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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

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

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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

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica 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.

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

WELCOME!

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.

The 2018 Mass Intentions book will open on Wednesday, November 1st. To book a Mass, please call our Parish Offices at (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311. We will only be booking Masses until May 31st and we have a limit of two Mass intentions per person for the weekend single intention Masses.



Imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and He has invited us to visit with Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better. Being aware who He was, we would be humbled and honored by such an invitation. The good news is that Jesus is here with us TODAY - body, blood, soul and divinity". - Mother Teresa's Reflection/St. Daniels Church

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... baked beans, canned beans, canned spaghetti, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, spaghetti sauce, and strawberry and grape jelly.

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



Mass Schedule:

4:00 pm (prior eve) - St. Monica's

7:00 am - St. Monica's

8:00 am - St. Lucy's

10:00 am - St. Monica's

12:30 pm - St. Lucy's

7:00 pm - St. Lucy's

Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

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

Our next meeting is next Sunday, November 5th at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy schoolhouse.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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Our parishes have formed a JCDA Court!

The Junior Catholic Daughters America (JCDA) is a wonderful Catholic Organization for girls aged 6 -18. The mission of the group is to help girls to grow and reach their potential through service to others and the Church.

Our next meeting is on November 11th from 3-6 pm in the St. Lucy Lower Church Hall.

Please contact Charlene Langenfeld at 978-659-0009 for more information. Joining JCDA is a wonderful opportunity to form new friendships that will last a lifetime!

Seventeenth Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy There are boxes at the entrances

of the churches where you may drop off **new** hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks (for children, babies and adults) until November 19th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). These articles will distributed to the needy during the winter months.



On your way out of Mass today, please take a Seminarian Prayer Card located in the magazine rack at the entrance of St. Lucy's and in the flyer dispenser next to the bulletin board in the entrance of the St. Monica Chapel. We ask that each person takes one home to offer

a couple minutes each day to pray for our seminarians.

The Increased Offertory Campaign: GIVING AS A RESPONSE

As St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes prepare for the Increased Offertory Campaign, we are challenged to evaluate our lives and give back a just portion of our blessings to God.

In spite of challenging economic times, we are fortunate people. Our thanks for these and many other blessings should be reflected in what we give to our Church.

Remember, giving opportunities come in many forms, not just financial. Give of yourself as a volunteer and donate your time to worthwhile causes. "What you give will be returned tenfold."

The following members of our parishes have graciously accepted parish leadership positions on the Increased Offertory Campaign leadership team:

- Gary Melville
- Richard LaPointe

Thank you to these volunteers and to all who will be volunteering in the coming weeks.

Program Advocate Orientation Meeting: Thursday, October 26th at 7 pm

Online Giving at St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes... Have You Signed Up Yet?

Through Our Sunday Visitor, you can make all of your contributions via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card - just as you may do now with your household bills. Please visit our website to learn how using Our Sunday Visitor will provide you with an efficient and secure way to support our parishes.

Please pray for Jane Ellen Melia, Elizabeth Purcell, Donna Meaney, and Helen Dobek whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our 4 faithful departed rest in peace.

JOIN CUB SCOUTS TODAY! THERE'S A WORLD OF FUN AND ADVENTURE WAITING FOR YOU!



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PARENTS:

Cub Scouting is a program for boys which is neighborhood centered and family oriented. Get your family started in Scouting by taking part in this pilot program for kindergarten aged boys. Your son and his partner (usually a parent) will participate together in this program where the emphasis is on fun, new experiences, and doing one's best.. If you are looking for safe and wholesome year-round activities for your son, then Cub Scouting is for you and your family. While your son is enjoying the adventure of Cub Scouting, he will develop in character, citizenship, self-esteem, and personal fitness. Scouting strengthens family ties and fosters the traditional values that are so important to all of us. He'll probably make some lifelong friends in the process as well! Your son will be part of a den, which is a group of other Kindergarten boys and their partners. Lions typically have two meetings each month. One is a den meeting and the other will be a den outing or at times, taking part in the monthly Pack meeting. That is a gathering of all the other Cub Scouts in grades one through five along with their families. Everyone is invited! Toward the end of this school year, he'll graduate to the next level: Tiger Cubs.

JOIN NOW - HAVE A FRIEND JOIN WITH YOU!
Sign-ups for new members for Pack 55 Methuen will be held on:
Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Saint Lucy's Church Hall
Pack Contact: Jeffrey McManus (978) 390-1666 jeffreymcmanus@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend, please call the Lion Guide listed above to enroll your son. For more information on Lions, please visit scouting.org/lion.

Join us for a Faith and Fitness Workout

When: EVERY Saturday beginning 10/28

Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Where: St. Lucy's Parish (downstairs); Street address: 254 Merrimack St.

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Bring: Water, a Yoga Mat and a Friend!

Cost: \$5.00/class suggested donation which goes to St. Vincent De Paul

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ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated In loving memory of

Michael and Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich Veronica Murray

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.



CATHOLIC FAMILY LIBRARY

The Catholic Family Library will return **this Sunday, October 29 at the 9:30 Mass** with books and DVDs for free rental in the back of the church.

