

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

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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 St. Lucy Parish

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

and any time by appointment

**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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm



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



#### ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION



# TUESDAYS (ST. LUCY CHURCH) 1:30-4:30PM FRIDAYS (ST. MONICA CHAPEL) 7:30AM-7:30PM

FOR MORE INFO ON ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S PLEASE CONTACT: BONNIE DOHERTY bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270-3366

ST. LUCY'S PLEASE CONTACT: ELLEN WHOLLEY - (978) 682-8459

If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS FOR THE 11:30AM AND 12:30PM HOURS AT ST. MONICA'S.

On Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for all the Eucharistic Ministers from both Parishes at the St. Monica Chapel with Fr. Bill.

Please do not leave any household goods, clothing, furniture or other items on Parish property as a donation. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul bin behind the school at St. Monica and next to the School house at St. Lucy. You can make furniture and household item donations directly to SVDP, 42 Franklin St. Lawrence, MA (978) 655 - 1248

#### 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. We are currently looking for volunteers to play Scrabble with the residents.



Our Parishes would like to wish **Fr. Cassani** a very happy birthday! May God bless him in a special way today for the love and concern with which he ministers to all those entrusted to his care. May his life be filled with God's good gifts, abundant joy and heaven's peace.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace. *Romans* 15:13



#### **NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES**

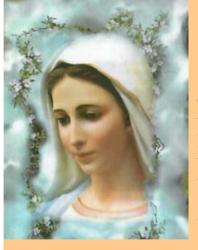
Group Calendars for 2017/2018 - St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes: In order to plan for the upcoming fall, winter, and spring seasons we are requesting that all groups or individuals who will be using either the St. Monica or St. Lucy campuses to make a listing of the date and place they would like to use from September 2017 through June 2018.

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 9, 2017. The calendars will be reviewed and there will be a meeting later in the month to reconcile any conflicts with the dates or locations.

Our Parish Offices will close at noon on Fridays until September 8.

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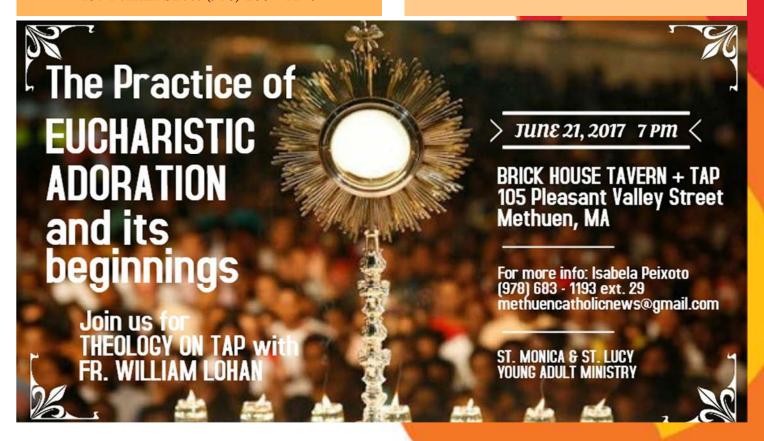
Our Blessed Mother told one of the visionaries "What I started at Fatima, I will end in Medjugorje."

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Total cost \$2,210. Credit cards accepted. To register or for more information contact group leader Claude Langlois at (978) 682 - 6012 as soon as possible.

Our group's 14<sup>th</sup> trip to Medjugorje - nine days, seven nights, two meals per day, staying at Pope John Paul II Hotel only seconds from St. James Church in the heart of Medjugorje.





# +Mass INTENTIONS

Sat., June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Kathy McNally

**4:00 pm** Edmond A. Cyr

Sunday, June 4 - Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Charlie and Rose Hanafin (Living)

Violet Sayer

Raganese Family, Michaud Family,

and DiBartolo Family

11:30 am Francis T. Roberge

Thursday, June 8

7:00 am George O. Ferguson and

Christine Ferguson

Friday, June 9

7:00 am Richard Muraco

Saturday, June 10

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Phillip Hamel

**4:00 pm** Marianna Zielinski and

Diane Margosian

Sunday, June 11 - The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 am Marie - Paule Labrie

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro

Norman Lavole

Wladyslawa Maria Mroczko

11:30 am Patrick Lannan



Please pray for Brian Sheehan and Thomas Mercuri whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parish. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

## **ROSES FOR LIFE**

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Michael & Linda Giarrusso Cecile and Peter Checovich

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.

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sundays will resume on September 10.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

## "YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned beans, canned spaghetti, cereal, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, and canned vegetables.

Offertory May 28, 2017: \$8,086.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Communications: \$1,680.00 Ascension Thursday: \$1,172.00

This Sunday, the second collection is the Seminary Offering. Next Sunday, there is only once collection, our regular Sunday offering.

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

A small group is meeting in the rectory first floor sunroom to watch DVD presentations on Prayer.

Upcoming meeting dates: Thursday 6/8, 6/22, and 6/29 from 6-7 pm

The DVD is 30 minutes long followed by a discussion. Bring a notebook, Bible, and Catechism. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information: 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.



# Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga and

Companions, Martyrs

4:00 pm Cortese and Rizzo Families and

Richard (Rick) Havden

Sunday, June 4 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am Shirley Capello

9:30 am Joy Breen 11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Mary Boya

Brian McCarthy Walter Cheltowski Cecilia Dellicolli Richard Lebel

Monday, June 5 - Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am Lewis C. Burton

Tuesday, June 6

8:00 am Helen Kalil

Wednesday, June 7

8:00 am Yvonne Soucy

Saturday, June 10

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, June 11 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am John Paris

9:30 am Deceased members of the

Sodality

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Vincenzo, Vincenzina, Anthony and Paul Meli Sr.

