

January 14, 2018


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Alpha

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Name: _____

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Please place in the Alpha R.S.V.P boxes located in the churches.

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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: 8:00am/9:30am/11:30am

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: 7:30am/9:30am/11:30am/5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

St. Lucy Parish

Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

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.

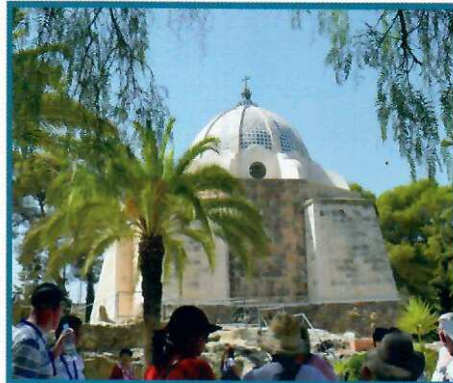
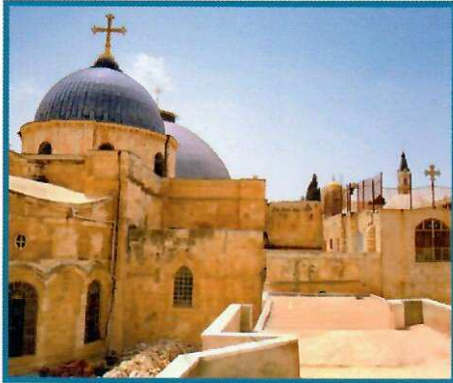
St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

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

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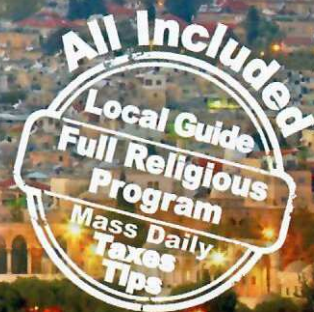
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Holy Hour for Life With Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Place:
St. Monica Church

Date: Friday,
January 19, 2018

Time: 7 p.m.

Presiders: Deacons John
Kobrenski and John
Pierce

A *Holy Hour for Life* will be held as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. This Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for safe travel and a successful pilgrimage to Washington DC for all those attending the annual March for Life on January 19th.

We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

The Holy Hour for Life is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us, all are welcome.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

The Tuesday and Friday Confessions have returned. Come and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Monica Parish

Fridays 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturdays 3:00-3:45 pm

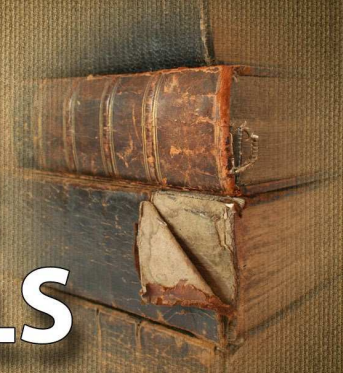
St. Lucy Parish

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturdays 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

THE FOUR GOSPELS



"Introduction to the Four Gospels"

Scripture Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse and will continue each Tuesday morning through Feb. 27th.

Each Gospel will be studied by focusing on its author, its sources and influences, the audience for which it was intended, and some ideas regarding its date and special characteristics.

Some time will be spent looking at some comparisons and contrasts among the Gospels.

A period of *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading) will be a prayerful part of each session.

Bibles will be available for you to borrow. If Methuen schools cancel, class will be canceled.

To register please call Rachel Voiland at
978-683-8138 or email

rachelvoiland@comcast.net.

Snow Storms

Please remember that on weekdays there is no Mass on days when school is cancelled or if there is a delay. On days when Mass and school are cancelled the Parish offices will also be closed. On days school is not scheduled, we will not have Mass if the forecast is for 3 or more inches of snow in the hours leading up to the Mass. Masses for Sunday are nearly always held and are cancelled only if there is a major state of emergency. If you have scheduled a Mass intention and the Mass is cancelled, please call us to reschedule. We will be happy to reschedule it for you.

ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA



Tuesday January 23, 2018
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speakers this month are our dear friends **Eileen & Nat Mugarvero** who have 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 friends!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

OFFERTORY

ST. LUCY PARISH

January 7, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,540.00

Grand Annual: \$49,334.00 (total to date)

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Next weekend, we have two collections, our regular Sunday offering and the Special Collection Sunday offering.

