

March 26, 2017



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

—Jn 9:37-38

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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

Civic Holiday Schedule:

Normal Schedule at both Parishes

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



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

*Please note! St. Monica - Late start at 9:30am on April 7 and May 5.
 If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled. There will not be Adoration or Confessions on Good Friday, April 14.

During Lent, Adoration at St. Monica's will end at 6:45 pm for Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

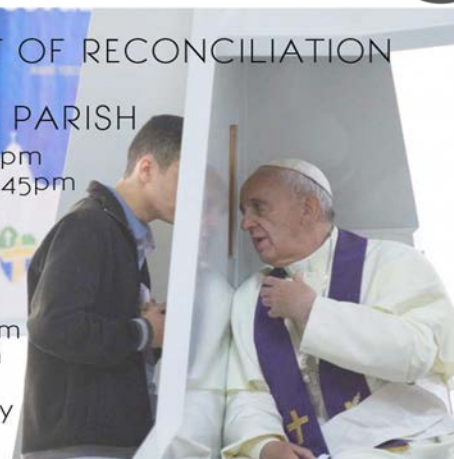
ST. MONICA PARISH

Friday 6:30-7:30pm
 Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

ST. LUCY PARISH

Tues. 4:30-5:30pm
 Sat. 3:00-3:45pm

and any time by appointment



Lent 2017 - Stations of the Cross

St. Lucy: Fridays at 5:30 pm
 (followed by pizza or soup)
St. Monica: Fridays at 7 pm



ST. LUCY PARISH & ST. MONICA PARISH
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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9
 8:00, 9:30, AND 11:30 AM

MONDAY, APRIL 10 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
 DAILY MASS AT 8:00 AM

THE HOLY TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13
 NO MORNING MASS
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:00 PM
 ADORATION FOLLOWS UNTIL 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14
 NO MORNING MASS
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 3:00 PM
 SOLEMN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15
 (NO MORNING MASS AND NO 4:00 PM MASS)
 EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16
 MASSES AT 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:
 6:30 - 8:00 PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 13:
 FOLLOWING THE 7PM MASS
FRIDAY, APRIL 14: 6:00 - 6:45 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 15: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9
 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, & 5:30 PM

THE HOLY TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13
 NO MORNING MASS
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:00 PM
 ADORATION FOLLOWS UNTIL 10 PM IN THE CHAPEL

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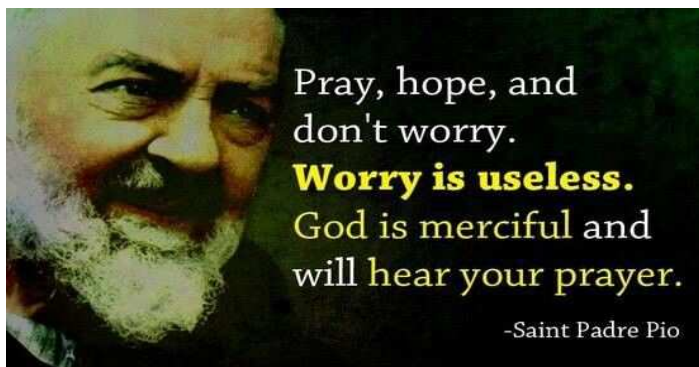
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 EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16
 MASSES AT 7:30, 9:30, AND 11:30 AM (THERE IS NO 5:30 PM MASS)

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:
 6:30 - 8:00 PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 13:
 FOLLOWING THE 7PM MASS
FRIDAY, APRIL 14: 2 - 2:45 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 15: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



The Bible and the Sacraments - Join us every Thursday from 6-8pm until April 6 at the St. Monica rectory to discuss the streaming video, The Bible and the Sacraments . Please contact Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366, if you plan to attend. Check out the website, <https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com/>. Join for free. We will use the workbook available for \$19.95 at <https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com/all-products/participant-workbook>. Come with or without the workbook. All are welcome!



The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday, April 4 from 6:30-8:30pm 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 'Pertinent figures on the road to Calvary'. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. New members are welcome.

DAY OF SERVICE The Faith Formation Office is once again hosting a **Day of Service** for our parish communities. This year it will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday, April 23rd**. If you are unable to do your spring cleaning yourself due to age, illness, or circumstances please contact either Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore for more information. We'd love to send a team to your home to help you get the job done. We're planning to **start the day with the 11:30am Mass at St. Lucy's** followed by a short break and then work at the various homes from **1:00-3:00 pm**. Candidates from our parishes' Confirmation Program, their families, and anyone else over the age of 12 who is interested in helping with this effort are also invited to contact Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore. We will spend the afternoon working at the homes of our parishioners who would like assistance with their spring clean-up. Last year we had nearly 50 kids and parents help with the clean-up at 10 different households. This year we hope to reach more than double the number of homes we reached last year.



