

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 7, 2019



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### DAILY MASS

**MON, TUE, & WED** 8:00 am St. Lucy

**THURS & FRI** 7:00 am St. Monica  
(8:15 am during Lent)

**SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica

### WEEKEND

**SAT** 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes

**SUN** 7:30am St. Monica, 9:00am St. Lucy,  
9:30 am St. Monica, 11:00 am St. Lucy, and  
11:30 am Monica

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays** 7:30 am - 5:30 pm (During Lent,  
Adoration begins after the 8:15am Mass)  
St. Monica Chapel

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month**  
6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Fridays** 4:30 - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel  
**Saturdays** 3:00 - 3:45pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month**  
6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church  
*and any time by appointment*

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

**BAPTISMS** Please call the parish office.  
St. Monica Parish: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 1:00pm  
St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 1:00pm

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



## LENT HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are being offered this Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at both parishes.

## HOLY HOUR

Join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer this Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Friday

**2:30 pm** St. Monica Church

**6:00 pm** St. Lucy Church (*followed by a Lenten Supper*)

## DAILY MASS TIMES

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:** 8:00 am St. Lucy

**Thursday & Friday:** 8:15am St. Monica

Adoration on Friday at St. Monica will begin after the 8:15 am Mass and end at 5:30 pm.

**Saturday:** 8:00 am St. Monica

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please return all baby bottles by next Sunday, April 14. Thank you for your generosity.

# Holy Week & Easter 2019

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY**

**SAT** 4 pm Vigil (prior eve 4/13) both parishes

**SUN** 7:30am St. Monica, 9am St. Lucy, 9:30am St. Monica, 11 am St. Lucy, & 11:30 am Monica

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

Daily Mass 8 am St. Lucy

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

Daily Mass 8 am St. Lucy

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

Daily Mass 8 am St. Lucy

6:30 - 8 pm The Light is On For You: Confessions at both parishes

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18 HOLY THURSDAY**

No morning Mass

**9 am** Morning Prayer both parishes

**7 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper at both parishes followed by Adoration until 10 pm and concluding with Night Prayer

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY**

No morning Mass

**9 am** Morning Prayer both parishes

**St. Lucy:** 2 pm Confessions

3 pm Stations of the Cross

7 pm Solemn Good Friday Service

**St. Monica:** 3 pm Solemn Good Friday Service

6 pm Confessions

7 pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 HOLY SATURDAY**

No morning Mass and no 4:00 pm Mass

**9 am** Morning Prayer both parishes

**8:30 pm** Easter Vigil both parishes

An Ice Cream Social to follow at St. Lucy's

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY**

Mass Schedule:

7:30am St. Monica, 9am St. Lucy,

9:30am St. Monica, 11 am St. Lucy, and

11:30 am Monica

**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.



**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

- **Tickets for our school's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be sold before and after Masses** St. Monica Church
- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy**
- **Adult Faith Formation** 12:30 - 1:30 pm St. Monica School
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 2:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 7:00pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

- **Commission to Assist Our Brothers and Sisters in Need Meeting** 10:00 - 10:45 am St. Monica House

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Adult Faith Formation** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Schoolhouse
- **The Light is On For You: Confessions** 6:30 - 8:00 pm at both parishes

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

- **Tea and Treasure** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Adoration, Confessions, & Evening Prayer** 6-7pm St. Lucy
- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30-8:30pm St. Monica Church

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

- **Adoration** after the 8:15am Mass until 5:30pm Monica Chapel
- **AA Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Stations of the Cross** 2:30pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Stations of the Cross** 6:00 pm St. Lucy Church (followed by a Lenten Supper)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

- **Faith and Fitness** 8:00 - 9:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Youth Service Day**
- **The Creating Life Group** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Monica Conference Room
- **St. Lucy Baptisms** 12:30 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3 - 3:45pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Tickets for our school's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be sold before and after the 4pm Mass** St. Monica Church

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - Palm Sunday**

- **Tickets for our school's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be sold before and after Masses** St. Monica Church
- **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

**HELP OUR YOUTH SERVE OUR COMMUNITY**

If you expect to have some Spring cleaning or clean-up projects around your yard this April, allow the youth of our community to help out on their annual service day on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019! Contact Mark Forrester at youth.stlm@gmail.com.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**YES I CAN PROGRAM** - We are in need of baked beans, canned peas and carrots, strawberry and grape jelly, and canned fruits. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date. **July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Vacation Bible School is a fun and friendly environment where young people, aged 4-11, learn about their faith through games, songs, prayer, and other activities. Days run from 9:00am-12pm. \$25/child; \$40/2 children; \$45/3 children (maximum per family) For more information, reserve your spot, or to volunteer, please contact Annette at kmjksmom@aol.com



