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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - Jn 14:27

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.



ASCENSION **THURSDAY**

MAY 30, 2019

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY (VIGIL)

7:00 PM ST. LUCY

THURSDAY (HOLY DAY)

8:15 AM ST. MONICA 10:00 AM ST. MONICA 12:30 PM ST. LUCY 7:00 PM ST. MONICA

EMORIAL Remember the brave



Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Emmett Charles Cash Mia Elizabeth Acevedo Violet Mckenna Bencze **Dakota Matthew Constantino Anna Leah Pinette Trenton James Hannaford**

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. LUCY & ST. MONICA ULTREYA



Tuesday, May 28, 2019 (Every 4th Tuesday of the Month) 7:00 - 8:30 PM | St. Lucy Church Hall

Join us for Mass, singing, fellowship, and refreshments.

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend and St. Monica Parishioner Carol Melville 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 and support our dear friend!

Group Calendars for 2019/2020

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 August 2019 to June 2020. Please either drop off, mail or email

(methuencatholicnews@gmail.com) the calendar dates and location wanted to Isabela Peixoto in the Parish Offices by June 1, 2019. The calendars will be reviewed and there will be a meeting later in the month to reconcile any conflicts with the dates or locations.

THE COMMISSION FOR THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED PRESENTS

PAINT NIGHT AT ST LUCY

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FRIDAY JUNE 7TH 2019 6:30 PM 25\$ CASH OR CHECK

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Talk & Lesson given by: Lisa Buglione Desharnais, Artist and Teacher Cost of materials included with your ticket price. Light retreshments will be served. Lisa recommended you bring your own apron

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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. **Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM**

SUNDAY, MAY 26

AA Meeting 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, MAY 27

- **Parish Offices Closed**
- **Commission to Assist Our Brothers and** Sisters in Need Meeting 9:30 am St. Monica House
- Rosary Prayer Group 6 pm St. Monica Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Ultreya 7:00 - 8:30 pm St. Lucy Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- Al-Anon Meeting 10 am St. Lucy School House
- Prayer and Study 10:00 am St. Monica House
- Friendship Club 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Alpha Planning Meeting** 6:30 - 8:00 pm St. Lucy School House

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- **Echo Course: Holy Orders** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- AA Meeting 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Baptism Parent and Godparent Catechesis** Class 7:00 pm St. Monica School Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 31

- Adoration beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 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, JUNE 1

- Faith2fitt 7:30 am at Methuen Track and Field
- First Saturday Mass 8:00 am St. Monica Church
- Baptism Catechesis Class 11:30am St. Lucy School House
- Confessions 3:00 3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- Choir Rehearsal 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- Baptisms 1:00 pm St. Monica Church
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas** Meeting 2:00 pm St. Monica House
- AA Meeting 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Amelia, Lisa O., Paula H., Joe C., and Ellen C.

If you have someone to pray for who is in grave need, please call the office and we will add their name in the bulletin for a month.



SATURDAY, MAY 25

8:00 am

4:00 pm People of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:30 am Dick Doherty **9:30 am** Nancy Tardif

Lillian Skusevich Kathleen G. La Croix

Eileen Gilbert

11:30 am William Pekarski

THURSDAY, MAY 30

8:15 am Ascension Thursday Mass10:00 am Ascension Thursday Mass7:00 pm Ascension Thursday Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 31

8:15 am Jacqueline LaRocque

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:00 pm Robert Smith

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 am Dick Doherty

9:30 am Charlie and Rose Hanafin

Madeline Roiggesert

Mario Vincent

Deceased members of the

DiBartolo Family

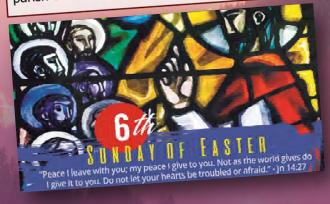
11:30 am Richard Doherty

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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.



Offertory: 05/19/19: \$8,434.00

OFFERTORY

The second collection this weekend is for our seminarians. There is only one collection on Ascension Thursday and next weekend. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

The Catholic Family Library will not be available for lending of books/DVDs during the summer months including this Sunday.

Borrowed books and DVDs may still be returned in the basket located in the rear of the church. Please return due materials from the past months.



