

Celebrate with us! Beginning at 2:15 p.m. at St. Monica Parish to include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions, and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy.

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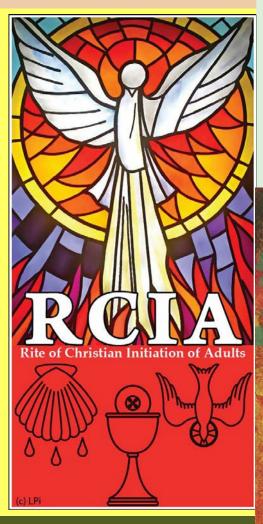


New to our community? We're so happy you joined us this weekend and we'd love to have you worship with us regularly. Come discover the peace that comes from following our Lord Jesus. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.

Last weekend we joyfully welcomed into the Church

Berlis Cuevas
Gustavo DeLima
Steve DiLeo
Brian Ferrant
Divine Martinez
Gelanie Nolan
Dezia Robles
Michael Shellmer
Jason Vallone
and Lisselotte Vargas

who received the
Sacraments of Initiation
at the Easter Vigil. We
pray that they may
continue to grow with
our community in
worship and service.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, cereal, and canned spaghetti.

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

THE GOSPEL OF

Please join us for a prayerful study of the Fourth Gospel, its history and its theology. Besides looking at some background considerations, we'll also explore the major themes particular to this inspired book of Sacred Scripture.

Presenter: Rachel Voiland

Classes will take place in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse for four consecutive weeks:

Thursdays April 26, May 3, 10, and 17 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **OR** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

To register for either the morning or the evening sessions, please email rachelvoiland@comcast.net or call Rachel at 978-683-8138. Copies of the Bible will be available for your use.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Divine Mercy

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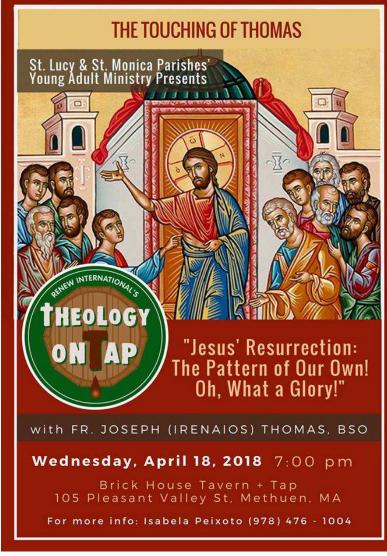
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Formed: If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To quickly register for

Formed please go to methuencatholic.formed.org.

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

(5 days, 4 nights – August 20 – August 24, 2018) \$515 per person

Departs from St. Monica Parish

Visiting the Shrines of:

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Spiritual Director: Father Eric Delisle

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Annual Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is the occasion on which we bless the holy oils that will be used to administer sacraments throughout the year. This year's Mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church in Malden.

Photos from Cardinal Sean's blog:









Saturday, April 7

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

John Fitzgerald Helen Gibadlo

4:00 pm

Myrna G. Nolan

Sunday, April 8

7:30 am Charles Booth Jr. **9:30 am** (multiple intentions)

Joe Hamilton Charlie Hanafin

Rose Hanafin (Living)

Fernanda Cordeiro Patrick Connor

Angelo, Frank, and Antonette

Ragonese

Chanel, Claire, Carol, Judy, Paul,

and Diane Michaud

Rocco, Emanuela, Orazio, Angelo,

and Carmela DiBartolo Deceased members of the

Deshaies Family Joao Espinola Harry Costa

11:30 am Jesse Murray

Thursday, April 12

7:00 am Richard Ferguson (Living)

Friday, April 13

8:15 am

Saturday, April 14

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Helen Gibadlo Clifford M. Burke

4:00 pm Philip, Johanna, & William Muhilly

Sunday, April 15

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Vincent Jablonski

In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Walter Topham Anthony Spitalere

Helen Fredette (Living)
In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

11:30 am Anthony Fusco Sr.

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Eugene Cusack Cecile and Peter Checovich Theresa A. Rickley Michael and Linda Giarrusso Infant Michael P. Rayno



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.

Scheduled School Masses:

When the school mass is at 8:15am (on the following Friday) there will be no 7:00 AM mass and Adoration will begin following the school mass.