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

ST. MONICA PARISH

January 7, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$14,144.00

Grand Annual: \$56,928.00 (total to date)

There is only one collection this weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Next weekend, we have two collections, our regular Sunday offering and the Special Collection Sunday offering.

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

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

WE CAN USE... canned spaghetti, tomato sauce, and soups. **Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.**

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**2nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

Please pray for Fr. Thomas Gignac's mother **Shirley (Laughy) Gignac** who passed away on December 3rd in Williamsburg, VA. Condolences can be sent to Fr. Gignac at Holy Family Parish 601 Tremont St., Duxbury, MA 02332.

LOOKING TO SERVE?

Join our Hospitality Team!

Our team will assist with the planning, logistics and execution of ongoing events such as Alpha as well as special events for new parishioners.

As a member of the team, you will help develop a strategic plan for hospitality, as well as menus and decorating.



If interested, please call or email Karl Jackson at (978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35 or faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

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Notice to Parishioners

In an effort to ensure the safety of the parishioners, we ask that those attending Mass park only in designated parking spots. Parking in fire lanes and non-designated spots creates an unnecessary danger for all and this is only exaggerated now by the snow.

It is also against the law to park on a state highway, which Merrimack Street is. Parking on Merrimack Street is dangerous, it is not worth saving a few minutes. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

Please pray for **Leo Joncas, Irene Simoes, Carol Marion, Roland Tardugno, Bernadette Wizboski, and Henry Crabtree** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

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From the MethuenLife Magazine

By Yadira Betances Muldoon

Concert opens St. Lucy's 60th anniversary celebration

Members of St. Lucy Church kicked off the 60th anniversary of the church's founding with a concert of prayerful, melodic and soothing Christian music by Gregory Norbert on Dec. 17. In addition to Norbert's inspirational music, magnificent icons painted by his wife Kathryn Carrington were displayed on the altar and throughout the church. The Rev. Bill Lohan, pastor at St. Lucy's, said Advent is an appropriate time to start the year-long celebration. St. Lucy and St. Monica Church make up the Methuen Collaborative. "Advent is the beginning of the church's liturgical year," Lohan explained. "It's important to remember our history and give thanks to those Italian immigrants who did not have much, yet set aside money to build this (church)."

Rachel Voiland, chairperson of the St. Lucy Anniversary Committee, agreed. "We're a parish family and as a family we celebrate milestones," Voiland said. St. Lucy is an offshoot of Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence, which started as Italians moved to the east side of Methuen. St. Lucy was established as a parish April 7, 1958. Groundbreaking for the church at 254 Merrimack St. was Oct. 12, 1958. While the church was being built, members worshipped at the nearby building that formerly housed the Chapel Furniture Store. The first Mass at the present church home was celebrated Dec. 19, 1959. The church is named after St. Lucia, known as the Patroness of the Blind. Her feast day is Dec. 13.

Bob Johnson has been attending St. Lucy for 29 years. "When you come into the church, you feel you're coming into a faith family," Johnson said. Cathy Rubino agrees. "Having people you know and consider part of your family around you, it's special when we come together," she said. Voiland said anniversary events will continue through 2018 including programs for children and veterans as well as one for souls in

purgatory sponsored by the Men's Guild. There will be an anniversary Mass with Bishop Robert F. Hennessey and an anniversary dinner.

In addition to Voiland, members of the St. Lucy Anniversary Committee are Kevin Fitzgerald, Kathy Burke, Eileen and Larry Giordano, Bonnie Bonanno, Bob Johnson, Kerin McLoughlin, Patricia LaPointe, Leslie O'Malley, Elaine Frangente, Jack Whittaker, Anne Louise Glynn, Caroline Glynn, Bob Brouder, Kathy Lynch, Angela Rizzo, Linda Babcock, Cathy Rubino and Paula Wood.

St. Monica School is accepting applications for the 2018/2019 school year.

We welcome students from Preschool (3 years old by September 1st) through Grade 8. Application forms are online at www.methuencatholic.org under the school link. Preschool applications are under the Preschool tab and Grades K-8 applications are under the Admissions tab. You may call Sharon Tully at 978-686-1801 at any time for information or to book a tour with our Student Ambassadors.