The St. Monica Knights of Columbus wish to express their gratitude to the following Altar Servers who have faithfully served at St. Monica Parish throughout the last year:

Julia Alaimo, Alexandra Armano, Luke Armano, Liana Freitas, Matthew Getchell, Danielle Gonsalves, Lucy Johnston, Sara Johnston, Ava Landon, Kianna Landon, Jaylenne Parra, Anjali Serrano, Arianna Serrano, Kenny Snay, Susan Snay, Peter Sullivan, Corbin Walsh, and Kasandra Walsh.

In appreciation for their service to the Parish, St. Monica Altar Servers will be honored by the Knights of Columbus at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 2.

Readings for the week of May 26, 2019

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-

14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf.

4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

[6]/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv

22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26



SATURDAY, MAY 25

4:00 pm Vincent "Jimmy" & Mary Rizzo

SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:00 am Carole Charles **11:00 am** Leonita A. Klier

Giuseppe Sangiorgio

Vincenzo & Rosa Santantonio

& family

Fred Ramey Sr.

Sam, Rose, and Lucy Sapuppo Bernadette and Santa Saracusa

Real Taschereau

MONDAY, MAY 27

8:00 am Josephine K. Frangiamore

TUESDAY, MAY 28

8:00 am Walter Tuminowski

7:00 pm Ultreya Mass

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:00 am Anthony R. Coco

Mary R. Coco

7:00 pm Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 30

12:30 pm Ascension Thursday Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

4:00 pm Thomas Frascone

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 am People of St. Lucy &

St. Monica Parishes

11:00 am Rudolph Neve

Vincenzo and Judy Grande

Francesco Damico

Alice and John Ciardello

Jennie Ciardello & John Ciardello Anne and Tony Carelli

Carol D'Urso

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

On behalf of Fr. Darin Colarusso, Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio, and all of our staff and volunteers, we are delighted to extend our congratulations to all of the children who received first communion at St. Lucy's this year. May God continue to bless you and your families as we grow closer to our Lord and each other by his grace and mercy.

Michael Joseph Ameen Emma Anderson Deryl Atem Stephanie Atem Hannah Bridget Bagley **Gabriella Christine Bailey** Luca Salvatore Bellia **Anthony Stephen Benoit** Sylvi Mae Bergeron Ella Margaret Casey Steven Michael Chase, Jr. **Jesslyn Paige DeLeon** Rihanna Mariah Delmonte **Kevin Joseph Dixon** Natalia Marilyn Fernandes Luca Antonio Finocchiaro **Michael Robert Graciale Isabella Patricia Guertin Aaron Santiago Hernandez Antonio Carlos Hernandez Sofia Hernandez** Valentina Hernandez

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Donation: \$10 each

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Offertory:

05/19/19: \$5,009.00

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

"We, the Roman Catholic Bishops of the four Dioceses of Massachusetts, call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that these bills would bring to the lives of infants, parents, families and the citizens of the Commonwealth. We urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures."1

¹ Statement of His Eminence Seán P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap., Archbishop of Boston; Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester; Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Bishop of Springfield; Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV, Bishop of Fall River

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Say NO to Expanded Abortion Access

The Massachusetts State Legislature will consider passing into law two deeply troubling bills this legislative session. They are identical in text but differ slightly in their titles. The first, (House Bill 3320) is "An Act removing obstacles and expanding access to women's reproductive health". The second, (Senate Bill 1209) is "An Act to remove obstacles and expand abortion access". Current law would be dramatically changed by:

1) Expanding abortion access, including late term abortions, during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.

2) Eliminating any requirements that abortions be performed in a hospital.

3) Eliminating the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt. 4) Eliminating the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian, or the courts.

5) Expanding state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.

Contact your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO on Abortion Expansion! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

Your individual State Senator and Representative via zip code link.

- Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary who will consider House Bill 3320.
- Members of the Joint Committee on Public Health who will consider Senate Bill 1209.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office.

St. Monica: 1st Sunday of the month 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sunday of the Month 1pm

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

DAILY MASS

MON, TUE, & WED 8:00 am St. Lucy THURS & FRI 8:15 am St. Monica SAT 8:00 am St. Monica

WEEKEND

SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes SUN 7:30am St. Monica, 9:00am St. Lucy, 9:30 am St. Monica, 11:00 am St. Lucy, and 11:30 am Monica

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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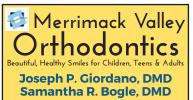
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