



March 18, 2018

5th

SUNDAY OF LENT

"And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12: 32

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ST. LUCY PARISH

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

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Holy Week and Easter 2018

ST. LUCY PARISH

Palm Sunday, March 25

Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Monday, March 26 – Wednesday, March 28

Daily Mass at 8:00 am

The Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 29 – No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Adoration follows until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, March 30 – No Morning Mass

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm

Solemn Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31

(No Morning Mass and no 4:00 pm Mass)

Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Confessions during Holy Week

Wednesday, March 28: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 29: following the 7pm Mass

Friday, March 30: 6:00 – 6:45 pm

Saturday, March 31: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

ST. MONICA PARISH

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Saturday, March 31: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie: The Jeweller's Shop

Come join a small group to watch the movie, The Jeweller's Shop, in the sunroom of the St. Monica Parish rectory after the 8am mass on Saturday, March 24. Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. Run Time: 1 hr. 31 mins. Contact: Bonnie Doherty, 978 -270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. Space is limited to 20.

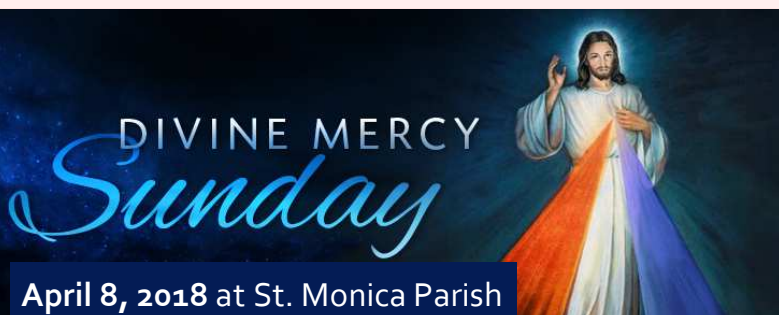
ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA



Tuesday March 27, 2018
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend **Kathy Shea** who has been

invited to offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend! All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please invite a friend to join you!



Beginning at 2:15 to include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions, and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy. The Novena of the Chaplet begins on Good Friday. Novena pamphlets will be available in St. Lucy and St. Monica Churches.

Join us for **Faith and Fitness** every Saturday at 7:30am in the St. Lucy School House.

Group Calendars for 2018/2019

In order to plan for the upcoming fall, winter, and spring seasons, we are requesting that all groups or individuals who will be using either the St. Monica or St. Lucy campuses to make a listing of the date and place they would like to use from September 2018 through June 2019. Please either drop off, mail or email (methuencatholicnews@gmail.com) the calendar dates and location wanted to Isabela Peixoto in the Parish Offices by **May 1, 2018**. The calendars will be reviewed and there will be a meeting later in the month to reconcile any conflicts with the dates or locations.

Church Safety Training

Provided by the Methuen Police

Mon., March 19, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 PM
St. Monica Church

Sat., March 24, 2018
9:00 - 11:00 AM
St. Lucy Church



We encourage all members of the following ministries to attend and welcome all parishioners as well.

Lectors, Ushers, Religious Ed. Teachers, Choir Members, Eucharistic Ministers, St. Monica Knights of Columbus, St. Lucy Men's Guild, St. Lucy BVM Sodality, and parish and school staff.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land is, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

Commission to Assist Our Brothers and Sisters in Need

Join our group and help us give back to our community.

We've helped people at the Day Break Shelter in Lawrence, Haven of Hope in Methuen and done prayer and lunch with the elderly at Cedars Home, Mystic Street, and Nevins Complex all in Methuen.

We meet once a month. For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

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 28th, 2018! Send your name to Mark Forrester at youth.stlm@gmail.com.

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STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS

This Friday, March 23

St. Monica Church: 7:00 p.m.

St. Lucy Church: 5:30 p.m.
followed by soup or pizza

Methuen Sons of Italy Annual Children's Easter Breakfast

Saturday, March 24, 2018 | 9:30 to 11:30AM

To ensure your child gets an Easter Basket please RSVP by March 19th to brendabuonanno@gmail.com or karenbuonanno@gmail.com. Children 12 under: \$5, Adults :\$8. Members & guests are welcome.

