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at St. Monica's Parish

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

Civic Holiday Schedule:

Normal Schedule at both Parishes

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

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

ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Lucy's Church and St. Monica's Chapel. Please contact **Bonnie Doherty** at bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366 for more information about Adoration at St. Monica's and **Ellen Wholley** at 978-682-8459 for St. Lucy's.

Tuesdays (St. Lucy) 1:30-4:30pm *Fridays (St. Monica) 7:30am-7:30pm

*PLEASE NOTE! St. Monica - Late start at 9:30am on April 7, and May 5. REMEMBER: If school is cancelled due to weather, adoration is cancelled. There will not be Adoration or Confession on Good Friday, April 14.

During Lent, Adoration at St. Monica's will end at 6:45 pm for Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.



Outreach & Service

Commission to Assist our Brothers and Sisters in need with Nursing Home Outreach

We have established a team to provide visits to parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes who are at Nevins Nursing and Rehab Center. If you know of a family member or friend at the Nevins who would enjoy a visit, please contact: Jeanne Desmond at 978-377-0017. Also, if you have a few hours to spare, we would love to have you join us in this very important ministry. These visits can take place at your convenience. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Jeanne Desmond.

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WELCOME! We're glad you could join us this weekend.



The Bible and the Sacraments - A group will meet at the St. Monica rectory to discuss the streaming video, The Bible and the Sacraments every Thursday from 6-8pm until April 6. Please contact Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366, if you plan to attend as there is limited seating. Check out the website, https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com/. Join for free. We will use the workbook available for \$19.95 at https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com/all-products/participant-workbook. Come with or without the workbook. All are welcome!

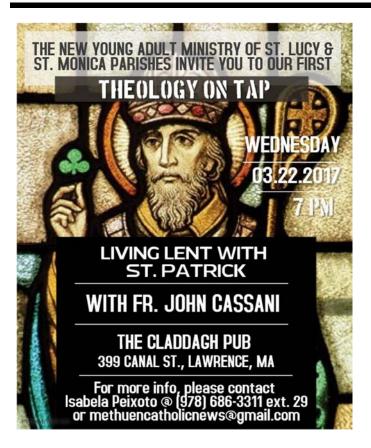
Prayer for the Newly Baptized

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Amelia Noelle O'Halloran Maria Vita Chiola Lorenzo Concepcion Owen Ryan Habib Braedyn William Morey Jackson James Pickles Lorenzo Lomagno



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.



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Page: Theology on Tap Methuen
Group: Theology on Tap Methuen, MA

Event Page: Theology on Tap - Living Lent

with St. Patrick

DAY OF SERVICE The Faith Formation Office is once again hosting a Day of Service for our parish communities. This year it will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, April 23rd. If you are unable to do your spring cleaning yourself due to age, illness, or circumstances please contact either Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore for more information. We'd love to send a team to your home to help you get the job done. We're planning to start the day with the 11:30am Mass at St. Lucy's followed by a short break and then work at the various homes from 1:00-3:00 pm. Candidates from our parishes' Confirmation Program, their families, and anyone else over the age of 12 who is interested in helping with this effort are also invited to contact Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore. We will spend the afternoon working at the homes of our parishioners who would like assistance with their spring clean-up. Last year we had nearly 50 kids and parents help with the clean-up at 10 different households. This year we hope to reach more than double the number of homes we reached last year.



"Mary, Mother Of God - Heart Of Compassion"
The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality invites all
women to a Morning of Reflection

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017 8am to 1pm

Where: St. Lucy Parish Hall

254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

Cost: \$15 (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Give yourself a spiritual gift and enter into Holy Week walking with Mary. We will share in Mary's pain, her sorrow, and her joys. As women, we can easily relate to Mary. She is our model! Do not miss this beautiful presentation by Sr. Ann Whittaker, SCN, and Sr. Anne Marie O'Shea, SCN.

Morning Schedule

8:00 - 9:00am Mass with choir

9:00 - 9:30am Registration and Continental

Breakfast (meet old friends

and make new ones.)