"Mary, Mother Of God - Heart Of Compassion"

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality invites all women to a Morning of Reflection

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017 8am to 1pm

Where: St. Lucy Parish Hall
254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

Cost: \$15 (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Give yourself a spiritual gift and enter into Holy Week walking with Mary. We will share in Mary's pain, her sorrow, and her joys. As women, we can easily relate to Mary. She is our model! Do not miss this beautiful presentation by Sr. Ann Whittaker, SCN, and Sr. Anne Marie O'Shea, SCN.

Morning Schedule

8:00 - 9:00am	Mass with choir
9:00 - 9:30am	Registration and Continental Breakfast (meet old friends and make new ones.)
9:45 - 10:45am	First Session
10:45 - 11:00am	Break
11:00 - Noon	Second Session
Noon - 1:00pm	Lunch

For further information or to register, please contact: Elaine Frangente, co-chairperson (978) 373-2376, efrangente@aol.com or Ellen Wholley, co-chairperson (978) 682-8459, auntiellen@aol.com

Important Reminder!!!

If you are planning to attend the Morning Of Reflection on April 8th and haven't yet registered, please call to reserve your place. Don't hesitate! The response has been great!

Thank You,



DID JESUS RISE BODILY FROM THE TOMB TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO?

MANY SCHOLARS, MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA, AND EVEN OUR OWN NEIGHBORS DO NOT BELIEVE IN THIS CENTRAL CLAIM OF CHRISTIANITY. EVERY YEAR AROUND EASTER OR CHRISTMAS, BOOKS AND ARTICLES ARE WRITTEN THAT ARGUE THAT THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS NOT TRUE. SOME ARGUE THAT THE APOSTLES AND DISCIPLES OF JESUS WERE INVOLVED IN A MASSIVE CONSPIRACY...

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Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

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Immerse them in the waters of your life and love. Seal them with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate their path with the light of your hope. Clothe them with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May their celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

The Parishes of St. Monica and St. Lucy invite you to our **2017 Lenten Mission**
Sunday - Wednesday: March 26 - 29 7 pm

Our Catholic Faith:
“*Believing the Impossible Dream!*” or
“*Why we believe the impossible things we believe!*”

Fr. Joseph Irenaios Thomas, BSO

Sunday: THE HOLY TRINITY

“*No Big Boss, No Little Peons!*”

St. Monica Church

Monday: “JESUS AND FREEDOM”

Father Matt Williams

St. Monica Church

Tuesday: THE VIRGIN IS A MOTHER:

“*Impossible!*” they say!

St. Monica Church

Wednesday: RITE-AID, CVS, ALTAR:

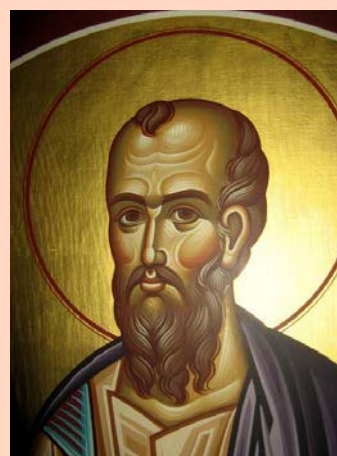
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Concluding with: **A Service of Blessings for Healing**

St. Lucy Church

“God became man so that man might become God!”

St. Athanasios the Great, Pope of Alexandria: “On the Incarnation”



Also; Join us for a Bible study on the **Epistles of St. Paul** Romans, Colossians, and 1 Thessalonians

Monday - Wednesday
(March 27th - 29th)
10 - 11:30 am in the church hall of St. Lucy's.