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Face Painting, Fun Easter Crafts, and a Special Appearance From The Easter Bunny!

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

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

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Catholic Answers: Ready Reasons *Is the Holy Spirit the Same as the Force?*

Learn Your Faith in 3 Minutes or Less!

Hear expert apologists from Catholic Answers respond to popular objections with short, easy-to-understand teachings. In this Ready Reasons, Karlo Broussard considers our faith in light of themes from the Star Wars movies to show that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, not an impersonal force.

Watch on formed.org



"Way to go Karlo...
Loved the answer!
Keep up the good
work."

—Rick C., Guthrie, OK



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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 no matter where they live.**

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ST. MONICA PARISH

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17

8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
Helen Gibadlo
Michael P. Tinney
Thomas Bistany
Paul McGuire
Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm

Sunday, March 18

7:30 am

Mary and Alfio (Fred) Coco and
Agnes Arcand

9:30 am

Jesse Murray
Colleen Carney
Donald M. Cronin
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
Antonio Amaral & Maria Amaral
Angelina Cuginotta
Louise Anne Roy
Ida Manning

11:30 am

Thursday, March 22

7:00 am

Kylie Begin (Living)

Friday, March 23

7:00 am

Connie Fondini

Saturday, March 24

8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)

Helen Gibadlo
Walter Stolarz

4:00 pm

Sunday, March 25

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am

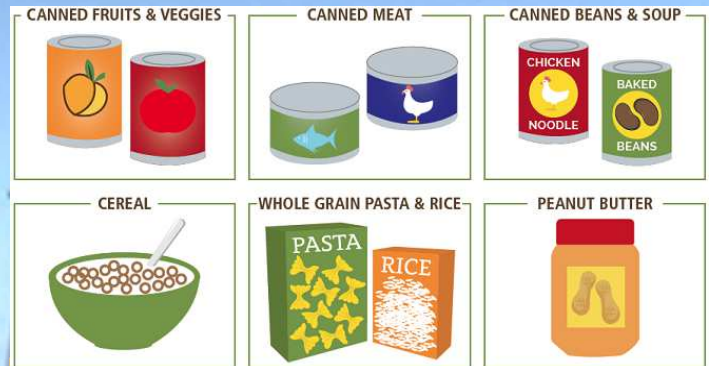
Nancy Tardif
Lucille Maier
Christopher J. Burns and
Maureen Burns-Tulley
Al Habib

11:30 am

Maurice, Helen, and
Maurice Jr. Lariviere

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Eugene Cusack
Cecile and Peter Checovich
Carol Cogliano
Theresa A. Rickley
Michael and Linda Giarrusso



This Sunday, 3/18 after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses, St. Monica School Students will be collecting food that will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

As a school, the children in preschool through grade 8 also collected food for this drive.

We thank you in advance for assisting us in being able to donate even more!

OFFERTORY

March 11, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$11,292.00

Easter Flowers: \$2,814.50

There are two collections this weekend:

Our regular Sunday offering and a second collection for our religious ed. and youth program.

There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

There is one collection on Good Friday, March 30, for the Holy Land.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on March 30, Good Friday.

ST. MONICA PARISH



Prayer and Study "Under Our Lady's Mantle"

Join us on Wednesday mornings in the St. Monica House at 10:15 for coffee or tea. Promptly at 10:30 am we will say the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will then commence with either a Catholic DVD presentation or a chosen

Catholic book for reading and discussion over the following weeks. Contact: Marion Maricic (978) 609 - 1773



Next Sunday, March 25, the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs in the back of the church after the 9:30 Mass. Borrowed books/DVDs may be returned at that time or in the return box also located in the back of the church.

Join us for Tea & Treasure every 3rd Monday of the month at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House.

Next meeting: Monday, March 19

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



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.

