who are passionate about sharing their faith to volunteer with our faith formation team. We have openings in 1st through 7th grade. We meet (nearly) every other Sunday morning starting in October and ending in April. The sessions meet from 9:10am-11:15am and include Mass Preparation, Mass itself, and 45 minutes of formal instruction in a traditional classroom setting.

Our teachers should also expect to spend up to 2 hours preparing for each 45-minute formal instruction period.

Volunteers need to have been confirmed and have completed or be willing to complete VIRTUS training and a diocesan background check (CORI).

To volunteer or for more information please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 686-3311 ext 35 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com



ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated In loving memory of

Michael and Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned carrots and beans, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, soups, and canned fruit.

SAINT MONICA PARISH

100th ANNIVERSARY dinner dance

Come join the fun at Lenzi's Restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Tickets are going fast. Get yours now by calling Jane & Bill Shawcross at (978) 794 - 8681 or (978) 273 - 8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

Offertory August 27, 2017:

\$9,389.00

This weekend, the second collection is for The Catholic University of America. Next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



Saturday, September 2 8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)

4:00 pm

Patricia Leslie

Sunday, September 37:30 amArmand Deshaies9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Charlie and Rose Hanafin (Living) Violet Sayer Mercedes Melendez Eric Lewandowski and Florence Regan Mary and Richard Viano

11:30 am

Thursday, September 7 7:00 am

Christine Ferguson

Friday, September 8 8:15 am (School Mass) Yvonne Soucy

Saturday, September 9 8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

11:30 am

5:30 pm

Robert Emery Dalmazia Mesiti

Sunday, September 10 7:30 am Louise Anne and Mathieu Roy 9:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro Norman Lavoie Marie - Paule Labrie Michael P. Tinney Lillian Rapazzo Marie Theresa Longo Baxter Living and deceased members of the Leslie, Monaco, Wetzel, and Vicari Families Gerald Leduc Thomas N. Ward Mercedes Melendez Margerite Lowey Robert S. Pierce Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sundays will resume next Sunday, September 10.

ST. LUCY PARISH

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

The first Sodality Meeting of the new season is **next** Sunday, September 10th after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. The Craft Fair is Saturday, October 21st. We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish.

Mass

Saturday, September 24:00 pmParishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, September 38:00 amPat Leslie9:30 amRita Bonanno11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Edmond J. Solomon Anthony Calderone Gilbert Fontaine Craig McKenzie Thomas Jernberg

Monday, September 4 8:00 am Fr. Vincent Capodanno

Tuesday, September 58:00 amStanley and Josephine Faucher

Wednesday, September 6 8:00 am Dr. William Irving Jr.

Saturday, September 9 4:00 pm Luisa and Pia Rea

Sunday, September 108:00 amMichael Kenny9:30 amRaymond Palmegiano,
Mary and Joseph Santomassino,
Brian Ludwig

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Andrea Cugno John Fitzpatrick Jr.

Offertory August 27, 2017: \$6,446.00

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Men's Guild

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Members are invited to gather in the vestibule for the 9:30 Mass. Meeting will begin at **10:30 in the church hall** (immediately following the 9:30 Mass)

All men are invited to come and learn more about our mission. We have many new and exciting projects to support our parish. Bring a Friend.

ST. LUCY VOLUNTEERS

THE 2017-2018 CORI FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

I will be available after all masses downstairs in the hall next weekend September 9^{th} and 10^{th} . Please have your photo ID with you. Contact me at 978-683- 6142 if you have any questions.

All church volunteers 17 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI every year. As always, please know that the information provided by you is kept safe and secure.

Anyone who volunteers at Saint Lucy Parish is required to complete a CORI form each fiscal year. Once completed, the form needs to be reviewed and your license verified by myself or a staff member. In addition: Any <u>new volunteer</u> needs to sign a "Code of Conduct" form (good for the duration of your time at the parish)

- You must also attend the "Protecting God's Children Program" (VIRTUS). If you have not attended this program, please contact the office to be informed of upcoming dates that the program will be held.

We sincerely value your ministry and appreciate your ongoing support as we work with the Archdiocese to remain compliant.

Connie Mercier -- coordinator

Reception for Sister Rina Brunetti, pm for her years of service at St. Lucy Parish

> Sunday, September 17, 2017 After the 9:30 Mass in the Parish hall

Come and wish Sister well for all her years at St. Lucy vising our Homebound.

Coffee and will be served

Sponsored by St. Lucy Blessed Virgin Sodality

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Students of St. Monica School enjoying the eclipse on August 21st.

> Susan and Kenneth Snay, both students at St. Monica School noticed and enjoyed one of the updates around campus!



Ice Cream Social, August 28, 2017 Thank you to Fr. Lohan and of course Sr. Suzanne for making this event a great one!

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