

# ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH

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

November 4, 2018



## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

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When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab



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.

### Thursday Adoration and Confessions at St. Lucy Parish. Schedule for November

Thursdays Nov. 8 and 15 6 - 7 pm in the church

### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy



Ashley Bolis, a resident of the Merrimack Valley and a Corpus Christi parishioner is continuing a project which she started as a student at St. Monica School.

There will be boxes at the main entrance of both churches until **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** where you may drop off **new** hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks (for babies, children, and adults).



These articles will be distributed to the needy during the winter months. Any help you can give Ashley with her project will be greatly appreciated.



Please pray for **Roberta Young, Blanche Bisson,** and **Jerome Zinsen** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

### RCIA



It's not too late for those interested to sign up. Classes meet every other Sunday at 11:00 am in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse.

RCIA is a program for adults desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. The classes are also open to anyone who has received the Sacraments but is looking to refresh their understanding of the Faith.

For more information, please contact Kevin Fitzgerald at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**Last week we had oil delivered to a single senior citizen.**

**Her tank had been empty since the spring.**

### YES I CAN PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... Small jars of peanut butter and jelly, baked beans, spaghetti and meatballs, and canned fruit. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*





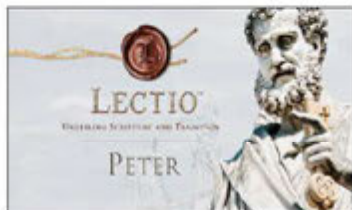
## FORMED PICK

## Lectio: Peter

Episode 9: Peter Bar Jonah

## To What Kind of Love Are You Called?

Crossing traditional lines that separate people and cultures, Dr. Tim Gray shows how Peter points the Church to an all-encompassing love. Discover how the New Covenant embraces all people.

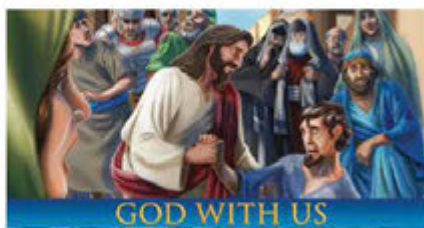


"Watching this was time well spent and it deepened my understanding and appreciation for God's word."

—Monica F., Sidney, NE

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)

## FORMED KIDS' KORNER



## God with Us

This 90-minute video is the dramatic retelling of the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of the last surviving apostle, John.

## More Kids' Content



## BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK

RALPH MARTIN



## THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL DESIRE

A Guidebook for the Journey to God  
Based on the Wisdom of the Saints

What the spiritual journey is all about is growing in love, fulfilling the great commandment to love God and our neighbor completely. The New Testament, speaking to already committed Christians, frequently encourages continued growth in that holiness that is love. - Ralph Martin, pg 251, Ch11, an excerpt from

The Fulfillment of All Desire (Publisher: Emmaus Road Publishing, Steubenville, OH)

This book can be purchased at <https://smile.amazon.com>. If you purchase the book from this link and choose St. Monica School as the organization to support, 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.

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**Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.**

## Italy Pilgrimage

Including The Passion Play of Oberammergau  
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Ms. Patricia Buckjune - Group Leader at  
(978) 433 - 7897

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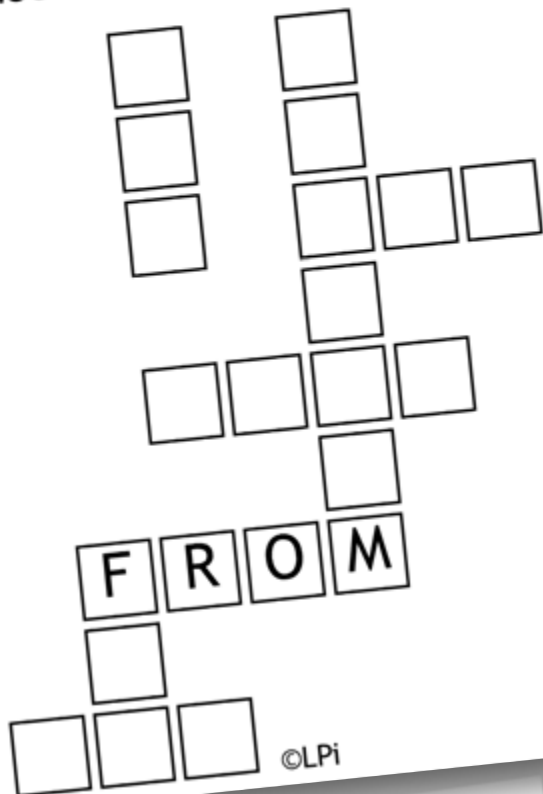
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## Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom



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### Sharing the Gospel

When you are merciful, you are kind and forgiving. Your actions teach others how to love God and each other. You visit the sick. You comfort those who are crying. You pray for those who are in jail. You share money, food, water, shelter, and clothing with those who need it. You forgive the people who hurt you. When you are kind and forgiving to other people, they will also be kind and forgiving to you.