Vincenzo and Isabella Dadducci Gerry Vancompenolle

Barbara Muise



# **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**

RECOMMITMENT CEREMONY SUNDAY JUNE 11th - At the 9:30 Mass the members of the sodality will recommit to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The next Sodality meeting will be held after the mass and the praying of the rosary.

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

Offertory May 28, 2017: \$5,334.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Communications: \$1,226.00 Ascension Thursday: \$1,269.00

This Sunday, the second collection is the Seminary Offering. Next Sunday, there is only once collection, our regular Sunday offering.

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





On Sunday, June 18, Sean Cardinal O'Malley will be celebrating the 11:30 Mass in observance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Monica

Parish. Immediately following the Mass a reception will be held for all parishioners in the school hall. We hope you will join us.



# HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

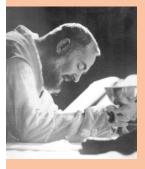
(Ham, Beans, Hot Dogs, Bread, Salad, Drinks)

Saturday, June 10 @ 5PM St. Monica School Hall

\$10 Adults \$5 Children 10 & Under







The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the chapel. The evening includes recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, discussion of miracles related to St. Padre Pio and other saints, as well as topics of interest and devotions within the Catholic faith.

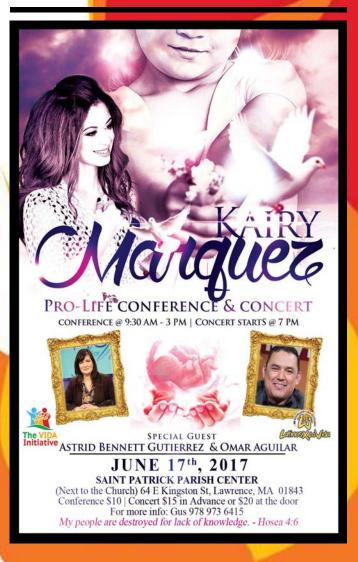


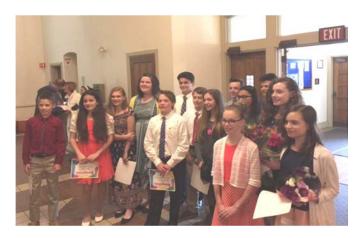
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the

Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

# **Miscellaneous Information**





## SAINT MONICA SCHOOL NJHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Thursday, May 25th, Saint Monica School held its fifth annual National Junior Honor Society Induction ceremony. The ceremony was led and organized by sixth and seventh grade English teacher and moderator, Ms. Christine Voltero. NJHS, is the leader among educational organizations and societies that promote recognition for middle-level students who reflect outstanding accomplishments on the basis of five scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character and service. Membership into the NJHS is a privilege. The Honor Society member exhibits excellence in academics and leadership, displays honorable and admirable character, and demonstrates a commitment to service and good A candle-lighting ceremony was citizenship. held which was followed by a pinning ceremony. The new inductees wrote speeches and received NJHS certificates and "Lamp of Knowledge" pins. At the closing of the ceremony, red carnations were offered as a symbol of love and appreciation to the candidates' parents.

Congratulations to all the newest members of NJHS Keep up the outstanding work!

## 2017 National Junior Honor Society Inductees

Owen Bowler
Emma Chouinard
Alexis DeMattia
Ryan Grenier
Isabella Manzi
Krista Maroon
Hannah McDonald

Ryan McShan
Melanie Phares
Abigail Reyes
Aisling Smith
Brendan Sullivan
Michael Wolfendale
Hunter Wolters



St. Monica School second graders led the school in the May Procession and Crowning of Mary on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.





St. Monica Band, Orchestra and Chorus gave a performance on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The students take lessons before or after school from Music Teacher Ms. Nadia Castagna Morin. They gave a wonderful performance to the delight of all their family and friends.



# Pentecost

Today the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the disciples to strengthen them to preach the gospel to all the world, 50 days after Jesus' death and resurrection and 10 days after his Ascension to heaven. How comforting to know that Jesus did not leave his followers orphaned as he left them, but gave them the "promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4) that would "lead them to all truth" (Jn 16:13). Consider the transformation of the Apostles, converted from cowards into heroes, no longer denying him by the fire, or cowering in fear in the upper room, but instead professing faith in him without fear, professing Christ boldly (Acts 2:14-35)! "We must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29).

This courage that they received and the ability to speak new languages was beyond their natural capacity. It was God working through them in a mighty way. Their zeal unabashedly on display for all to see, converted thousands to the faith. So many hearing and seeing them followed the Lord.

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit was not a one time event, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would remind the apostles of all he had told them and he promised to be with them to the end of the age (Mt 28:20). This promise made to the Apostles is made also to us, remember that he prayed for us at the Last Supper, "I pray not only for them but for those who will believe in me through their words" (Jn 17:20). Jesus certainly intended for us also to receive the spirit and to act under its influence to bring others to Christ.

We are the Apostles of the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in this part of the Merrimack Valley. It is our commission to spread this message of love and resurrection, to be true messengers of the gospel to all we meet, at work, at home and in the market place. The ministry of evangelizing is not left to the priests and sisters, or to a small group of activists in the parishes, it is the call of everyone to spread the gospel. As we go out in the coming week make an appeal to one person who may have grown lax in prayer and mass attendance, to even one person who may be skeptical, even the skeptic could be one invitation away from a transformed life. Let us not be like the disciples gazing towards the sky as Jesus ascended (Acts 1:10) but let us head the advice of the Angels and cease looking up and rather look out to the many who are like sheep without a shepherd and let us *go and make disciples of all nations* (Mt 28:19).

Happy Pentecost,



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