



FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MONICA PARISH

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ST. LUCY PARISH

254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 7:30am - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel | **Typically 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month** 6 - 7 pm St. Lucy Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel | **Saturdays** 3:00 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
Typically 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 6 - 7 pm St. Lucy Church *and any time by appointment*

Introduction to Peter Kreeft and his many writings and talks

Peter Kreeft is a convert to Catholicism and a professor at Boston College. With Lent just around the corner, this one hour meeting will give you many options for spiritual reading during Lent. Open to all on Saturday, February 23 after the 8am mass in the St. Monica house. Coffee and banana bread will be provided. Contact Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com for more information.

ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



are hosting a Free Movie Night! Come see "Smallfoot".

Hotdogs and popcorn will be served. Bring your favorite blanket and PJ's. Saturday, February 23, 2019 after the 4:00 PM Mass in the school hall.



The Jr. Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) recently worked with the Sr. Court to make 11 blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit organization that makes blankets to donate to local children who are undergoing illness, crisis or other needs. A fun time was had by all and the girls were proud to volunteer their time and creativity for such important work.

Trip to Medjugorje with Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio as Spiritual Director - May 21 - 29, 2019 ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

Five star accommodations, 2 meals a day, motor coach transportation while in Medjugorje, professional guide every day, and visit with visionary. For more information or to register, please contact Claude Langlois at (978) 682 - 6012. In celebrating the Month of Mary, be with us in Medjugorje.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

- **Faith Formation at St. Monica**
- **Men's Guild Meeting** 9:00 am St. Lucy Church
- **RCIA** 11:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Adult Faith Formation** 12:30 - 1:30 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

MONDAY, FEB. 18

- **Parish Offices Closed - President's Day**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10:00am St. Lucy School House
- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

- **Adoration and Confessions** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Echo Course Part 1, The Creed** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30-8:30pm St. Monica Church
- **Collaborative Parish Council** 7:00 pm St. Lucy School House

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

- **Adoration** 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **AA Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

- **Faith and Fitness** 8 - 9 am St. Lucy School House
- **Course: Introduction to Peter Kreeft and his many writings and talks** after the 8 am Mass St. Monica House
- **Knights of Columbus Movie Night (Smallfoot)** after the 4:00 PM Mass St. Monica School Hall
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 24

- **Catholic Lending Library (free lending of books/DVDs)** after the 9:30 Mass St. Monica Church
- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy**
- **RCIA** 11:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Adult Faith Formation** 12:30 - 1:30 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:00pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
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A statement from Cardinal Seán on recent pro-abortion legislative initiatives:

"I was very disappointed to read the opinion piece by Governor Cuomo of New York published in Wednesday's (Feb. 6) New York Times regarding the law recently enacted in that state. I have penned a few thoughts on the issue, which I would like to share with you here:

This week, the New York Times published an editorial by the Governor of New York who makes the outrageous claim that pro-life Catholics are trying to impose our religion on the country. Opposition to abortion is not a "Catholic issue." We have no right to make Friday abstinence or the reception of Ashes on Ash Wednesday a legal obligation for all citizens. Abortion, like racism, anti-Semitism, and human trafficking are violations of human rights. Innocent human life should be protected by civil laws.

Dr. Martin Luther King was certainly motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but he never saw racism as a "Baptist issue." And people have not claimed that he was trying to impose the Baptist religion on the country. By the same token, pro-life Catholics can be deeply motivated by our desire to be faithful members of the Church, but we do see abortion as a "Catholic issue." It is a matter of defending innocent human life, and that is the obligation of all governments and all people whatever their religious affiliation might be or not be.

The move afoot to allow young girls to have an abortion without parental consent and justifying late-term abortion is tragic.

The eroding of the sacredness of human life is a slippery slope that begins with abortion, moves to euthanasia and then the elimination of the weak, feeble, and the "undesirable" whose lives are not as important and are inconvenient. Cheapening human life is to devalue all life. When the abortion debate began, the pro-abortion advocates said it was impossible to know when human life begins. That has become a moot question. While science makes viability possible sooner and sooner in the pregnancy, abortion advocates want to keep moving the goalpost in the other direction. It no longer matters when human life begins.

The Pro-Life movement is the largest grassroots human rights movement in the U.S. We must also continue to expand our effort to help women to be able to choose life in the midst of economic and social pressures to take the life of their child. Indeed, I wish to be clear that I recognize the difficult situations women often face in pregnancy. To stand for unborn life morally is not to stand against women in these tragic circumstances. Both the woman and the child deserve our support.

Being at the March for Life is so reassuring. Young people, often the least religious segment of the population, are nevertheless the more pro-life generation. Despite the ugliness of the present effort of some to promote abortion, hope for the future is bright because more and more young people realize that abortion is not a religious issue. It is a matter of public morality and the defense of human rights. The day is coming when the abortion movement will find itself on the wrong side of history as the new generation embraces the protection of life."

