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# St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes Christmas Schedule

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14



## Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

4:00 PM St. Monica Church

4:00 PM Methuen Memorial Music Hall (192 Broadway, Methuen)

4:00 PM St. Lucy Church

4:00 PM St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

7:00 PM St. Lucy Church

10:00 PM St. Monica Church

## Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

7:30 AM St. Monica Church

9:00 AM St. Lucy Church

10:30 AM St. Monica Church

## We need your help!

Please consider volunteering at one of the masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

We are looking for warm, cheerful, and welcoming volunteers to serve in the following roles

Almost 1,500 years ago St. Benedict wrote in his rule for monastic life: "Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for he is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received me' (Matthew. 25:35).

**Greeters** - We are looking for people of all ages and abilities to volunteer as Greeters. The role includes arriving early for Mass to greet parishioners and assist guests with questions. The goal is that each person who enters and leaves St. Monica or St. Lucy will experience a warm welcome and fond farewell.

After Mass, Greeters will help to distribute the parish bulletin and gather up any remaining bulletins from the pews. This is an excellent opportunity for families to volunteer as a group.

**Usher/Collectors** - We are looking for volunteers to seat and assist parishioners as needed, distribute bulletins and other information, and receive offerings at Mass.

**Decorators**- if you are creative and enjoy decorating, your help is needed to decorate our beautiful churches for Christmas. We need help in a variety of ways, and any assistance would be most appreciated. From just a few minutes to an hour or two, any time you can offer would help in making a big job a bit lighter.

Other ways to help-

Let's make sure we prepare the way of the Lord for us and for all visitors here. Invite people and welcome them joyfully!

Pray and Invite! Pray! Pray! Pray! Pray for those you hope will return to Christ and His Church. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the courage to invite family or friends to attend Mass with you. Many people are simply waiting for an invitation. When you do extend the invitation, do so with sensitivity and tact. For example, say "Our family is planning to attend the 4PM Vigil Mass at St. Monica/St. Lucy. Would you like to join us?"

Please call our Parish Offices at (978) 683 - 1193 by Thursday, 12/20 and let us know in which area and at which mass you can volunteer. Thank you in advance.





#### FORMED PICK

#### **Brother Francis: O Holy Night**

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Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!





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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** 

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Please pray for Joseph Rigoli, Joseph Lambert,
Michael and Jeanne Nardone, Gloria Jerome,
Maryann McGurn, Lloyd Wajda, John McMorrow,
and Gertrude Simone whose Funeral Masses were
recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls
of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and on New Year's Day.

#### **Christmas Eve Social**

#### **Not too busy this Christmas?**

Join us on Monday, **December 24** immediately following the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass (until about 7 pm)
In the St. Monica's School Hall

- Pot Luck Bring an appetizer, entrée, or dessert to share (If it's a dish best served warm, please bring your crock pot or hot plate – no Sternos)
- Yankee Swap Bring a wrapped gift to exchange (optional)
   The gift should be worth approximately \$10. Re-gifting is ok – this is just for fun!
- Water and punch will be provided
- Christmas Caroling as time allows until 7pm
- Santa's helpers to tidy up would be greatly appreciated!

#### We'd love to have you join us!

R.S.V.P. if possible, particularly if you are able to volunteer.
Any questions?
Please call our Parish Offices at (978) 683 - 1193



Next week, at all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 15

Amy Waterworth 8:00 am

Richard T. Muraco

4:00 pm Mr. and Mrs. Dominic & Dorothy Ferraro

**Sunday, December 16** 

Charles Booth Jr., Charles and 7:30 am

Margaret Booth Sr., James and

Dorothy McCarthy,

Robert O'Connor, and Howard Hart

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Eulalia Aquiar

Robert Ouellette Sr.