Please pray for **Michael Tinney, Frank W. Keyes, and Marie-Paule Labrie** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25

8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)
Walter E. Stolarz
4:00 pm Kenneth Pratt

Sunday, March 26

7:30 am Mark G. Hammond
9:30 am (*multiple intentions*)
Carol J. Coletta
Afam Ofoedu
Dick McAndrews
Matthew Brouder
Albert Perrotta
Roger, Teresa, and
Alexander Bonneau
11:30 am Gilbert Gagnon
5:30 pm Dante Perez

Thursday, March 30

7:00 am Vincenzo Lazzara

Friday, March 31

7:00 am Joseph Klufts

Saturday, April 1

8:00 am (*multiple intentions*)
4:00 pm Eva and Joseph Austin

Sunday, April 2

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes
9:30 am (*multiple intentions*)
Charlie & Rose Hanafin (Living)
Thomas Conley Sr.
Deceased members of the
Comerford Family
Violet Sayer
Mary Dow
11:30 am Maurice, Helen, & Maurice Jr. Lariviere
5:30 pm Ida Manning

STEWARDSHIP

March 19, 2017

Offertory: \$10,283.00
Grand Annual: \$68,818.00 (total to date)
Religious Ed. Collection: \$2,435.00

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

This weekend, the second collection is for the Easter Flowers. Next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday Offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE..... canned fruit, strawberry and grape jelly, mashed potatoes, and peanut butter.

CATHOLIC LENDING LIBRARY



This Sunday, the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs after the 9:30 Mass in the back of the church. Borrowed books/DVDs may be returned at that time or in the designated basket (marked returns) any time during the week.

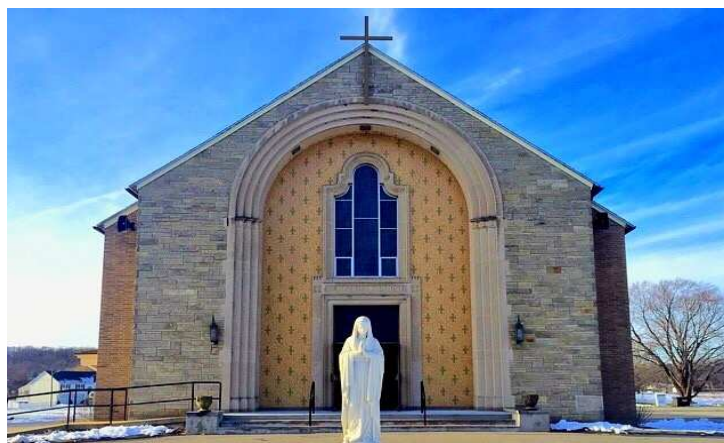
ROSES FOR LIFE



Roses for Life have been donated
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St. Monica 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance - at Lenzi's restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017. For tickets please call Jane & Bill Shawcross at 978-794-8681 or 978-273-8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25

4:00 pm Salvatore D'Agata

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

9:30 am Angela Iannuccilli

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Pasquale Petralia

Lucy Giarrusso

Luisa Victorino (Living)

Salvatore, Rose, & Lucy Sapuppo

Joy Breen

Monday, March 27

8:00 am Joy Breen

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 am Donny Brooks

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 am Mary Bernadette Andrade (Living)

Saturday, April 1

4:00 pm Donald Silveira

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am Solomeja Rembisz

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Sodality

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Joseph Augeri

Aurora Ilagan

Diane L. Farelli

Gertrude Morrisette

Giovanni Lobrutto

STEWARDSHIP

March 19, 2017

Offertory: \$6,807.00

Grand Annual: \$54,935.00 (total to date)

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Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality News

Our next Sodality Meeting is Sunday, April 2nd after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Morning of Reflection: April 8th
- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Sodality Brunch: May 7th
- Irish Cottage Fundraiser: May 24th.