MEN'S LENTEN GROUP

Grow in your faith this Lent. St. Monica's Knights of Columbus and St. Lucy's Men's Guild are sponsoring a Men's Spirituality Group. The group will meet from 8:00-9:00am on Saturdays during Lent in St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall.

March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd, March 30th, and April 6th

We will be going through Dr. Edward Sri's *No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion*. If you would like to register or learn more please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683-1193 ext 35 or email him at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com. You could also speak with Bill Bernard of the Knights or Larry Giordano of the Men's Guild.

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

WE CAN USE... spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, Hamburger Helper, mashed potatoes, rice sides, boxed spaghetti, and canned fruits. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

**Saturday, February 16**

8:00 am Living Mass
 Terry Carter
 Lisa Cascone McDevitt
 In thanksgiving to St. Anthony
 for favors received
 For the dying lonely
 Principal, teachers, and staff
 of St. Monica School
4:00 pm Myrna G. Nolan

Sunday, February 17

7:30 am Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne
9:30 am Family Mass
 Carmina Coletta
 Eulalia Aguiar
 Daniel Melia
 Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro
 Roger Bergeron
11:30 am Scott Latulippe,
 Joseph Belluardo,
 and Kayla Bertolami

Thursday, February 21

7:00 am Vincenzo Lazzara

Friday, February 22

7:00 am William and Margaret Collins

Saturday, February 23

8:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
 Joseph O'Neil
 Mary Klufts
 Margaret Kennedy
4:00 pm People of St. Lucy and
 St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, February 24

7:30 am Deceased members of the
 Lavigne and Gray Families
9:30 am Kirk Walsh
 Nancy Tardif
 Cynthia Ness
 Mary Fairbanks
 Jeanne Brown
 Ken Cavallaro
 Louise Anne Roy
11:30 am Stephen Bellingreri

OFFERTORY

Offertory last weekend, 2/10/19:
 \$13,471

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

Please remember to send in your Grand Annual envelopes.
 Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

Grand Annual to date

**ROSES FOR LIFE**

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Michael & Linda Giarusso
Helen Giarrusso
Theresa A. Rickley
William F. Mullaney
Mary Theresa Mullaney
Louise Fusco

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.

Observances for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Presidents' Day
 Thursday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Friday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 Saturday: St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
 Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
 and when they exclude and insult you,
 and denounce your name as evil
 on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

**Saturday, February 16**

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

Sunday, February 17

9:00 am Joseph S. Augeri
11:00 am Edwiga Rovinski
Anthony and Lucille Bonanno
Angelina Maglia
Douglas H. Knapp
Contettina and Alfio Privitera
Francis Morel
Salvatore and Maria Campailla

Monday, February 18

8:00 am Manny Gianni and
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, February 19

8:00 am Peter and Lucy Maciariello

Wednesday, February 20

8:00 am Carole Charles

Saturday, February 23

4:00 pm Antonio and Maria Fiasconaro

Sunday, February 24

9:00 am **Family Mass**
Janine Lebel
11:00 am Dominick "Rex" Campone
Tommy Campone
George DiRuzza
Sylvia Lebel
Marjorie Groleau
Helen Koczat

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Thank you from the Lazarus House and the BVM Sodality for your generous donation to our Blanket and Sock Drive. The need is great and our appreciation even greater.

ST. LUCY'S MEN'S GUILD**Next meeting: This Sunday, February 17**

Members are invited to gather for the 9:00 am Mass.

The meeting will be immediately following in the lower church hall.

Guest Speaker is a Representative of the Daybreak Shelter

All men of our parish are welcome and invited to learn more about our mission & to offer any new ideas for the year.

Many new and exciting projects to support our parish are being planned.

Refreshments will be served.

Any questions – Call 978-360-9256

Bring a friend!

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6
[40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

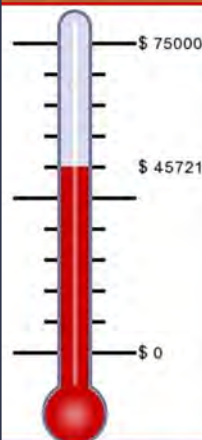
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**Offertory last weekend,
2/10/19: \$6,772**

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Lectio: Peter

Episode 5: Peter and the Keys

Did Jesus Establish the Papacy?

What are the "keys of the kingdom" and why are they so important to understanding Peter and his successors' role in the Church?



"Eye opening! Great study on Peter and the keys to the Kingdom."

—Bernadette P., Lantana, FL

Watch on formed.org

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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Choir Director/Lead Cantor - St. Lucy
Facilities Manager (St. Lucy) & RCIA Coordinator



BAPTISMS: Please call the parish office.

St. Monica Parish: 1st Sunday of the month 1:00pm

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

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m.

Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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Administrative Assistant

Have you been called? How do you know? These were questions all students asked themselves today. We were blessed to have Sr. Irene Laurence, Sr. Irene Martineau, Sr. Judy Curley, Sr. Julie Franchi, Fr. Joe, Sr. Barbara, Fr. Dan Hennessey, and Fr. Colarusso lead us in prayer and interactive discussion. We thank them all for their time and service to the Lord always!



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