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DAILY MASS MON, TUE, & WED 8:00 am St. Lucy THURS & FRI 8:15 am St. Monica SAT 8:00 am St. Monica WEEKEND SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes SUN 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy

Join us for Alpha



Every other Sunday

10:30 am St. Monica School

Every Tuesday

9:00 am and 6:15 pm St. Lucy Church Hall

No cost! No commitment! Invite a friend and **come join us!**

2019 - 2020 CORI FORMS

All volunteers 18 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI form **every year**.

New volunteers are asked to

- **sign a Code of Conduct form** (good for the duration of your time at the parishes)
- attend a Protecting God's Children Class. Next class: Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 AM in the St. Monica School Hall.

This class is a one time requirement for all parish and school employees and volunteers. Sign up at Virtus.org. Sign in as a First-time registrant. Our organization is Boston MA Archdiocese.

If you have not filled out your CORI Form for this year, please stop by our Parish Offices to fill one out. Deadline: September 30.

For any questions, please contact Isabela Peixoto at the Parish Offices.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation classes have begun, but you still have time to register.

Registrations are available in the Parish Offices or online at methuencatholic.org on the Faith Formation Page.

Registration Fee:

\$125/child with a \$300 family max **Confirmation Retreat Fee:** \$50/child

Any questions, please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683-1193 ext. 35.



In anticipation of the **Craft Fair**, members of the Sodality will be selling **GRAND PRIZE Raffle tickets** this weekend and next weekend at St. Lucy's.

Prizes are: 1 \$500 VISA gift card

1 \$300 VISA gift card

1 \$100 Market Basket Gift Card

Cost of the tickets: 6 for \$10 | 15 for \$20 | \$2 each

You do not need to be present to win.

A **Book Sale** to support St. Lucy's will also be held the same day in the school house. Donate books you've read that others can enjoy and support the parish. Books can be left in the portico (between the school house and the garage at St. Lucy's) from October 6th to the 14th.

RCIA Program 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

RCIA sessions are also open to anyone who has received these Sacraments but want to come to a deeper appreciation of what they are about. Sessions begin on October 6 at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse.

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

> St. Monica School is hosting **MUSICAL**



Adults! Please bring your friends and join us for a fun night for CASH PRIZES! The event will be hosted by **EJL Event Entertainment** on Friday, November 1st from 7-10PM Methuen VFW, 26 River St., Methuen Cost is \$30.00 per person. This is a 21+ event.

Tickets are available in the School Office from 7AM to 3PM. If you need to make other arrangements, please call Sharon Tully at 978-686-1801.

ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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The Knights of Columbus will be leading a "Public Square **Rosary Rally"** on the Parish Grounds of St. Monica on Saturday, October 12, at Noon.

Please join us as we gather to recite the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother for the Spiritual well being of America. "America Needs Fatima" is the sponsor of this Rally and over 20,000 other Rosary Rallies that will be taking place at the same time throughout the Country!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **Signature Drive** after all the St. Monica Masses Sodality Craft Fair Ticket Sale after all St. Lucy Masses
- Faith Formation at St. Lucy's
- Confirmation 2 Mtg. 12:45 2:15pm Monica School Hall
- Confirmation 1 Parent & Student Mtg.
 - 4 5 pm St. Lucy Church Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 8th Grade Faith Formation 4 5 pm St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6 6:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe 7 pm St. Monica

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Alpha Morning Session 9-10:30 am Lucy Church Hall
- **Alpha Night Session** 6:15 pm St. Lucy Church Hall
- Padre Pio Prayer Group 6:30-8:30pm Monica Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Prayer and Study 10 am 12 pm St. Monica House
- Friendship Club 1:00 4:30 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Holy Hour: Adoration, Confessions, & Evening Prayer 6 - 7 pm St. Lucy Church
- Echo Course 6:00 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- Choir Rehearsals 6:30 8:30 pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Blessing of the Animals 8 am St. Monica Parking Lot
- Adoration after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- Confessions 4:30 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- Faith2fitt 8 am St. Lucy School House
- First Saturday Mass 8 am St. Monica Church
- Blessing of the Animals 9 am St. Monica Parking Lot
- Women's Prayer Group 9:30-11:30am Monica House
- **Baptism Catechesis Class** 11:30am Lucy School House
- **Confessions** 3-3:45pm Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- Choir Rehearsal 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- Sodality Craft Fair Ticket Sale after 4pm St. Lucy Mass
- Connect Group 4 7:30 pm St. Lucy School House

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- Sodality Craft Fair Ticket Sale after all St. Lucy Masses
- Sodality Meeting 9 am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Faith Formation at St. Monica's
- RCIA Class 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- Alpha 10:30 am St. Monica School Hall
- Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting 12:30 pm St. Monica House
- Confirmation 2 Mtg. 12:45-2:15pm Monica School Hall

Readings for the week of September 29, 2019

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

[1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and

22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec

8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,

11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37

[34]/Lk 10:17-24

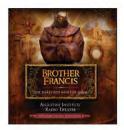
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

[8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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- 5. Enter your email and you're in!

