

is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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
Friday 6:30-7:30 pm
Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm
St. Lucy Parish
Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm
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: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm



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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays

7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica's 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.



September 23, 2017

We will kick off from St. Monica at 9:00 am for the one mile walk. Please register to be a walker and ask all your friends and relatives to support you.

No amount is too small!





Got questions about life? Join us for Alpha.

Alpha isn't a lecture, and it isn't a class. Alpha is a chance to talk about life, God and everything in between.

You could be a life-long Catholic or know absolutely nothing about Christianity. Alpha is for everyone!

Come see if it's for you.

No commitment. No charge. No judgement.

Bring a friend and join the conversation.

Starting September 13 at 6:00 pm St. Lucy Church Hall

For more information: Karl Jackson faithformation.stlm@gmail.com (978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35



Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered for any adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, a program commonly known as RCIA.

Anyone interested in receiving any or all of these sacraments, which they may have not received in their youth, are **encouraged and welcomed** to attend. If YOU know of anyone interested, please let them know and we will gladly welcome them and explain the process offered. Also, these sessions are open to anyone who has received their Sacraments but might want to come to a deeper appreciation of what these Sacraments are about. You too are welcome to join in a very interesting and relaxed atmosphere.

Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY- THURSDAY: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM | FRIDAY: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM





Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound Workshop

St. Margaret, Lowell Wednesdays, September 20 through October 25 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Instructor Judy Talvacchia

The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and others are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$40. Pre-registration is required. Please register by September 18.

For information/registration please contact Karen Farrell kfarrell@rcab.org (617) 746 - 5843



at our Parishes

Monday, August 21:

• Tea and Treasure
10:30 am
St. Monica House

Tuesday, August 22:

- Eucharistic
 Adoration at
 St. Lucy's
 1:30 4:30 pm
 in the church
- Confessions at St. Lucy's 4:30 5:30 pm in the church

Friday, August 25:

- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica's 7:30 am 7:30 pm in the chapel
- <u>Confessions</u> at St. Monica's 6:30 7:30 pm in the chapel

Saturday, August 26:

- Confessions at St. Lucy's 3:00 3:45 pm in the church
- <u>Confessions</u> at St. Monica's 3:00 3:45 pm in the chapel

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The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, a program of Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, is holding a suicide crisis help line volunteer training on:

Friday, September 8 from 6-9 pm and Saturday, September 9 from 9 am - 3 pm

at Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, 430 North Canal St., Lawrence

Attendance at both sessions is required. Food will be provided.

For more information and to register, please contact Anna Peicott at apeicott@FSMV.org or 978-327-6672



Alpha – A tool to help us all ask the important questions and grow in faith

This fall we are introducing a vital tool into the spiritual life of our parishes called Alpha. "Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith..." The sessions include a meal, a short talk, and conversation. "Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation" (alphausa.org). Most importantly, everyone is welcome! Whether you are a life-long Catholic

or someone who has drifted from their faith or even someone who knows nothing about Christ - Alpha is for you. Alpha has helped to breathe renewed spiritual life into thousands of people and parishes throughout the world, we are confident it can do the same here in Methuen. We are

hoping to have at least 80 people participate this fall, but we can't do it without you. Please feel free to invite anyone who might benefit from this series to our first session on Wednesday, September 13th at the St. Lucy Church Hall. There's no commitment, no cost, and no judgment. Please join us and bring a friend.

For the lifelong Catholic and for those who are unsure about what faith has to offer, Alpha offers a non-judgmental and supportive setting where we have the opportunity to ask the fundamental questions: *Why am I*

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here? Where did I come from and where am I going? Is there a God?

We know that all of the plans of men and women come to naught without God's Holy Spirit and the most important thing we can do for this initiative is to pray for its success. God will act if we implore him and if we have a firm belief in the power of His Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of any and all who approach him with honesty and sincerity.

If you would like to register or have more questions please feel free to contact Karl Jackson, our Director of Faith Formation at our parish offices.

NEWS • NEWS

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2017-18 Faith Formation Year. Please submit your form and payment as soon as possible in order to secure your family's place in our program. Please stop by our office to pick up a registration form or go to our website methuencatholic.org and select the appropriate parish. Then click on the GET INVOLVED tab. At the next page click on the KIDS box and then select FAITH FORMATION. From there you can download the registration form. Just complete it and mail it into our offices.

