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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

**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: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 

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

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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: 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

## WELCOME New Sunday

WE ARE 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. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Monica Knights of Columbus Annual

## PASTA DINNER

#### Save The Date!!

Saturday, February 17, 2018 When:

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Place: St. Monica School Hall

Pasta products donated by Bertucci's.

Preparation by St. Monica's Knights of Columbus.

During Lent, **Eucharistic Adoration** on Fridays will close with Benediction at 6:45pm for the Station of the Cross at 7:00 pm.



## SCHEDULE

Beginning this Sunday, February 18

St. Monica Parish

7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

St. Lucy Parish

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

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**Every Friday During Lent** February 16 - March 23

St. Monica Church: 7:00 p.m.

St. Lucy Church: 5:30 p.m. followed by soup or pizza

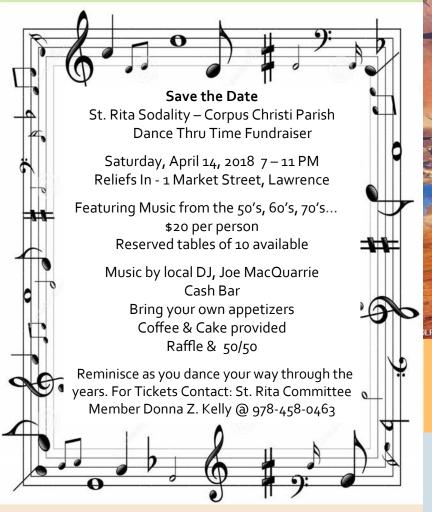
Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.



Please pray for Vito Lomagno, Louise Love, Angelo Orlando, Lucy Ann Scalera, and Rosemarie Lee whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

#### **COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS**

This week's second collection supports the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe. These collections help the Church spread God's Word and train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen into disrepair, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities -for-giving solidarity-fund-for-africa/ collection/index.cfm, and www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm



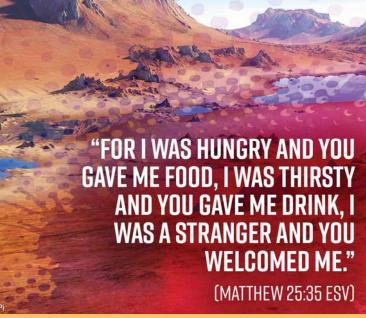
#### Rivier Retreat - A Journey in Prayer

directed prayer experience entitled RIVIER **RETREAT** is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in the spirit of Blessed Ann Marie Rivier. The 10-week retreat will begin on Wednesday, March 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ste Claire Residence on 209 Lawrence Street in Methuen, MA. To register, or for more information call Sister Nora at 978-685-2852, Janice Muise at 978-738-9991 or Sharon Walsh at 603-382-3413.

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#### Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt **Sunday:** 

3:18- 22/Mk 1:12-15

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn

6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Tuesday:

[18b]Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/

Mt 5:20-26

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/ Saturday:

Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,

16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



### See below for the Pick of the Week.

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

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#### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

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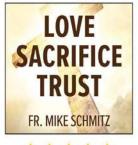
By Fr. Mike Schmitz

#### Christ Showed Us the Way

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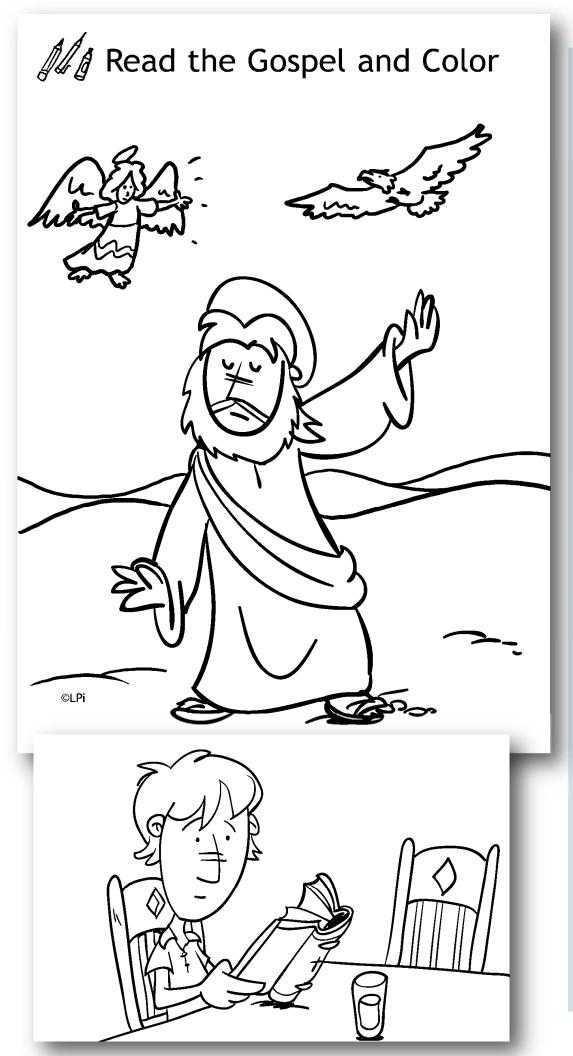