NO Friday School Mass in May 2018 June 8, 2018

REMEMBER: If school is closed due to weather, there will be no Adoration.

Green Thumb Committee

We are looking for volunteers to help with plantings around the church.

For more information, please contact Sharon Tucker at tuck4ely@hotmail.com

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? **St. Monica's Music Ministry wants you!**

We are in search of any and all parishioners who are interested in participating in the music ministry. No matter what your experience is, you are always welcome! We are in the process of scheduling week night rehearsals and would love to have you - even if you can't commit to rehearsals or Mass every week. Please get in touch with Eric (eberthiaume1@gmail.com, (603) 493-4397) for more information on how you can be a part of this important ministry.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Join us for Tea & Treasure at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on the following days:

Thursday, April 12 - For more information, please call Millie Stumpo at (978) 686 - 0339

Monday, April 16 - For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

Offertory April 1, 2018:

Clergy Benefit Trust: \$12,226.00 Good Friday Collection: \$1,749.00

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.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

We are incredibly proud of all our Altar Servers. It is wonderful to see our value of service being highlighted from such a great group of children on a weekly basis, as well as when we celebrate Mass as a school. We are particularly proud of our servers who assisted with the Holy Masses last week. Fantastic job done by all!



The Holy Thursday Mass and the Good Friday Service were served by Danielle Gonsalves (3rd grade), Kenneth Snay (3rd grade), Susan Snay (4th grade), Ali Armano (4th grade), and Luke Armano (5th grade).



The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil was served by Kassandra Walsh (3rd grade), Corbin Walsh (5th grade), Ali Armano (4th grade), and Luke Armano (5th grade).



Saturday, April 7

4:00 pm Yvonne Soucy

Sunday, April 8

9:00 am Deceased members of the

Sodality

11:00 am Marie Hajjar

Frankie Lavallo
Angela Iannuccilli
Batistina Iannuccilli
Michael Kenny Jr.
Sally, Bradley and John

Fitzpatrick Jr. Josephina Leone Anthony Mercury

Monday, April 9

8:00 am Helen A. Piskadlo

Tuesday, April 10

8:00 am Frank Wolfendale

Wednesday, April 11

8:00 am William and Marie Mercier

and the D'Amico Family

Saturday, April 14

4:00 pm Joseph and Gertrude Sarro

Sunday, April 15

9:00 am Aida Saade

11:00 am Michelangelo luvara

Mary Ganimy

Salvatore, Rose, and

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

ST. LUCY

Oth Anniversary

April 15 ICE CREAM PARTY at 10:45 a.m. in the

Parish Hall for the children in the

St. Lucy Faith Formation Program after

their last class.

May 19 WINE & BEER TASTING in the Parish Hall

(watch the bulletin for further details.)

June 16 60s DANCE FOR OUR SIXTIETH

in the Parish Hall

(watch the bulletin for further details.)

October 20 HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey

at 4:00 p.m.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at

Michael's Function Hall, 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA

5:30 p.m. Social Hour | 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Full Course Family Style Dinner | Donation: \$50

Music and dancing to follow!



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Our next Sodality Meeting is this Sunday, April 8th after the 9:00 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Sodality Brunch: May 6th
- Pilgrimage to St. Anthony Franciscan Friary, Kennebunk, ME: June 2
- Recommitment to the Blessed Virgin Mary: June 10



The Chateau Restaurant of Andover presents:

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On Wednesday April 11, 2018 bring the fundraiser ticket below and enjoy lunch, dinner or order take-out from the Chateau Restaurant of Andover. When paying your check, give the waitperson your ticket. The ticket will be attached to your check. The Chateau Restaurant will contribute 20% of the total bill to the:

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Offertory

April 1, 2018:

Clergy Benefit Trust: \$6,816.00 Good Friday Collection: \$1,094.00

The second collection this weekend is for our religious education program. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

MEN'S GUILD

Photos from the Ice Cream Social after our beautiful Easter Vigil Mass - the event was sponsored by St. Lucy's Men's Guild and enjoyed by about 150 parishioners and friends. The Men's Guild members enjoyed this fellowship and the pleasure of serving Ice Cream Sundaes for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.





Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Nathan Henry Fallon

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.

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Facilities Manager (St. Lucy's) & RCIA Coordinator



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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: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm 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.

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St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

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