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St. Lucy Parish

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 St. Lucy Parish Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm 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





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.

ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION



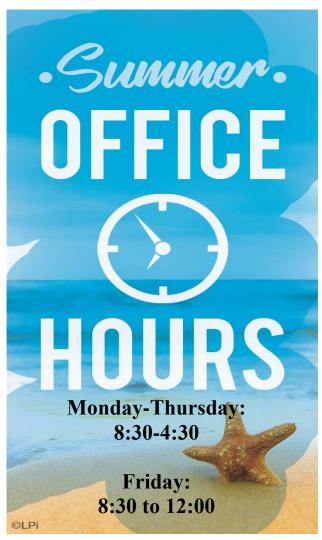
TUESDAYS (ST. LUCY CHURCH) 1:30-4:30PM FRIDAYS (ST. MONICA CHAPEL) 7:30AM-7:30PM

FOR MORE INFO ON ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S PLEASE CONTACT: BONNIE DOHERTY bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270-3366

ST. LUCY'S PLEASE CONTACT: ELLEN WHOLLEY - (978) 682-8459

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

FRIDAY ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S IS IN NEED OF MORE ADORERS DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS: 2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS.





Please pray for Dorothy Bilodeau and Catherine



Duerr, whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parish. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Got questions about life?

Everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the world, and everyone is welcome.

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You're Invited!

Starting Sept. 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Methuen Collaborative at St. Lucy Church Hall 254 Merrimack Street Methuen

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5 week video presentation by Fr. John Riccardo

July 20 - August 17

The series will run from 6-7:30pm in the St. Monica Rectory sunroom. Enter by front door and take 2nd left. Sessions run from 30-50 minutes. Extra time allowed for those who want to participate in discussion of the video.

Contact Bonnie Doherty at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com if interested.

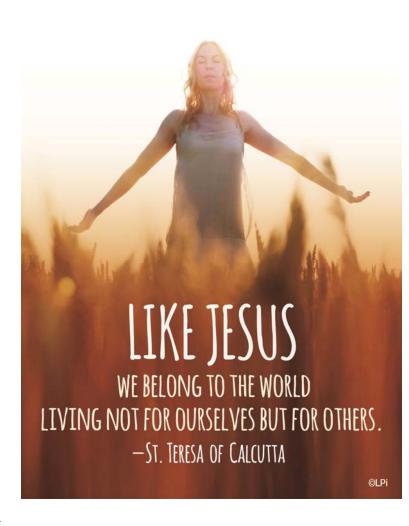
Need to Declutter - Here's Your Chance

Corpus Christi Parish Center 34 Common Street, Lawrence, MA Monday's Only from 6:00 – 8:00 PM Starting July 10 thru August 14th

Corpus Christi Annual Parish Fair is accepting donations for our white elephant table, crafts, Christmas, jewelry, handbags, unopened perfume, toys, games, books, religious articles, furniture and **new items** you might not have any use for.

We **don't accept** suitcases, computers, tvs, Christmas trees, typewriters, clothing or encyclopedias.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting for July has been moved to July 11.





St. Monica 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 <u>978-794-8681</u> or <u>978-273-8830</u>. Tickets are \$50.00 each."

There will be a **Protecting God's Children Class** on September 9th at 9AM and October 12th 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.

A support group for those grieving an addiction death has been formed at Holy Family Hospital. NOT ALONE meets on the second Monday of each month from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Meetings are led by Rev. Edward Frost and held in the Chapel area. For more information, please call (978) 687 - 0156 x2005

Commission to Assist Our Brothers and Sisters in Need Nursing Home Outreach

We have established a team to provide visits to parishioners of Saint Monica and Saint Lucy Parishes who are in the Nevins Nursing and Rehab Center. If you know of a family member or friend at the Nevins who would enjoy having a visit, feel free to contact: Jeanne Desmond at 978-377-0017.

Also, If you have a few hours a month to spare, we would love to have you join us in this very important ministry. We currently have four volunteers. (**Note:** it would be nice if some men could volunteer to talk sports or play cards with residence). We visit in teams of two, and these visits can take place at your convenience. Eventually, as the team expands, we hope to visit other facilities in Methuen as well. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Jeanne.

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Father and Son Retreat

Sons, ages 14-18
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Friday, July 14 - Sunday, July 16 Friday, July 21 - Sunday, July 23 Friday, July 28 - Sunday, July 30

Monastic Weekend

For men, 18-30 years of age Be a monk for a weekend

Experience Monastic Life August 11-13, 2017 Register now, space is limited

To register and for more information, visit our website: www.abbey.org or contact Fr. Anthony Kloss, O.S.B. at vocation@abbey.org or (978) 877 - 3694

1st Annual Beach Day JESUS aCROSS the Border

Friday, August 18th, 2017 Star of the Sea Beach Chapel, Salisbury 8 AM - 11 PM

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, for an entire day at the beach! The church is providing free parking, access to the beach, and facilities starting at 8 AM. Our usual evening event begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharist Adoration and Praise & Worship lead by Soulfest musician, Kyle Erickson and Angelique Bolduc of LIFT Ministries. Fr. Chris Wallace joins us again as the main Mass celebrant at 9 PM and following Mass we will have a beach pizza social. This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 17 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another! Please email Billy Beauchesne at

JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder for more information.