### Prayer

Lord, I want to be kind and forgiving.

### Mission for the Week

I will send a card to cheer up someone who needs it.



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**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, November 3 - First Saturday**

- 8:00 am** Deacon Bob Mulligan  
John Hartnett  
Thomas Pappalardo  
Howard Hart  
Terry Carter (Living)
- 4:00 pm** Michael and Laura Cote

**Sunday, November 4**

- 7:30 am** Elizabeth and John Buonanno and Modeste (Mody) and Michael Ryan
- 9:30 am Family Mass (multiple intentions)**  
Daniel Kellerer  
Eulalia Aguiar and Josef Aguiar  
Virginia and Andrew Sullivan  
William, Phillip, and Johanna Muhilly  
John Hartnett  
Virginia Jackson  
Michaud, Ragonese, & DiBartolo Families  
Michael and Laura Cote  
Louise Anne and Mathieu Roy  
Tania Costa
- 11:30 am** Blasco Scrofano and Sal Scrofano

**Thursday, November 8**

- 7:00 am** George O. Ferguson

**Friday, November 9**

- 7:00 am** Christine Ferguson

**Saturday, November 10**

- 8:00 am**
- 4:00 pm** Joseph Indoccio

**Sunday, November 11**

- 7:30 am** Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
- 9:30 am (multiple intentions)**  
Deceased members of the St. Monica Knights of Columbus  
Virginia and Andrew Sullivan  
Michael and Laura Cote  
Marcelle and Jean Pelletier  
William P. McGurn
- 11:30 am** James Archambeau

**ROSES FOR LIFE**

**Roses for Life** have been donated in loving memory of

**Theresa A. Rickley**  
**Michael & Linda Giarusso**

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.

**Offertory October 28, 2018:**

*Regular Sunday Offering:* \$ 9,810.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend. *Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.*

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

**Thursday, November 8**

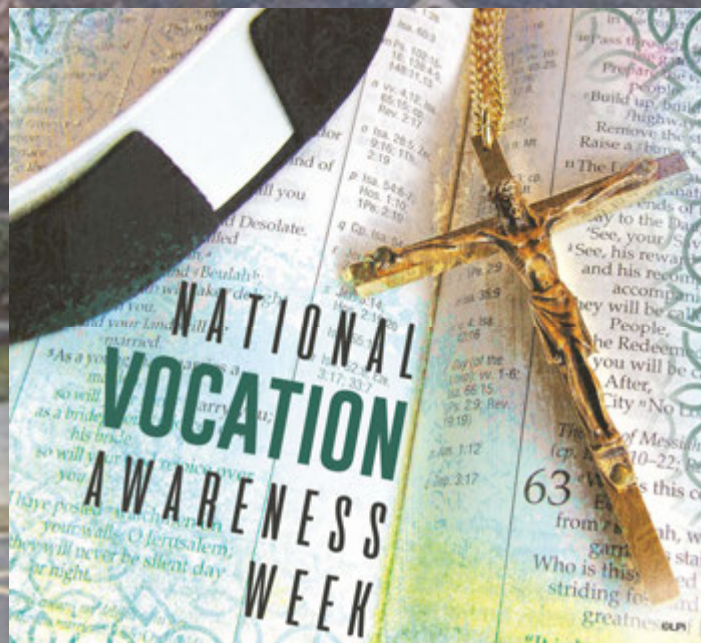
For more information, please call  
Millie Stumpo at (978) 686 - 0339

**Monday, November 19**

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of  
**November** is given in loving memory  
**Amelia and Fred Vogler.**

*For a donation of \$15, we will place the Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 3 - First Saturday****4:00 pm** Michelangelo Iuvara**Sunday, November 4****9:00 am** Parishioners of St. Lucy and  
St. Monica Parishes**11:00 am** Patricia Jankowski  
Marguerite Mullin**Monday, November 5****8:00 am** John Mugavero**Tuesday, November 6****8:00 am** In Honor of St. Anthony & St. Joseph**Wednesday, November 7****8:00 am** Yvonne Soucy**Saturday, November 10****4:00 pm** Anthony Carsanaro**Sunday, November 11****9:00 am Family Mass**Sid and Nancy DeMarco  
Grace and Roger Barbin  
Marie Querol**11:00 am** Walter Cheltowski  
Anthony and John Fiato  
Michael Sign  
Charles Pattavina  
Nancy DiSalvo

## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Our next Sodality Meeting is this Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 am Mass and the praying of the rosary. We will discuss the results of our craft fair on October 27.