9:45 - 10:45am First Session

10:45 - 11:00am Break

11:00 - Noon Second Session

Noon - 1:00pm Lunch

For further information or to register, please contact: Elaine Frangente, co-chairperson (978) 373-2376, efrangente@aol.com or Ellen Wholley, co-chairperson (978) 682-8459, auntiellen@aol.com

Lent 2017 - Stations of the Cross

St. Lucy: Fridays at 5:30 pm

(followed by pizza or soup)

St. Monica: Fridays at 7 pm



Lenten Fish Bake

St. Monica School Hall 212 Lawrence Street Methuen, MA

Fish & Fries

Cole Slaw
Assorted Beverages
Dessert

Saturday, March 25, 2017 5pm to 7pm \$10 Adults \$7 Children under 12



The Parishes of St. Monica and St. Lucy invite you to our **2017 Lenten Mission**

Sunday - Wednesday: March 26 - 29 7 pm

Our Catholic Faith:

"Believing the Impossible Dream!" or "Why we believe the impossible things we believe!"

Fr. Joseph Irenaios Thomas, BSO

Sunday: THE HOLY TRINITY

"No Big Boss, No Little Peons!"

St. Monica Church

Monday: "JESUS AND FREEDOM"

Father Matt Williams St. Monica Church

Tuesday: THE VIRGIN IS A MOTHER:

"Impossible!" they say!

St. Monica Church

Wednesday: RITE-AID, CVS, ALTAR:

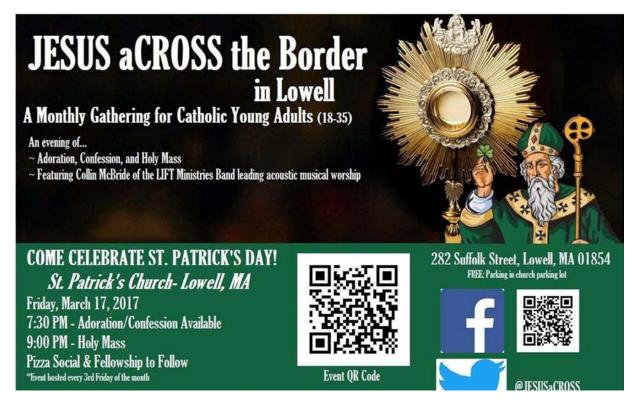
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Concluding with: A Service of Blessings for

Healing

St. Lucy Church

"God became man so that man might become God!" St. Athanasios the Great, Pope of Alexandria: "On the Incarnation"





Saturday, March 11

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Robert McCarthy & Family

4:00 pm Joseph Drelick

Sunday, March 12

7:30 am Pamela Daveta 9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Gloria Cottone

Deceased members of the

Gagnon Family Joseph Indoccio Gloria Marcoux

Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro

Christopher J. Burns Maureen Burns Tulley

11:30 am Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife

5:30 pm Raymond McAlea

Thursday, March 16

7:00 am Arthur J. Hamel

Friday, March 17

7:00 am Joseph Klufts

Saturday, March 18

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Pete Roy

Alice and Joseph Mckenna

Jeanette Heffernan

4:00 pm Armand J. Deshaies

Sunday, March 19

7:30 am Mary & Alfio (Fred) Coco &

Agnes Arcand

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne

Sergey Cocergine
Jean Corrigan
Joseph Belluardo

Kayla Bertolami

11:30 am Donald M. Cronin

5:30 pm Parishioners of St. Monica &

St. Lucy Parishes

STEWARDSHIP

March 5, 2017

Offertory: \$12,134.00

Grand Annual: \$65,633.00 (total to date)

Ash Wednesday: \$1,339.00

Thank you for your generous contribution to the

mission of our parish.

This weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday Offering. Next weekend, the second collection is for our religious ed. & youth programs.

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Roses for Life have been donated...

In Loving Memory of

Michael & Linda Giarrusso Sully LaTorre

If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities in support of life, 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.