Virginia and Andrew Sullivan

Theresa and William Leach

Sully LaTorre Helen Giarrusso

The DiBartolo, Ragonese, and

Michaud Families Riccardo Lonardo Richard Fairbanks

Michael Ricupero

11:30 am Maria Ortiz Laird

**Thursday, December 20** 

Marion Bench and Trudy Mulligan 7:00 am

Friday, December 21

William and Margaret Collins 7:00 am

Saturday, December 22

8:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Gladys Perry

Joseph Fitzmaurice

4:00 pm Thomas and Velma Fortune

Sunday, December 23

7:30 am People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

**9:30** am (multiple intentions)

Joseph Indoccio and Family

Arthur Royer

Connie and Albert Zampelli Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro

William and Catherine Lee

Nancy Tardif Ashlev St. Onge

Ruth Dubois and Helen Corrizzini

11:30 am Jean and Jack Carney

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

Monday, December 17

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

### **COLLECTORS NEEDED**

We are in need of collectors for the Christmas eve, Christmas eve night and Christmas day Masses. Please consider this appeal for participation. It will take just a small amount of your time at Mass. If you can help, please call the parish office with your name, phone number and the Mass you will be attending or see one of the collectors at Mass.

The Mass schedule this year is:

Monday, December 24, 4:00pm in the church Monday, December 24, 4:00pm at the Methuen

Memorial Music Hall

Monday, December 24, 10:00pm in the church Tuesday, December 25, 7:30am in the church Tuesday, December 25, 10:30am in the church

Thank you!

### **ROSES FOR LIFE**

Roses for Life have been donated in loving

memory of

Theresa A. Rickley Michael & Linda Giarusso **Helen Giarrusso** Theresa and William Leach

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.

**Last Sunday, (12/09):** 

Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 12,029.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 1,137.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The one collection at the Christmas masses will be for the Clergy Benefit Trust.

**Grand Annual to date:** \$31,630

Our goal: \$75,000

Please remember to send in your Grand Annual envelopes. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 15

**4:00 pm** Angelo, Jack and Jennie Maimone

Grace Riccio and Betty Parson

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am Family Mass

Lee Privitera and Salvatore Privitera

**11:00 am** People of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes

Charles Piro

Gerardo and Mattia D'Andrea

Richard Guertin William Vlahos Erma Sarkesian Sabastino LaSpina

Filomena and Raphaele Tammaro

Vincent Minicucci Francis J. Morel

**Monday, December 17** 

**8:00 am** Domenic and Margaret Torrisi

**Tuesday, December 18** 

8:00 am Raymond St. Onge Wednesday, December 19
8:00 am Walter Tuminowski Saturday, December 22

4:00 pm Michelangelo Iuvara,

Salvatore, Maria, and Silvana Campailla

**Sunday, December 23** 

**9:00 am** Albert and Connie Zampelli

11:00 am Catherine Petralia

James (Jimmy) Melnick Angelo and Laura Chester

Elizabeth Leonard and Family (Living)

Filippo Cali

Giuseppe Ardizzone Carmela Ardizzone Lucienne Abbas

**Dominico and Antonio Tamarro** 

#### Last Sunday, (12/09/18):

Regular Sunday Offering: \$7,595.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. The one collection at the Christmas masses will be for the Clergy Benefit Trust.

**Grand Annual to date:** \$30,556

Our goal: \$75,000

Please remember to send in your Grand Annual envelopes. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

A great big "thank you" to all who made the Sodality Christmas party so successful and so much fun! The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality....what a wonderful group of women!

If you have been thinking about joining the Sodality, please come to our January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting after the 9:00 mass and the praying of the Rosary. Our plans for 2019 will be planned. You are always welcome! We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

#### **Advent Tree of Light**

Many thanks to all parishioners for another successful year of giving to Lazarus House. Your generosity exceeded all expectations.

A special "Thank You" to Kerin McLaughlin for printing all the tags. May God bless you all! Annette Autiello - Coordinator

#### **Share the Nativity**

This year during Advent and

leading up to Christmas; we would like to put on display different Nativity Scenes. They can be of any size and pictures or banners are also welcome. All items will be returned after the holidays. The scenes will be displayed in the lower church hall and will be available for viewing until Jan. 6. If you would like to have your Nativity scene displayed here at St. Lucy, please drop it off at the office during the week or give it to one of the Ushers before each Mass. Please use the form below so that we have your contact info so each display can be returned. Let's truly celebrate together the "Reason for the Season" and continue this tradition at St. Lucy.