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

**Parents or Grandparents:**

Would you like to see your child or grandchild help serve at the Altar? We are currently offering training classes for any child that wants to become an Altar Server. Classes will begin shortly and are held at the church, after school hours. Classes are once a week and run 3 to 4 weeks. Please complete the form below and drop it into the collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office, or return it to your child's religious ed. teacher.

**Contact Information:**

Guardian's or Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's or Parent's phone or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of the week that is best for you to bring your child to the training classes: \_\_\_\_\_

**High Altar (Tabernacle)**

We have purchased six candle sticks to be placed on the High Altar (Tabernacle) in the church. A pair of 6", a pair of 9", and a pair of 12" candles. Please contact our Parish Office if you would like to donate to the parish by purchasing one of the candles in memory of a loved one. **We have one 6" and two 9" candles available.** 6": \$600, 9": \$700

Thank you to the families of **Michael L. Glynn, Ruth Raterman Westerfield, and Margaret Fiocca Fitzpatrick** for your generous donation to our parish.

**Offertory October 28, 2018:**

Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 4,796.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

**ADVENT TREE OF LIGHT**

Once again St. Lucy's Parish will partner with Lazarus House in assisting families over the Christmas Holiday. The Advent Tree of Light will be located at the main entrance to the Church from November 20 to December 8. Tags will be placed on the tree for specific requests. If you are able, please make another family's Christmas brighter by taking a tag and purchasing the item requested.

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS**

**Place the gift in a GIFT BAG and place the tag on the outside of the bag.** Leave the gift bags in the **rear of the Church**. **All gifts must be returned by December 11.**

Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683-5159 or 508 783 1544 with any questions.





A sincere thank you to all of those who generously supported our Walk for Education! We also thank all those who volunteered to organize and support this event.



**All veterans are invited to Saint Monica School Veteran's Day Program in the school hall on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Light refreshments will be served. Hoping to see you there.**





### Calling all Alumni!

Join us for an evening of nostalgia and reminiscing of the good old days!

**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

St. Monica School Alumni are invited to visit the school, walk through the hallways and visit their former classrooms. Come see what is going on for our next generation of saints and scholars.

Bring your family, show your children where you grew up!

Light refreshments will be served.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

~ Principal Donna Santacroce Henderson '86

To RSVP or for more information please call 978-686-1801

To join our growing database of alumni please email [development@methuencatholic.org](mailto:development@methuencatholic.org).

### Saint Monica School invites you to a



Join us November 17<sup>th</sup> in the school hall  
4:00-6:00 PM

*\$6.00 Adults      \$4.00 Children  
(2 and under are free)*



Parishioners can purchase tickets at the door!  
School families can reserve their tickets by completing the form below and returning it to school with payment.  
This event is the culmination of our Christmas Fair.  
Raffles will start being drawn at 5:30.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult tickets X \$6.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Children Tickets X \$4.00

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Check can be made payable to St. Monica School.





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**St. Lucy Parish:** 254 Merrimack Street  
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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. 9

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**Administrative Assistant**

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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

### 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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### St. Monica Parish

Friday 4:30-5:30 pm and Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

### St. Lucy Parish

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

*and any time by appointment*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Fridays:* 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month:* 6:00 - 7:00 pm

St. Lucy Church

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366  
If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

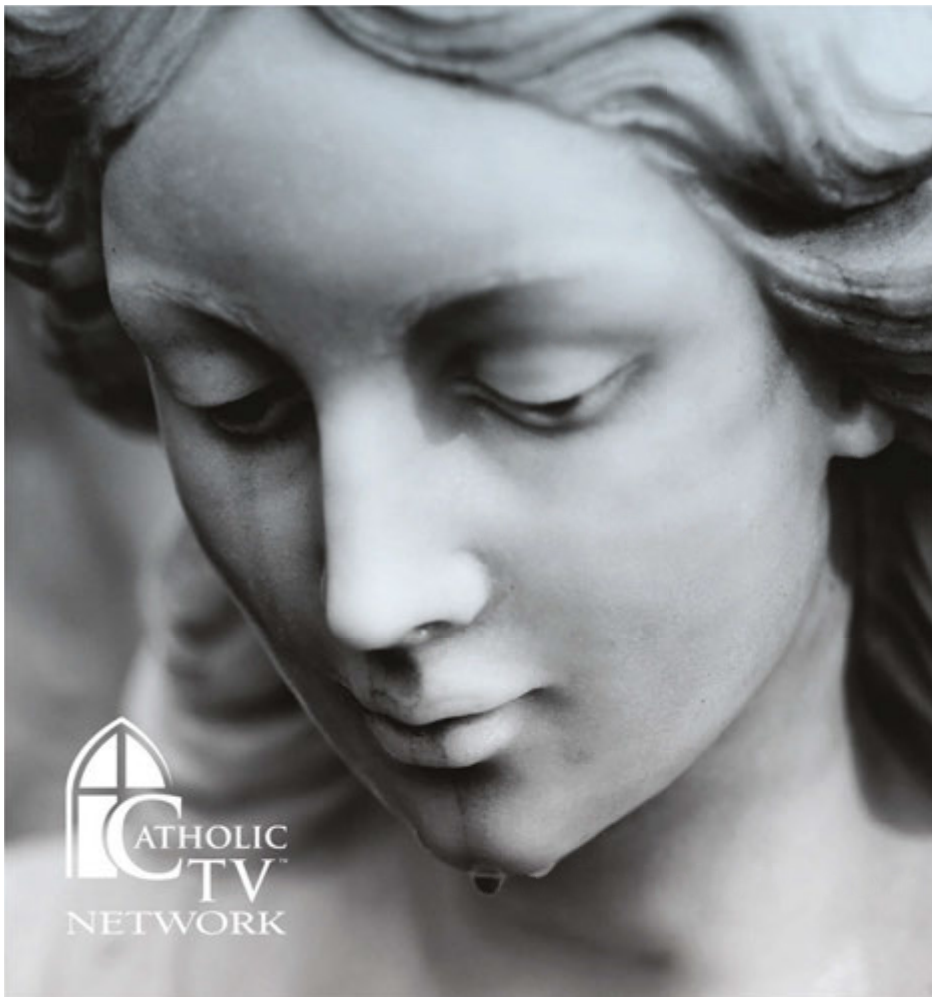
## BAPTISMS.

