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DAILY MASS MON/TUE/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes SUN 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 18, 2021



Though we are in year B of the 3-year cycle of readings from the lectionary where the Gospel of St. Mark predominates, as we make our way through the Easter Season our Gospel readings, both on Sundays and in the weekday Masses, are taken from the Gospel of St. John.

St. John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, reaches his great insights into the life of Jesus in the light of Easter. The light of the Easter candle will burn next to the ambo from which we hear his Gospel in these weeks of Easter leading to Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

There is a lifetime of meditation in St. John's eyewitness account, for us in hearing it and reading it, but also in the Gospel's development which is the fruit of a lifetime of meditation between St. John and Our Blessed Mother who was also an eyewitness to the life of Jesus.

From the hour of the cross St. John took Our Blessed Mother into his home; she would be his mother and he would be her son. She would live with St. John as his mother, and continue his formation as a beloved spiritual director helping him to understand so deeply what was in the heart of Jesus.

These greatest contemplatives would live in the same household for as many as 30 years until Our Blessed Mother's

Assumption. St. John would spend another 30 years shepherding the Church in Ephesus before writing his Gospel in the 90s of the 1st century.

Our Blessed Mother knew what was in Jesus's heart because it was also in her heart where she kept many things, often things that she didn't understand at the time they occurred. As she reflected on them with St. John it would help him in his experience as the bishop of Ephesus. How often things that we don't understand at the time that they occur remain in our hearts where the Holy Spirit helps us to understand their significance.

In writing his Gospel St. John calls special attention to the presence of Our Blessed Mother. In Cana at a wedding feast she called Jesus to the cross and then stood by him in his Passion.

We see Mary's influence, especially as a mother. Isn't it the way of a mother to minimizes blame, to show the greatest understanding, and to make excuses for her children? As the shepherd of a flock it would be St. John's vocation to go after the lost sheep and care for them individually.

St John's Gospel sets before us the way of the beloved

disciple. We know that in his Gospel John is the beloved disciple, but in his humility he does not refer to himself by name, not even when he mentions the names of other apostles.

St. John knew that he wasn't the only beloved disciple, that Mary wasn't only his mother. He wanted us to know what is true: we are all children of Mary. And we should also think of ourselves as the disciple whom Jesus loved because Jesus thinks of us that way.

In Cana Jesus told Our Blessed Mother that his hour had not yet come. We see that the hour is determined by the Father and cannot be anticipated. How often, even in just one day, we can be surprised to be called to the cross of a real, concrete response to Christ-like sacrificial love. Isn't it the way for the disciple whom Jesus loved and the child of Mary?

Dcn. John Pierce



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2021 Scholarship Application

\$500 in scholarships will be granted. The recipient must be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2021 in addition to being a student graduating from Saint Monica School, or a parishioner of Saint Monica and St. Lucy Parishes, or an Eighth Grade student enrolled in the Saint Monica/St. Lucy Religious Education Program.

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| School Graduating From: | | |
| School Attending Fall 2021: | | _ |
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| | shioner of Saint Monica or St. Lucy Parishes our family participate in at Saint Monica's/\$ | |
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| All applications must be filled o | out, essays completed as described and retu | rned by May 14, 2021 to: |

Saint Monica Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee 254 Merrimack Street Methuen. MA 01844

2021 Scholarship Question

Behind everything a Knight does is the vision of our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and the mission he left us as Catholic men: to live out in our own lives the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Love for God as reflected in the care and concern for others **Charity:**

Unity: People of diverse backgrounds/talents coming together as one group for a common good

Fraternity: Acting in a "caring way" providing guidance/assistance for family members and/or

neighbors in need

A proud devotion to God and country and a belief in standing up for both Patriotism:

As a young Catholic in today's world, there are many challenges young people face. Choose any two (2) of the above Knights of Columbus principles and fully explain their value and how they are lived out in your daily life activities.

It is important to reflect in your essay's format a clear idea, organization, word choice and mechanics. Each essay must be a minimum of 500 words, #12 Font, 1" margins and must include an introduction, 3 paragraphs and a closing.

Please do not put your name on the actual essay. Names should only be on the Application and then the Application and the Essay should be attached.

Good Luck!

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ST. MONICA SCHOOL

"Spring-A-Palooza" Raffle

St. Monica School will be holding a "Spring-A-Palooza" Raffle to help defray the cost of painting the classrooms this summer. Our classrooms have pitched in to create wonderful baskets worth \$100 or more. We thank you for always supporting our school and hope you will consider purchasing tickets! The raffle will be pulled on May 20th.

Lucky winners will walk away with a fabulous basket, donated by one of our classrooms, valued at \$100 or more!