Name:		
Phone:		
Address:		

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## Saint Monica School Holiday Raffle January 2019

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
100	13. Shout ye	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
/	\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
	\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.		
	\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$150		

Please return this portion of ticket with payment to Sharon Tully in the School Office.

We must sell 215 tickets. If we do not sell 215 tickets, we will have a 50/50 raffle and one winner will be drawn and the winner will receive 50% of the monies collected and the school will receive the other 50%.

(This raffle has always sold enough tickets to be held!)

All payments will be sent to winner/winners at the beginning of February.

#### St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

\$10 per ticket – checks made out to St. Monica School by 12/20/18

Name	Phone (REQUIRED)
Address (REQUIRED)	
St. Monica Student who sold ticket:	(if purchased through a school child)

Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize. If there is only one winner due to 50/50, that child will win a prize (if a St. Monica Child sold the ticket).

Last month, our Pre K4 students prepared their table and hearts for a Thanksgiving feast. They all prayed together as they enjoyed stone soup!









Staff Professional Development focused on Advent on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this festive and busy time, as adults, we must keep in mind that Christmas has not begun. Paint night focused on the nativity scene and was a wonderful beginning to the season of Advent.











Preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas, our Extended Day students played Advent trivia, "Family Feud" style. We then read our daily reflection before preparing the Jesse Tree ornament of the day.







#### Each week, a class is leading our Advent Prayer service.

On the first week, our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders did a beautiful job helping everyone to open their hearts and minds during this Advent Season.













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#### Parish Offices

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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.

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#### **School Principal**

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Sharon Tully

**Administrative Assistant** 

#### PARISH SERVICES

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#### St. Lucy Parish

#### **Daily Mass Schedule:**

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

#### **Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:00pm (Vigil)

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 (Vigil)

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

Typically 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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













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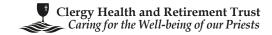
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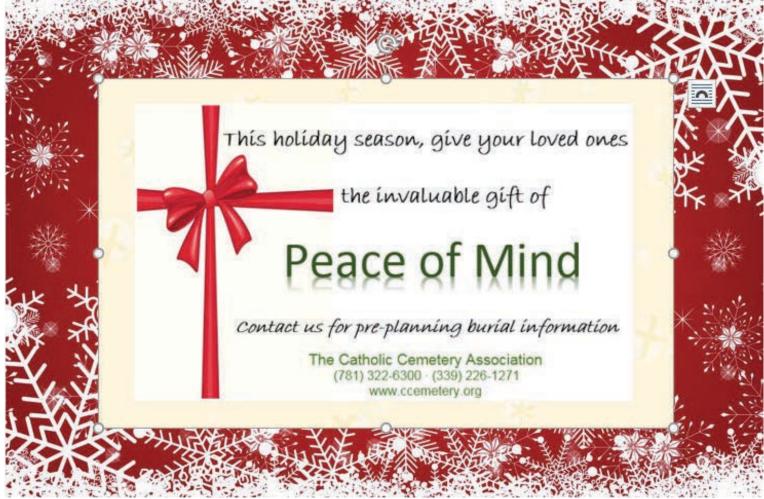
From the time that we were young kids growing up in Dorchester receiving First Communion, through our marriage, as we brought up our own four boys, and now as grandparents, Boston priests have been a guiding light that we reach out to in different situations that have come up in our lives.

As parents, our faith life has helped us to guide our family. We are an ordinary family, and, like all families, things don't always go smoothly. The priests we have known through the years, like Fr. Peter Martocchio, have helped us to learn to take things in stride and put our faith in God, and that there is always hope.

While not perfect, ours has been a wonderful life, which has been enriched by many Boston priests who have helped us along the way.

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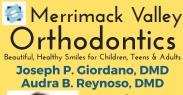
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