



SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

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** 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy

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.



Join us this Thursday, September 5 at 6 pm at St. Lucy Church for a **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer.**



The Thursday and Friday Daily Mass at St. Monica's will change to 8:15 am beginning on September 5.

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help decorate St. Monica Church for special seasons (Easter, Christmas, Lent, etc...). If you are interested in helping out or for more information, please call the Parish Offices.



Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of **Labor Day.**

RCIA

Program for adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Sessions will begin in October at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse.

Any questions, please contact Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307 or Kevin Fitzgerald at 978-686-3311.



Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Patroness of the Americas, Queen of the first and the new evangelization, and Patroness of the unborn.

Nine consecutive Mondays from **September 9 to November 4 at 7 pm at St. Monica Church**

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- praying the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- readings from scripture and others sources concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY
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What's your story?

"NEVER ACCEPT A LABEL IN THE PLACE OF A STORY."
- SHERRY WEDDELL, FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

Leadership and Ministry Retreat

8 AM	MASS
8:30 - 9 AM	COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS
9 - 10:15 AM	CONFERENCE
10:15 AM	BREAK
10:30 - 11 AM	PRAYER & REFLECTION
11 AM - 12:15 PM	SECOND CONFERENCE
12:15 PM	CLOSING REMARKS

ST. MONICA CHURCH

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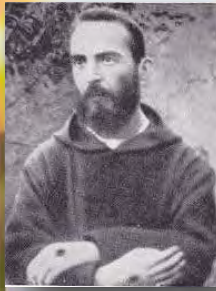
Friends of the Poor Walk

**Saturday,
September 28, 2019**

9:00 am
St. Monica Parking Lot

Please register to be a walker
and ask all your friends and
relatives to support you.
No amount is too small!

*If you cannot attend, a
donation of cash or a check can
be placed in the poor boxes
located in the back of
St. Monica Church and Chapel.*



The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd from 6:45 - 8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica's Church.

In addition to the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the evening's topic of discussion will be "The Exultation of the Cross". A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. Visitors are always welcome.

It's time to register for **FAITH FORMATION**

We are currently accepting registrations for 2019-2020. We have classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation at St. Monica's and First Grade through Confirmation at St. Lucy's.

Registrations are available in the parish offices or online at methuencatholic.org on the Faith Formation Page.

Registration Fee: \$125/child with a \$300 family max
Confirmation Retreat Fee: \$50/child

Families can receive a **\$25 discount/child** if paid in full by **September 15, 2019 (\$250/family max).**

Any questions, please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683-1193 ext. 35.

SEE PEOPLE FIRST



Humility is often misunderstood as feeling inferior about ourselves and carrying around feelings of unworthiness. For many, humility is not considered a

strength of character but a negative attribute and sign of weakness. Conversely, in fact, authentic humility is found in the person who is firmly grounded in reality, able to be honest with him or herself, and in right relationship with others and God. A humble person understands his or her place in life and who they are. While placing themselves at the service of others, they are comfortable in their own skin and able to step aside and let others go first. Knowing our proper place in life, offering appropriate respect, and looking to the needs of others are things that will enhance our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters. Are you humble?

The **Pack 55 Cub Scouts** will be welcoming new and returning Scouts at the first meeting of the year on **Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30pm** in the St. Lucy Lower Church Hall. Cub Scouts is for youth entering grades K-5.

For more information, please contact Rachael at Rachael.banks@comcast.net.

THE 2019 - 2020 CORI FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

ST. LUCY PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

Connie Mercier will be available after all Masses in the St. Lucy Lower Hall next weekend for you to fill out your form. Please have your photo ID with you. For any questions, please call her at 978-683- 6142.

ST. MONICA PARISH & SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Please see next week's bulletin for more information.

All volunteers 18 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI form **every year**.

New volunteers are asked to

- sign a Code of Conduct form (good for the duration of your time at the parishes) and
- attend a Protecting God's Children Class (*Please see upcoming classes below*)

As always, please know that all the information provided by you is kept safe and secure.