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. **After you register, please email Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.** If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at (978) 270 - 3366 or at the email above.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

Observances for the week of September 29

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Jerome, Priest &

Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

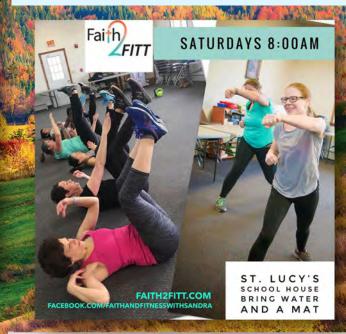
Friday: St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

ST. LUCY BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Next Meeting: next Sunday, October 6 after the 9 am Mass and the praying of the Rosary Important meeting to finalize our Craft Fair



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

Fridays beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

Fridays 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil

Alice Indoccio

4:00 pm People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30 am Salvatore Georato

9:30 am Leo Seman

Nancy Tardif

Christine Marie Silva Susan Priestley Joan Coulon Mary R. Coco

11:30 am Eileen Bateman Sarre

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:15 am Christine Ferguson

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:15 am School Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 am First Saturday Mass 4:00 pm Stanislaw Arabudzki

Todd Tisdale

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 am Lloyd and John Wajda **9:30 am** Charlie and Rose Hanafin

Deceased members of the Michaud and

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Gauthier Families

Deceased members of the Comora,

Kobrenski, and Torla Families

Joseph McGravey William McGurn Michael A. Ricupero

11:30 am Mary Wall

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00 pm Thomas, Ruth, and Michael Wholley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am Real Taschereau

11:00 am Walter Cheltowski and Stephanie Kaminski

Friel and Felice Families

John, Salvatore, and Josephine Piazza

Evelyn Salvo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 am Dennis Miele

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 am Gerardo and Mattia D'Andrea and

Vincent Minicucci

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 am Michael and Josephine Carelli

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00 pm Francis and Amy Thompson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

and deceased members of the BVM Sodality

11:00 am Margaret J. Covey

John Rovinski Louis Demarco Carlos Caetano Sebastian Ned Caruso

Elizabeth Privitera

Joseph, Connie, and Robert Pappalardo

Joseph Dicenzo and Manuel Leal Mildred Abate and Vito Abate

Josephine Neve Lucille Guimond

GIVE

ST. MONICA PARISH

9/22/19 Offertory: \$9,711.00

The second collection this weekend is for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

ST. LUCY PARISH

9/22/19 Offertory: \$5,071.00

The second collection this weekend is for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

This weekend, we will have a second collection at both parishes in support of the relief efforts for the (arch) dioceses of the Bahamas and the United States that have been ravaged by the destruction of Hurricane Dorian. Please address your checks to either St. Monica Parish or St. Lucy Parish, with "Hurricane Dorian Relief" in the memo. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Pro-Life Ballot Initiative

Abortion destroys the smallest and most helpless members of the human family. We, as Catholics are called by God to protect His precious gift of life. Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts?

Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

This weekend, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions will be collecting signatures **after all Masses at St. Monica's** on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies.

If you want to get involved and do more to help the prolife movement, please contact Monica Silvey at mmsilvey@verizon.net. **Or, if you can volunteer before or after mass today, simply talk to one of the individuals circulating petitions**. Learn more at www.StopTaxpayerAbortion.org. Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS

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Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

"The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Our Faith"
Saturday, November 23, 2019
Registration begins at 7:30 AM, first talk is at 9 AM
Assumption College, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA
(Tsotsis Building)

<u>Guest speakers:</u> Kathleen Beckman, Michelle Schmidt, Mother Miriam, O.S.B., and Tim Francis

Early bird pricing until 10/23. \$45 per ticket. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Register at worcestercatholicwomensconference.com/registration

All are welcome!

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Dave Holm, Tracey A., Noreen, Gerry, Kay, Pat, Jeff, Marilyn B., Bobby, Kari N., Tina P., Sylvia H., and Justin N.

Please pray for **Frieda Ripa** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy Parish. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week
St. Monica Parish: Theresa A. Rickley

Sanctuary Candle for the month of October

St. Monica Parish: Donald Stewart

St. Lucy Parish: John Mugavero

Altar Bread for the month of October

St. Monica Parish: Rita Conroy
St. Lucy Parish: donated for Donat Russo in memory of his wife Therese Russo

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, mashed potatoes, and Hamburger Helper. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. <u>St. Monica:</u> 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | <u>St. Lucy</u>: 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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





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