"I was struck by the depth of this message for me personally, and how it deepened my relationship with God."

-Martha from Aiken, SC





#### **Sharing the Gospel**

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

#### Prayer

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

#### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.

#### Mission for the Week

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

## MASS

### **INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, February 17

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Joseph O'Neil

Patricia Ferguson (Living)

4:00 pm Myrna G. Nolan

Sunday, February 18

7:30 am Eric Kenneth Sullivan

9:30 am James Slattery

Sr. Julie Frances Gildea Claire Kammerdiener

Louise Fusco

11:30 am Paula Caruso

Thursday, February 22

7:00 am Vincenzo Lazzara

Friday, February 23

7:00 am Judith Makin

Saturday, February 24

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

William and Margaret Collins

**4:00 pm** Stephen Bellingreri

Sunday, February 25

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am Kirk Walsh

Rose Kay Nancy Tardif Jeanne Brown

Raymond Arsenault

**11:30 am** Mary Fairbanks

**Next Sunday, February 25,** the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs in the back of the church at the 9:30 Mass. Borrowed books/

DVDs may be returned at that time or in the return box also located in the back of the church.

The chapel will be closed on Wednesday, February 21.

#### **ROSES FOR LIFE**

#### **Roses for Life**

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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 at (978) 683-1193.

#### **OFFERTORY**

February 12, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$11,015.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Africa and Central and Eastern Europe.

There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

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

#### **Scheduled School Masses:**

When the school mass is at 8:15am (on the following Fridays) there will be no 7:00 AM mass and Adoration will begin following the school mass.

March 2, 2018 April 6, 2018

NO Friday mass in May 2018

June 8, 2018

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

## **SINTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, February 17

4:00 pm Anthony and Lucille Bonanno

#### Sunday, February 18

**9:00 am** Deceased members

of the Sodality

11:00 am Maria Campailla

Michael Arcidiacono

#### Monday, February 19

8:00 am Manny Gianni

#### Tuesday, February 20

8:00 am EJM (Living)

#### Wednesday, February 21

8:00 am Special Intentions

#### Saturday, February 24

**4:00 pm** Douglas Knapp

#### Sunday, February 25

**9:00 am** Antonio and Maria Fiasconaro

**11:00 am** Dominick "Rex" Campone,

Tommy Campone, and

George DiRuzza



There will be a meeting of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee on Wed., Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse.
New members are welcome.

#### **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS**

#### New time

Our next Sodality meeting is this Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, after the <u>9:00 AM</u> Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

Prior to the meeting at 10:00 am we will draw the winner for our Valentine Jackpot Raffle.

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Please join us every Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm for Stations of the Cross. Following the Stations will be our Lenten Suppers (pizza or soup) in the church hall.

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### February 12, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,965.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Africa and Central and Eastern Europe.

There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

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

Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today. Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

#### ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Grade 2 celebrated Catholic Schools Week by welcoming family members to talk about their careers and service to their community.

We took on new French names with Madame Deschene, examined a bridge with Mr. Serwatka, discussed animal safety with Mrs. Serwatka, explored how chemicals react with Ms. Melendez, listened to our heartbeats with stethoscopes with Ms. Ferguson, tested our reflexes with Mrs. Banks, and wrote about our dreams with Mrs. Curran! Thank you to all our fantastic family members! You were inspiring!







What a wonderful evening everyone had at St. Monica School's First Annual Multicultural Night! It was truly an event that brought families and cultures together. We need more of this in the world and we started with a little part of that at St. Monica School. A huge thank you to Mrs. Law for spearheading this event, to the Serrano's from Ecuador for being the host family, Mrs. Marticchio for her work on the great cookbook and to Mrs. Navien for helping with the music. We hope to continue with different host families every year! Our Lebanese families have volunteered to host the event next year!



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