Please pray for **Edmond Yankowski** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our Parish. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

St. Monica 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance - at Lenzi's restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017. For tickets please call Jane & Bill Shawcross at 978-794-8681 or 978-273-8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each

St. Vincent de Paul Society "YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE..... canned tuna, baked beans, tomato sauce, rice, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned fruit, rice pilaf and canned pasta.



Saturday, March 11

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am Stanley Piskadlo9:30 am Josephine Maranto11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Americo "Red" Zinno

Philip Zinno and the deceased members

of the Zinno Family

Elias Rizkallah and the deceased members of the Rizkallah Family

Louise Vallante Anthony Calderone Gilbert Fontaine Craig McKenzie

John "Jack" Sammataro

Monday, March 13

8:00 am Carina Demers (Living)

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 am Sandy Descoteaux (Living)

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 am Anne Marcinkevich

Saturday, March 18

4:00 pm Richard A. Kirsch Sr.

Richard A. Kirsch, Jr.

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am Lino Brosco

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Sodality

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Karen Hovanasian

Dominick & Carmella Mauro

Francesco and Angela Maria Mauro

Carol & Janet DiMauro

Alphonse & Angelina Mancini

David DiMauro Angelo Cutuli

Kimberly Ann Kasperowitz

STEWARDSHIP

March 5, 2017

Offertory: \$6,949.00

Grand Annual: \$54,360.00 (total to date)

Ash Wednesday: \$1,950.00

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

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality News

Lenten Suppers in the Church hall on Friday evenings immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

Our next Sodality Meeting is **next Sunday, March** 19th, after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

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

St. Lucy's Men's Guild

Save The Date

- Sunday, March 26th Men's Guild Meeting after 9:30 Mass in St. Lucy's Rectory
- Saturday, April 15 following Easter Vigil Mass Ice Cream Social
- Saturday, June 3rd Sock Hop to benefit St. Monica/St. Lucy's Youth Group Sock Hop co-sponsored by St. Monica's Knights

For tickets for Sock Hop – call Larry @ 978-683-2220

of Columbus

This weekend and next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday Offering.

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

Mark your calendars for our

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

This Saturday, March 18 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are on sale now in the front of the church or during the week at the Parish Office. \$20 for adults. Children 10 and under free. Come and enjoy!

FROM FR. Cassani

Next Friday is St. Patrick's Day as we all know. He is the official patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston, and so we celebrate his feast with great joy, even though it always falls during Lent. St. Patrick teaches us so much about our faith despite the fact that he was not so educated as some of his contemporaries, like Augustine, Jerome, and Chrysostom. But he was a man of deep faith, whose work and whose prayers have evangelized more people than almost any other man in history.

His story begins quite sadly when he was captured into slavery by Irish marauders when he was sixteen. It is very interesting that his captors forced him into service as a shepherd. It was as he was tending the flocks that he began to enter into deep prayer. He came to know in a really profound way that the love of God is all that matters. He knew of how it is possible for a person to not be able to count on the love of anyone, except for Almighty God. The love of God impelled him to devote his life to the service of those who treated him so cruelly.

In all of this, Patrick came to learn the same thing about prayer that all of the really holy people in history have come to know. Prayer is a conversation with the one that we love. It is very simple. Sometimes, prayer is beyond words. Sometimes the Scriptures speak to us. Devotions like the rosary are extremely important. The thing that is vital is that we approach our prayer with faith as St. Patrick did.

It is good that we should celebrate the feast of this great man along with those throughout the world who thank Irish missionaries for having received the Faith. It is good that we should celebrate with gusto. But, it is also good to keep our wits about us as we do so, because it is only when we are in possession of ourselves, mind, body and spirit, that we can truly express our love for God, and receive His love.





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ST. MONICA SCHOOL PRESENTS

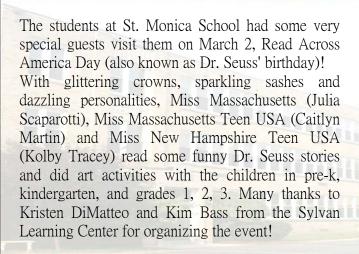
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