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Bella Eileen Burgos
Lilyanna Marie Doherty
Emersyn Isabelle Lamirande
Josslyn Elise Lamirande
Scarlett Jean Dorothy Rose



Immerse them in the waters of your life and love. Seal them with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate their path with the light of your hope. Clothe them with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL



St. Monica School's Preschool and Kindergarten teachers attended one of the top preschool/early childhood conferences that is offered in our area., the New England Conference for PreK -2 Teachers, on March 12th and 13th in Manchester, NH. Here they are pictured with Dr. Jean Feldman, who is famous at St. Monica School for a song called "Tooty Ta", which she sings and that the kindergarten teachers always use at their graduation ceremony.

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17

4:00 pm Lino Brosco

Sunday, March 18

9:00 am Deceased members of the Sodality

11:00 am Joe Petralia

Angelo Cutuli

Giuseppe Currao

Infant Evan Thomas Pollard

Kimberly Ann Kasperowitz

Angelina Maglia

Monday, March 19

8:00 am Manny Gianni

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 am

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 am

Saturday, March 24

4:00 pm Lucy Giarrusso

Sunday, March 25

9:00 am Salvatore Calvagno

11:00 am Pasquale Petralia

Patrick Cannon

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

OFFERTORY

March 11, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,600.00

Easter Flowers: \$2,358.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. There is one collection on Good Friday, March 30, for the Holy Land. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

Save the Date!

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

St. Lucy Parish

Saturday, October 20, 2018

5:30 PM Social Hour | 6:30 PM Dinner

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

Full Course Family Style Dinner

Donation: \$50 | Music and Dancing to follow

The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years. Please call (978) 771 - 2150

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Our next Sodality meeting is this **Sunday, March 18th**, after the **9:00 Mass** and the praying of the Rosary.

We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

MEN'S GUILD

We will be attending the 8:00 AM Mass on **Monday, March 19** to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of our guild. Please join us after mass for refreshments in the church hall.

ST. LUCY PARISH BVM SODALITY FUNDRAISER



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Come in and support St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality in their fundraising efforts.

- March 20 and 27
- Covers Lunch, Dinner or Take out
- Just mention St. Lucy BVM Sodality Fundraiser to your server, or show the bulletin.
- Not Your Average Joe's will donate 15% of your bills' total for both the dine-in or take out to St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality

Join us for a FREE Ice Cream Sundae



Location: Church Hall
(Downstairs)

Come on downstairs after the Easter Vigil for a FREE Ice Cream Sundae. What a great way to Celebrate the Beginning of Easter.



Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by St. Lucy's Men's Guild

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event that draws all of creation toward God. When we take part in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, traditionally we say, "Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." That means more than just the people of this world; it means all of creation.

As good stewards, we are called to attest to the glory of God in all he has created. Everywhere we look we can see evidence of his handiwork and have the opportunity to reflect on how he has created the world for our benefit. Seeing all of creation as redeemed because of the dying and rising of Christ helps us with this reflection. Truly, all things are made new.

With only two weeks left in Lent, we still have a chance to echo the words of this Sunday's psalm, "Create a clean heart in me, O God." Perhaps we are unable to see the glory of God in creation because of our own sin. We need to repent and return to God, and then we can see with new eyes. Make this Easter a time for real, meaningful celebration as all of creation sings to the Lord.

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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

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



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Father Richard "Dick" DeVeer grew up in loving family that instilled the foundational values of his ministry: respect and joy.

For more than five decades, Father DeVeer embraced the priest's role to carry Christ into people's hearts. He galvanized teens to march with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Boston. As a fire chaplain, he answered the call to serve at Ground Zero after 9/11. Recognizing the needs of the most vulnerable in Haiti, he and his parishioners created the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation to provide critical healthcare to the "poorest of the poor."

Today, Father DeVeer is very active and remains close to the families from his previous parishes. These pivotal moments and lasting friendships demonstrate how priests like Father DeVeer stand by us when we need them most.

To help ensure that they receive necessary care and support as they live out their vocation, please give to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust through the special Easter collection.



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