OFFERTORY

October 22, 2017:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$9,362.00 **2nd Collection for World Missions:** \$2,139.50 **Grand Annual:** \$9,110.00

There is only one collection this weekend, on All Saints Day, November 1st, and next weekend. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

The chapel stays open until 7pm everyday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Arthur Hamel

4:00 pm Fernanda Cordeiro

Sunday, October 29

7:30 am Marcelle and Jean - Guy Pelletier

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Living and deceased members of

the Plourde & Frappier Families

Jennie Hanscom Veronica Murray Irene Silva Vilaga Denis Norela Calixte

11:30 am Peter and Josephine Zelic

Mara Kovacevic

5:30 pm Leo Seman

Wednesday, November 1

7:00 am Bob Mulligan

10:00 am Thomas Pappalardo

Thursday, November 2

7:00 am For all our beloved dead

Friday, November 3

7:00 am Bob Mulligan

Saturday, November 4

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm Colombe Zucchi

Sunday, November 5

7:30 am Deceased members of the

Roy and Valcourt Families

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Charlie and Rose Hanafin (Living)

Violet Sayer Jennie Hanscom Virginia Jackson Jane Ellen Melia Veronica Murray

11:30 am Deborah D'Iorio and deceased

members of the Savina, Leone

and D'Iorio Families

5:30 pm Parishioners of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes



Saturday, October 28

4:00 pm

Deborah Girardi

Sunday, October 29

8:00 am

Blasco Scrofano and

Sal Scrofano

9:30 am

Salvatore Boragine Sr.

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Mary and Frank Cefalu

Lucille Pappalardo Gavino Ilagan Pietro and Angela, Margherita Gagliardi

Monday, October 30

8:00 am

Anthony Mercuri

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 am

Dr. Stephen Podolsky

Wednesday, November 1

8:00 am

Eileen Coughlin & Joann Faro

12:30 pm 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 4

4:00 pm

Michelangelo Iuvara

Sunday, November 5

8:00 am

Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am

Mr. and Ms. Sid Demarco,

Grace Barbin, and

Marie Querol

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

John and Anne D'Agata Larry, Jeannette, and David Lombardo Patricia Jankowski

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



October 22, 2017:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,332.00 **2nd Collection for World Missions:** \$1,505.00

Grand Annual:

\$13,195.00

There is only one collection this weekend, on All

Saints Day, November 1st, and next weekend.

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



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Our next Sodality meeting is next Sunday, November 5th after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the rosary.

Meet St. Monica School's newly elected Student Council for the 2017-2018 school year!

Front Row L-R

Ryan Grenier, Gr. 8,

Student Council President

Owen Bowler, Gr. 8,

Student Council Vice-President

Anjali Serrano, Gr. 7,

Student Council Secretary

Osegie Osayimwen, Gr. 7,

Student Council Treasurer

Mrs. Deborah O'Neil,

Student Council Moderator

Back Row L-R

Flynn Bowler, Grade 6 Representative **Ali Armano**, Grade 4 Representative **Aisling Smith**, Grade 8 Representative **Luke Armano**, Grade 5 Representative **Lucius Manzi**, Grade 7 Representative



Here are some pics of Julia with Olympic gold medalist Laurie Hernandez. She raised \$525 for the Cure for Alzheimer's fund and was able to participate in a gymnastics clinic with her. She was so excited because she had done her famous person report on her last year.





Dinner for 2 Anywhere in the World!?!

St. Monica School PTO is sponsoring a Special Raffle. The Prize will be Dinner for 2 anywhere in the World. Each Ticket costs *\$30.00.

Prize includes Round Trip Airfare, a Dinner for Two, and Overnight Accommodations.

Winner will be drawn at our Pasta Dinner, during our Winter Carnival on Saturday, December 16th in our School Hall located at 212 Lawrence St, Methuen, MA 01844.

*See Fine Print Section for details!





- * Airfare is booked in Coach Seating. Upgraded seating is available at the expense of the Winner.
- *Overnight Accommodations for two nights will be in a 3 Star, or better if available, Hotel or Resort. Extended days may be booked with our Travel Agent at the expense of the Winner.
- *Alcohol not included with Dinner
- *The Winner will be required to complete a W-9 Form and will be issued a 1099 Form at year end to file with their tax return.
- *St. Monica School will put you in direct contact with a dedicated agent at our Travel Agency and Winner will have until 01/16/2018 to BOOK the Travel. Some Black Out Dates may apply.
- *Anyone 18 years or older may purchase a Raffle Ticket.
- *200 Tickets need to be sold, at \$30.00 each, to have this Grand Prize. In the event they are not, anyone who purchases a ticket will be entered into a 50/50 Cash Raffle and the Prize Amount will be half of all collected cash for this Raffle.
- *Other Terms and Conditions May Apply

Where do I get my tickets??

<u>Starting 10/30:</u> On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:30-8:15am, tickets will be sold in the School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$30.00 each. For St. Monica Families who have paid their \$125 Fundraising Fee, you will be able to purchase ONE ticket for \$5.00 (\$25.00 of the ticket cost is covered by your Fundraising Fee). Any other tickets must be purchased at the \$30.00 price. You must request and pay for your ticket. It will not be provided to you.

Starting 11/5: After all Weekend Masses, tickets will be sold in the back of the church.

You do NOT need to be present to win, but tickets MUST be bought in person. Cash or Checks accepted. Checks made payable to St. Monica School



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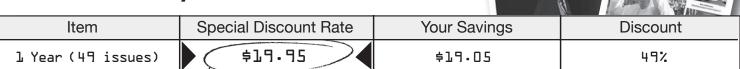
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