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



Please pray for **Maureen DiFrancesco, Roger Picard, Barbara Lariviere, Thomas McMenamon Sr., Vincent Breglia, Bruce Robinson, Gladys Oldfield, Charles McRobbie Jr., Elvira Gallucci, and Leo Croteau** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



We are bringing back the prayer corner. If you have someone to pray for who is in grave need, please call the office and we will add their name in the bulletin.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 6****8:00 am First Saturday Mass****4:00 pm** People of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes**SUNDAY, APRIL 7****7:30 am** Frances Houlihan**9:30 am** Charlie and Rose Hanafin

Lillian Rapazzo

Eulalia Aguiar

Marilyn Harty

Jeannine Arvanitis

Riccardo Lonardo

**11:30am** Richard Curtis**THURSDAY, APRIL 11****8:15 am** Sally McCafferty**FRIDAY, APRIL 12****8:15 am Living Mass**

Richard Ferguson

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13****8:00 am** Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Eileen O'Rourke

**4:00 pm** Myrna G. Nolan**SUNDAY, APRIL 14****7:30 am** Robert Barbieri**9:30 am** Vincent Jablonski

Cynthia McCarthy

**11:30am** Delores Gonzales

A thank you to all our parishioners for your generous monthly donations of food for the past 20 years to the Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen in Lawrence.



Join us for **Tea and Treasure** on Thursday, April 11 and Monday, April 15 at 11:30am in the St. Monica House.

**Read the Gospel and Color****OFFERTORY**

Offertory last weekend, 3/31:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$10,069.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$2,816.00

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 parish.

**ROSES FOR LIFE**

have been donated in loving memory of  
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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 for more information.

**Sharing the Gospel**

In Bible days, people who did wrong were stoned to death. Jesus changed that. He said, "If you have never done anything wrong, throw the first stone." Everyone makes mistakes. A rock can hurt people, animals, cars, and houses. When you say bad things about someone, you are throwing a rock at them. The rock might come back and hurt you, too. If you can not say something nice about someone, pray for them.

**Prayer**

Lord, help me pray for others rather than judge them.

**Mission for the Week**

When I get angry with others, I will pray first; then I will talk to them.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 6****4:00 pm** Joseph and Gertrude Sarro**SUNDAY, APRIL 7****9:00 am Family Mass**

Andrew Guertin

**11:00am** Yvonne Soucy

Michelangelo Iuvara

Anthony Mercury

Vito and Giuseppina Cunsolo

Sebastiano and Tina Consoli

Salvatore and Maria Greco

Angela and Battistina Iannucci

John Fitzpatrick Jr.

Sally Bradley

**MONDAY, APRIL 8****8:00 am** Emily Succo & Anthony Succo**TUESDAY, APRIL 9****8:00 am** Maciariello & Ciambella Families**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10****8:00 am** William and Marie Mercier**SATURDAY, APRIL 13****4:00 pm** Roy Scalli**SUNDAY, APRIL 14****9:00 am** People of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes and Deceased members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**11:00am** Deceased members of the Cutuli Family  
Filippo Carli
**St. Lucy Men's Guild  
Breakfast Meeting on  
Sunday, March 17.**


Last weekend's rose colored vestments are available to be memorialized for a loved one or as a gift to the parish. Please contact the office for more information.

**60's Dance**

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**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

**7:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

**ST. LUCY CHURCH HALL**  
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Coffee & pastry will be available

Bring Your Own Munchies  
**\$15.00** per person

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**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

Next meeting: Next Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 am Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

**Morning of Reflection:** May 4

Presenter: Sr. Claire Provost from PMA. She will speak on Mary our Blessed Mother a...

Woman of Holy Desire:

- Openness
- Prayer
- Faithfulness

Offertory last weekend, 3/31:  
Regular Sunday Offering: \$5,579.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$2,030.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our Regular Sunday Offering.

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You are invited to St. Monica School

# 60<sup>TH</sup> DIAMOND Anniversary

Banquet & Fundraiser

Friday, May 17th  
6:00PM - 10:00PM  
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\$50 per person  
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For more information, please contact [stmonicagala@methuencatholic.org](mailto:stmonicagala@methuencatholic.org)  
Michelle Squatrito or Kerry DeMattia

Tickets to St. Monica School's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be available after some of the Masses on weekends before the event.

If you are looking for tickets and they are not sold at the Mass you attend, please contact the school office and we will be happy to get the tickets to you.

Tickets are \$50 per person. You may also get together to purchase a table at the Gala if you want to sit with friends. A table of 10 is \$500.

## St. Monica School

Early Childhood Program Open House  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 11:00 AM



Join us to learn about our fantastic program and opportunities for your 3 and 4 year olds and kindergarteners. For more information please call the school office at 978-686-1801.



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