"Wine" Down Basket - PK3
Slice of Heaven Pizza Night - KA
Jimmy Buffet "Margaritaville" - 1A
Summer Beach Fun - 2
Let's Go On A Pub Crawl - 4
Pamper Your Pup - 6
May Your Spring Flowers Bloom with Luck - 8

S'mores Station - PK4
Taste of Methuen - KB
"Sip" Back and Relax - 1B
"Fairway" to Heaven" - 3
Mom's Night In - 5
Lobsters by the Beach - 7
...and more!!

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Tickets are below.

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Tickets can be mailed with the payment or dropped off to Sharon Tully at the school office at 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA 01844.

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Saturday, April 17

4:00pm Daniel Dirsa

Sunday, April 18

9:00am Multiple Intention

Don Lavigne Yvette Moran Barbara Lamarca Jose & Eulalia Aguiar

11:00am Charles Booth, Jr.

Saturday, April 24

4:00pm Robert McCarthy & Family

Sunday, April 25

9:00am Multiple Intention

Phillip & Jeanette Hamel

Nancy Tardif

Veronique Esperance

Marguerite & Thomas Petrillo

11:00am Joan Bryant

Rose Drelick Paula DiMario

Tuesday, April 20

Saturday, April 17

Sunday, April 18

Monday, April 19

4:00pm

10:00am

9:00am

9:00am Manny Gianni & Christine Gianni

Multiple Intentions

Living Intentions

Gabriella Jackson

Jose Melo

ST. LUCY PARISH

Bertrand LeBlanc & Real Taschereau

Eldridge

Thursday, April 22 9:00am Ida Lazzara

Friday, April 23

9:00am Dick Doherty

Saturday, April 24

4:00pm Monaco Giulia & Family, Salvatore

Santantonio

Sunday, April 25

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Laura Miele York Joseph Norton

Volunteers needed for our new Baptism ministry

While we've been in lockdown, we have not been idle. We have spent a

year developing a new formation and outreach program for the Sacrament of Baptism! We're looking for Mature and Newly Married Couples who are strong in their faith to provide witness talks, friendship, and mentoring in the faith for parents who come to our parishes for baptism and a community of faith to raise their families. This outreach will require prayerful reliance on God, some public speaking, and a desire to share the faith with others. Most of the time dedicated to this ministry will take place on evenings and weekends. Please prayerfully consider joining this effort, and reach out to Karl at (978) 683-1193.

Medjugorje Trip

Our Medjugorje Trip scheduled for May 2021 has been rescheduled for October 15th to the 23rd, 2021. All accommodations are the same. For additional information, please contact the trip coordinator Claude Langlois at (978) 682-6012 or by email at boxcar407@verizon.net



Our parish priests and deacons are now able to resume Communion Outreach to the homebound. At the same time, we continue to train lay people to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to their homebound family

members (so long as they are part of the same "household bubble.")

If you would like to receive this training to be sent from our Masses to distribute communion to homebound members of your family or would like to have our priests or deacons bring communion to someone, please contact Karl at the office (978) 683-1193 or through our website methuencatholic.org.



SUNDAY SUNDAY MASS

9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH 10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

FRIDAY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 2:00 - 5:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL CONFESSIONS 4:00 - 5:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

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Roses for Life for this week Theresa A. Rickley Altar Bread for the month of April St. Monica - Richard Curtis

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Marco Bezeredy, Josephine Cuttsinger, Roger and Carol Branchaud, Sharon Davis, Paige Anne Delmonte, Sarah Collins, and Sarah Wilkens.

Please pray for Frank J. Coco whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests, seminarians, and vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

| Day | Date | Priest | Seminarian |
|-------|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Sun | 04/18 | Fr. Paul Wargovich | Gerson Garcia |
| Mon | 04/19 | Fr. Pablo Gomis | Aaron Arbizo |
| Tue | 04/20 | Fr. Kevin Leaver | Patrick O'Connor |
| Wed | 04/21 | Fr. Godfrey Musabe | Nathaniel Sanders |
| Thurs | 04/22 | Fr. Joseph Almeida | Nicholas Stano |
| Fri | 04/23 | Fr. Maciej Araszkiewicz | Dcn. Fernando Ayala |
| Sat | 04/24 | Fr. Garcia Breneville | Dcn. David Campo |



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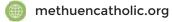
We are in need of canned baked beans, cereal, and peanut butter.

We have placed food collection baskets in both churches. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but please do not leave food donations at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

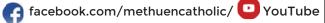








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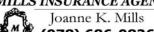
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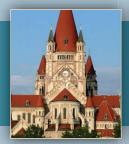
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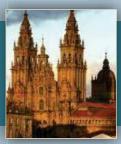
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