We sincerely value your ministry and appreciate your ongoing support as we work with the Archdiocese to remain compliant.

Protecting God's Children Classes

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, Sept 12 at 6:00 PM
Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 AM
St. Lucy Schoolhouse

This class is a one time requirement for all parish and school employees and volunteers. *Sign up at Virtus.org. Sign in as a First-time registrant. Our organization is Boston MA Archdiocese.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month (beginning in September) 6:00 - 7:00pm in St. Lucy Church
Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The first Sodality meeting of the new season is **next Sunday, September 8** at St. Lucy's after the 9:00 am Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

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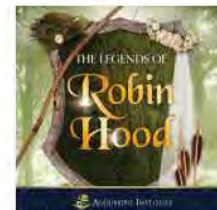


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If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. To quickly register for Formed, please go to methuencatholic.formed.org. We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. **Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM**

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil
4:00 pm Stephen Wasylean

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30 am People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes
9:30 am Charlie and Rose Hanafin
Michael P. Fielding
Gina Garofalo
Friel and Felice Families
11:30 am Eric Lewandowski & Florence Regan

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:15 am Christine Ferguson

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:15 am School Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 am
4:00 pm Yvonne Soucy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 am John F. Houlihan
9:30 am Rocco Migliozi Jr.
Vivian Gingras
Lillian Rapazzo
11:30 am Deceased members of the Russell,
Steeves and Storck Families

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:00 pm Real Taschereau

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 am Deceased members of the Carpenito Family
11:00 am Battistina Iannuccilli
Antonio Iannuccilli
Maria Brosco and Pasquale Brosco
Deceased members of the Despres Family
Francis Kobrenski
Douglas Bunker

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 am Living Mass
Jeffrey, Mariella, Gerry, and Pat

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 am Real Taschereau

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am Michael J. Dailey

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:00 pm People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 am Vincent Breglia
11:00 am Joy Breen
Mary Finocchiaro
Kathy and Giovanni Privitera
Geraldine Weymouth
Alice Indoccio
Francis Kobrenski

Readings for the week of September 1, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
[cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1,
7-14
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/
Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/
Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
[1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Observances for the week of September 1, 2019

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of
the Church
Thursday: St. Teresa of Kolkata
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day

Yesterday is gone.
Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have only today.
LET US BEGIN.

— Mother Teresa

GIVE

ST. MONICA PARISH

08/25/19 Offertory: \$10,166.00

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

ST. LUCY PARISH

08/25/19 Offertory: \$5,443.00

2nd Collection for the St. James Society: \$2,046.00

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 parishes.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- **Parish Offices Closed**
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- **Padre Pio Prayer Group** 6:45 - 8:30 pm
St. Monica Church Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- **Prayer and Study** 10 am - 12 pm St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 4:30 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- **Holy Hour: Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Echo Course Episode 32: The Eighth Commandment** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30 - 8:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Parish Council** 7:15 pm St. Lucy School House

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:00 am Mass until 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- **First Saturday Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother** 8:00 am St. Monica Church
- **Baptism Class** 11:30 am St. Lucy School House
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm
St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Connect Group** 4:00 - 7:30pm St. Lucy School House

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting**
9:00 am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 12:30 pm St. Monica House
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confirmation 2 Parent and Student Info Meeting**
4:00 - 5:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Nick T., William B., Kathy C., Pat W., Felipe, and Shaun P.**

Please pray for **Mary Begley** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica Parish. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week

St. Monica Parish: **Theresa A. Rickley, Margurite T. Petrillo, and Mary F. Sambuco**

Altar Bread for the month of September

St. Monica Parish: **Thomas Verzi Jr.**
St. Lucy Parish: for **Donat Russo** in loving memory of his wife **Therese Russo**

Sanctuary Candle for the month of September

St. Monica Parish: **Mary & Richard Viano**
St. Lucy Parish: **Theresa A. Rickley**

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned beans, canned vegetables, cereal, & mashed potatoes.

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sun. 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

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