 Please call the parish office.

St. Monica's Parish: 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm



## *Novena of Penance and Prayer*

Please join CatholicTV  
in praying a Novena of  
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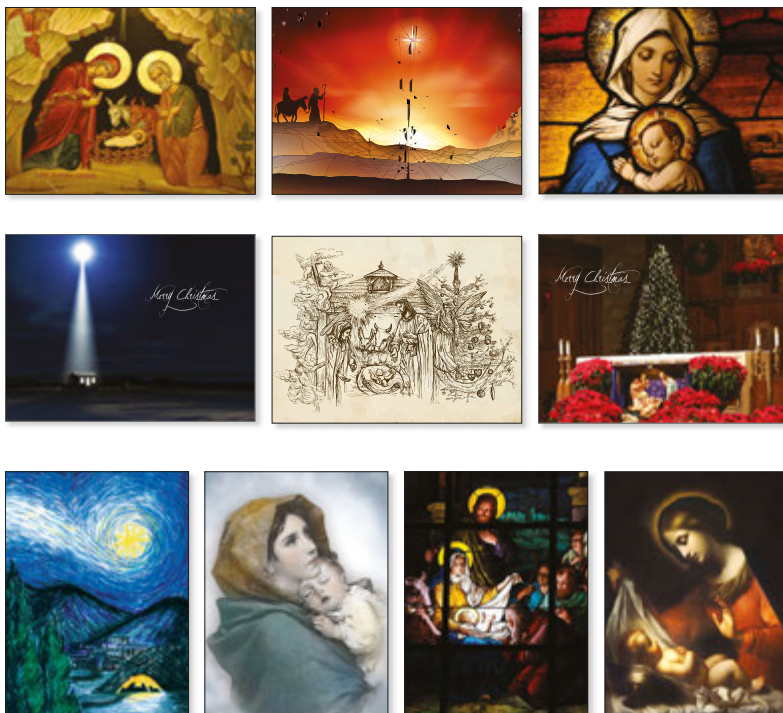
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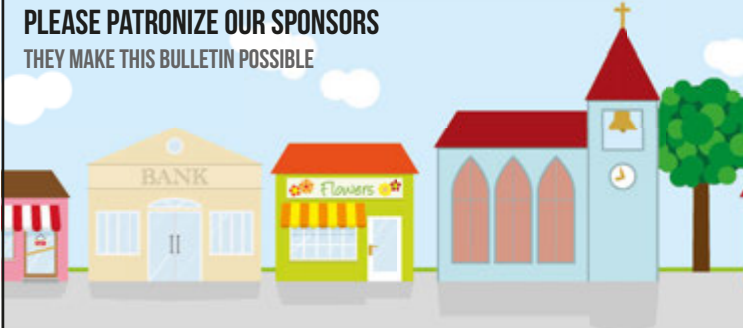
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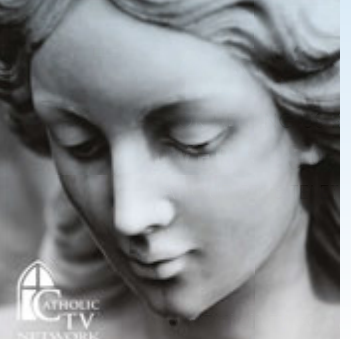
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