The registration fees are the same as last year: \$100/child with a \$250 family max (+ the \$50 retreat fee for Confirmation Candidates). Checks may be made payable to either parish. Alternatively families may pay online by going again to the website and selecting the appropriate parish. Then click on ONLINE GIVING. Be sure to select *Religious Education Registration Fee* under the FUND drop down menu.

As a reminder,

K-7th graders meet every-other Sunday starting at the end of September/beginning of October*

8th graders meet every-other Monday starting at the end of September

9th and 10th graders are involved in our Confirmation Program which meets in small groups on various nights throughout the fall and winter/spring.

*We will only have a single session that will meet from 9:10am-11:15am.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to the start of another great year as we continue to become closer disciples of Jesus Christ. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer!

Karl

ST. LUCY PARISH

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish's Faith Formation Office is looking for disciples of Jesus Christ who are passionate about sharing their faith to volunteer with our faith formation team. We have openings in 1st through 7th grade. We meet (nearly) every other Sunday morning starting in October and ending in April. The sessions meet from 9:10am-11:15am and include Mass Preparation, Mass itself, and 45 minutes of formal instruction in a traditional classroom setting.

Our teachers should also expect to spend up to 2 hours preparing for each 45-minute formal instruction period.

Volunteers need to have been confirmed and have completed or be willing to complete VIRTUS training and a diocesan background check (CORI).

To volunteer or for more information please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 686-3311 ext 35 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated In loving memory of

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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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned carrots and beans, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, soups, and canned fruit.

OFFERTORY

August 13, 2017: \$10,033.00

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

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

There will be no Adoration and Confessions on Friday, September 1st due to the Labor Day weekend.

Please pray for Barry Walsh, Marie Baxter, and Nora Higginbottom whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parish. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



Saturday, August 19

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Arthur Hamel

4:00 pm Joseph Austin Jr.

Sunday, August 20

7:30 am Marie - Paule Labrie

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Jack O'Brien

Michael and Stella Polomoscanik

Lillian Sanborn Mercedes Melendez

In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

for favors received Marilda Gosselin Marie M. Fusco and Marie A. Guilmet

Ronald V. (Biff) Demers

11:30 am Thomas Jernberg

Thursday, August 24

7:00 am

Friday, August 25

7:00 am Sally McCafferty

Saturday, August 26

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Martine Michaud

Parishioners of St. Monica and 4:00 pm

St. Lucy Parishes

Sunday, August 27

11:30 am

7:30 am Marion and Vincent Devaney

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Claire and Chanel Michaud, Deceased members of the Michaud Family, deceased members of the DiBartolo

Family, and deceased members

of the Ragonese Family Mercedes Melendez

Nancy Tardif Claire Nawrocki

Food Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Next collection: This Sunday, August 20

On the 3rd weekend of every month, we collect food for the needy. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off in the designated basket located at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance.

+ Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19

4:00 pm John Fugge

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am Yvonne Soucy

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Tony Somma, Tony Waters,

and Mary Rita Costa

Sally Bradley
Martha Folory

Martha Foley

Dorothy and Lucy Boragine

Monday, August 21

8:00 am Jose Galat

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 am Therese Rousseau

Wednesday, August 23

8:00 am Rita Bonanno

Saturday, August 26

4:00 pm Mary Amidio

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am Pasquale and Maria Brosco &

Batasttina and Antonio Iannucilli

9:30 am Richard Lebel and Janine Lebel

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Agnes and Raymond Bohne

Donald B. Culbert Jr.

Nancy Tardif

Alan M. Roderick and Allan R. Roderick Domenic Bertolone

Men's Guild

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Members are invited to gather in the vestibule for 9:30 Mass

Meeting will begin at **10:30 in the church hall** (immediately following the 9:30 Mass)

All men are invited to come and learn more about our mission. We have many new and exciting projects to support our parish. Bring a Friend.

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

The first Sodality Meeting of the new season is Sunday, September 10th after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. The Craft Fair is Saturday, October 21st.

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

We have found a Magnificat book with a red cover on it. If you are the owner, it will be on top of the refrigerator in the sacristy for you to pick up.

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

Offertory August 13

\$5,125.00

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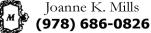


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