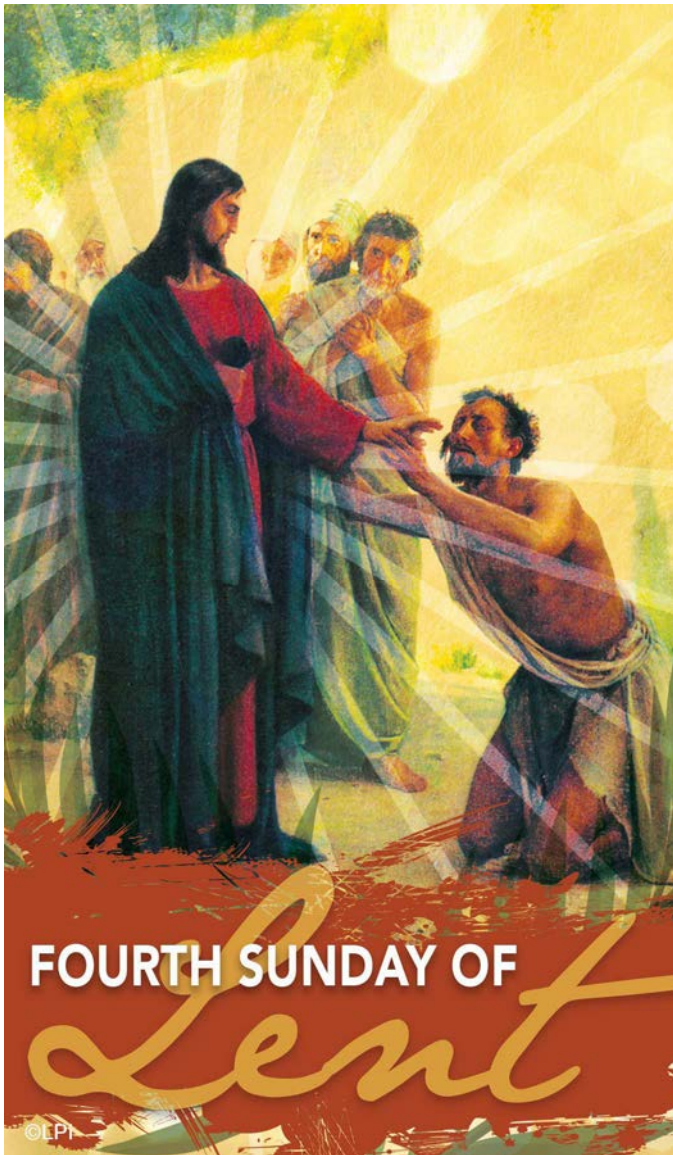
We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish.

St. Lucy's Men's Guild

Save The Date

- This Sunday, March 26th – Men's Guild Meeting after 9:30 Mass in St. Lucy's Rectory
- Saturday, April 15 – following Easter Vigil Mass – Ice Cream Social
- Saturday, June 3rd – Sock Hop – to benefit St. Monica/St. Lucy's Youth Group

Sock Hop co-sponsored by St. Monica's Knights of Columbus. For tickets for Sock Hop – call Larry @ 978-683-2220



I don't know about you, but I find it hard to believe that this Sunday marks the halfway point of Lent! It seems like Ash Wednesday was yesterday, to me. This would be a good time for each of us to look into how we have done in our commitment to prayer, fasting and alms giving. If we have done well, it is time to ask God for the strength to persevere. If we have not done so well, it is extremely important not to get discouraged. Remember that God always gives encouragement to us to do good, while he discourages sin. The evil one works the opposite way.

The liturgy of this Sunday is given to us as a means of encouragement. This is the Sunday called *Laetare* Sunday for the first word of the Introit of the Mass. it is akin to *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent. This is one of the two days of the entire year when the priest and deacon may wear rose colored vestments. We pray that Jerusalem and all who love her would rejoice, and that all who mourn would have joy. The organ and other instruments can be played more at this Mass. there may

even be flowers on the altar. The idea is that we should feel free to celebrate, and to thank God for all the blessings of Lent.

We also need encouragement as we move closer to Holy Week, and our commemoration of Our Lord's Passion. If we are strengthened in joy now, we should hopefully be able to unite in our sorrow for the sufferings of Jesus. In my experience, the liturgies of Holy Week are the only ones all year that actively elicit a strong emotional response. We are called to suffer just a little bit with Our Lord. Now is the time to prepare.

Let us also remember that there are many people among us who are suffering. Some are suffering terribly. Please pray for all who suffer, and to remember them at Mass.

God bless,
Fr. Cassani

St. Monica students who made the honor roll during the second term at Central Catholic High School (CCHS)

Distinguished Honors

Grade 9, Aidan Bowler
Grade 10, Jack Stanislas
Grade 11, Matthew Rafferty
Grade 12, Gemma Francis
Grade 12, Tia Sfeir

High Honors

Grade 10, Joe AbiSamra
Grade 10, Tavonga Tafuma
Grade 12, Molly Wolfendale

Honors

Grade 9, Olivia Camacho
Grade 9, Michelle Francis
Grade 9, Mark Kassis
Grade 9, Jacob McDonald
Grade 10, Camren Benanti
Grade 10, Anthony Chaya
Grade 10, Jason Trinh
Grade 10, Alexander Vasquez
Grade 11, Leah Cedeño
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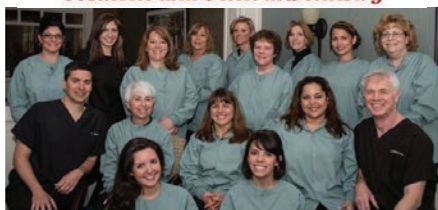
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