Saturday, July 8

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

Wendy Gutherie and

Linda Murphy

Sun., July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am

Yvonne Soucy

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro

Joseph O' Neil Leo Blanchette

11:30 am

Michael Foley

Thursday, July 13

7:00 am

William Collins

Friday, July 14

7:00 am

Benjamin Begin (Living)

Saturday, July 15

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm

Mary V. Fusco

Sun., July 9 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am

People of St. Monica & St. Lucy

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Dorothy Ferraro Linda Tropeano Ethel Belanger Joan Sabatini

Dr. Robert Broadley

11:30 am

Efren Juarez

Because of the Holiday and early bulletin deadlines, the offertory for 7/2/17 will be added to next weeks bulletin.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated

In honor of the Blessed Mother for favors received and in loving memory of Michael and Linda Giarrusso

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.

"YES I CAN" Program

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

WE CAN USE... canned beans, canned spaghetti, cereal, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna, cereal, pancake syrup, and pancake mix.

We ask for your generous help as the shelves in the food pantry are getting low. Thank you very much.

We are looking for parishioners to help us with a project on the 100th anniversary of St. Monica Parish. If you have any history of our Parish or know of someone who does, please contact Sharon Tucker at tuck4ely@hotmail.com. Thank you.



Saturday, July 8

4:00 pm

Gloria Baker

Sun, July 9- Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 am Elaine Bonanno

9:30 am People of St. Lucy & St.

Monica Parishes

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Angelo, Jack & Jennie

Maimone

Dr. & Mrs. Vito Molori

Monday, July 10

8:00 am Joseph Bonaccorsi (Living)

Tuesday, July 11

8:00 am Salvatore & Guiseppina Guglielmino

Wednesday, July 12

8:00 am Joseph Bonaccorsi (Living)

Saturday, July 15

4:00 pm Suzanne Dooley

Sun, July 16– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am In thanksgiving to St.

Francis

9:30 am Fred, Irene & Dennis

Leocata

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Jospeh & Leonora Marcello

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

SODALITY NEWS

SPECIAL MEETING

Save this Date. There will be a special Sodality meeting on **Sunday**, **August 13**th, after the 9:30 Mass to discuss details of the **SODALITY CRAFT FAIR.** Please mark your calendar and try to make every effort to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The first Sodality Meeting of the new season is Sunday, **September 10**th after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. CRAFT FAIR is **Saturday**, **October 21**st.

FOOD COLLECTION

Neighbors in Need

Next collection: Sunday, July 16

On the 3rd weekend of every month, we collect food for the needy. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off in the designated baskets located at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance.

Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today. Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

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ST. MONICA PARISH 100th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

LENZI'S RESTAURANT, DRACUT, MA

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL THE MASSES ON THE 4TH WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH UNTIL SEPTEMBER. TICKETS ARE \$50.00 EACH. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING.



The 100th anniversary of St Monica Parish

It's hard to believe that as of this weekend, we are half way through our 100th anniversary year at St. Monica Parish. We had a great celebration as our Cardinal Archbishop Sean O'Malley joined us for mass two weeks ago. Considering it was Fathers' Day and many had to travel to commemorate that important day, we had a respectable turnout at the Mass. It was beautiful to witness Cardinal O'Malley's dedication to his people. I was sitting near him and perhaps had a clearer view than many. When he rose from the chair for the offertory it took him three tries, rocking back and forth to stand up and his face showed clear signs of pain in standing. His homily was beautiful and he spoke so eloquently of Christ giving himself to us as food. He reminded us that in loving we give of ourselves to God and others totally just as Christ comes to us humbly as food. I think we would all agree that in his coming to us just a few days after surgery on his knee, he put his words into practice right before our eyes. Though we clearly would have been disappointed if he cancelled, we would have understood his need for rest. As I write these words on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29th, it's his birthday. We should all offer a prayer for him and the folks at St Monica a special prayer of thanksgiving for his visit.

The next big event will be our dinner dance at Lenzi's in Dracut on Saturday, October 28th. We have sold about half of the tickets, 150 out of 300. I sincerely hope that we will be able to sell the others. The tickets are only \$50. The planning committee has worked hard at getting the word out and making themselves available after mass to sell tickets. Please plan on coming and make that commitment now. I know that there can be a very human tendency not to commit early to things, but this is an important event in the life of St. Monica and is a great way to spend time with one another. We very intentionally kept the prices as low as we could so that as many could afford to come as possible. This is not a fundraiser, it is a purely a get together. Attending the dinner is an important way that we honor one another, that we show our connections to one another as a parish family are valued. For information on buying tickets please call 978-794-8681.

To the St. Lucy parishioners I ask that you give prayerful consideration to attending the dinner as well. As we build more and more ties between our two parishes it's a beautiful way to express our solidarity as Catholics in Methuen. Remember, though its not as monumental a number as 100, next year we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of St Lucy Parish and I am hopeful that at that time the parishioners of St. Monica will approach that anniversary with a spirit of brother and sisterly love as well.

I remember when Mel King, an African-American, ran for mayor of Boston back in 1983 he had a catchy quote to try to bridge the racial gap very prevalent in the life of the city and its politics. He said, "We may have come on different ships, but we're all in the same boat now." At St. Lucy and St. Monica we are on two distinct ships, but we share the same harbor and the same waters. A rising tide raises all ships. Lets sail together!

Peace,

Fr. Bill

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