You may also attend our Open House on January 30 from 9-11AM and 6-8PM. We look forward to hearing from you!



ST. MONICA PARISH

THANK YOU!!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our deepest thanks for your overwhelming and very generous response to our Nativity/Giving Trees Program this season. Because of your extraordinary response, we were able to provide gifts to 80 families with a total of 179 children. Please know that you have the prayers and gratitude of the Society and the families we served.



Eucharistic Adoration will end early on January 19 at 6:30 pm for the Holy Hour for Life at 7pm.

The **school mass** is at 8:15am on the following dates so there will be no 7:00 AM mass and Adoration will begin following the school mass.

February 2, 2018 (First Friday)

March 2, 2018 (First Friday)

April 6, 2018 (First Friday)

NO First Friday mass in May 2018

(Mass on May 10 at 10am, Ascension Thursday)

NO First Friday mass in June 2018

(Mass on June 8, 2018 at 8:15am)

REMEMBER: If school is closed due to weather, there will be no Adoration.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated
In loving memory of

Michael and Linda Giarrusso
Eugene Cusack
Cecile and Peter Checovich
Mafalda D'Attorre



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.



Saturday, January 13

8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

4:00 pm

John and Jeannette Hayes

Sunday, January 14

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am

Ronny Caron
Barbara Liberty
Frank, Angelo, and Antonette Ragonese, Chanel, Claire, Judy, Paul, and Diane Michaud, Rocco, Emanuela, Orazio, Angelo, and Carmela DiBartolo

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro

James and Mary McCarthy

Marie Fradette

Ida and Andrew Piazza

11:30 am

Flora LaTorre

5:30 pm

Bernadette Wizbozski

Thursday, January 18

7:00 am

Joseph Klufts

Friday, January 19

7:00 am

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Saturday, January 20

8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)

Claire Waterworth

James M. Hourihan

Joseph O'Neil

Trudy Mulligan

Don Mears

4:00 pm

Charles Pagano

Sunday, January 21

7:30 am

Robert Barbieri

9:30 am

Bill Blood

Karen L. Sullivan

Albert Getchell

In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

11:30 am

Wilfrid Valcourt

5:30 pm

Bernadette Wizbozski

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Are you considering joining our Sodality?
Please come to our January 21st meeting after

the 9:30 mass and the praying of the Rosary. Our plans for 2018 will be planned. You are always welcome! We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

Valentine Jackpot Raffle Tickets to benefit our Sodality will be sold starting the weekend of Jan. 27/28th at all the Masses. The prizes this year are:

1st: **\$200.00 Scratch tickets**
2nd prize: **\$100.00 Market Basket Gift Card**
3rd prize: **\$50.00 Market Basket Gift Card**

The prizes will be drawn on February 21st in the Lower Church Hall before our monthly meeting that day.

MEN'S GUILD



Members of the Men's Guild
invite all men of St. Lucy's
Parish to come and take part in
setting our schedule of events!

Sunday, February 4, 2018

**You are invited to learn more
about who we are, share in**

our meetings/activities and offer suggestions as we make plans for the coming year... Please bring a friend!!

Immediately following the 9:30 Mass in the Lower Church Hall.

If you have any questions, please call Larry @ 978-360-9256 or Jack @ 978-373-2376

St. Lucy's Men's Guild

Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St.

Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St. Joseph who meet regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leader in their families, in their parishes, and in their community.



Saturday, January 13

4:00 pm Richard P. Giles

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Theresa Rickley

9:30 am Josephine Maranto

11:30 am Francine Pickles

Joseph Ulbin

Sherri-Lynne O'Riordan

Tony, Mary, and Filadelfo Ciofalo

Lucy and Tony DiVincentis

Monday, January 15

8:00 am	Eugene Voiland
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Tuesday, January 16

8:00 am Deborah Girardi

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 am	EJM	(Living)
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(Living)

Saturday, January 20

4:00 pm	Romeo, Helen and Sr. Barbara Jukins
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Sunday, January 21

8:00 am	Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
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9:30 am	Deceased members of the Sodality
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11:30 am Robert Arsenault

Shirley Martin

Francine Pickles

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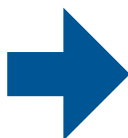
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