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DAILY MASS MON/TUE 9 am St. Lucy THURS/FRI 9 am St. Monica
WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes SUN 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy

An Update From Our Outreach Groups For This Holiday Season

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Because we are a charitable organization, you would think that charity was the virtue St. Vincent De Paul valued most in his life, but it was not. In a letter to a friend he once wrote, "Simplicity is the virtue I love most, the one to which in all my actions I pay most heed." He often said that simplicity was his "gospel.

- 1. Simplicity as having a single aim or purpose
- 2. Simplicity in material possessions
- 3. Simplicity as sincerity

By imitating Jesus in His spirit of simplicity, St. Vincent became Christ to the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. This is the mission and the challenge to which all "Vincentians" are called. There are more than 4,600 conferences in the U.S. and more than 51,000 globally

Locally, this conference has supported many of our neighbors in the last few months with food, certificates, gas cards, and various utility payments to prevent "shut-offs".

During November, we supported families (48 adults and 19 children) by delivering 64 bags of food, offering Market Basket gift cards totaling \$600.00, plus a utility support payment of \$271.67. I might add that we also gave them Market Basket cards for Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners as well.

In place of an Advent Tree with tags and gift requests, we offered Target or Wal-Mart gift cards to children we serve in our ministry.

All the good works is served with a heavy dose of prayer because spirituality is at its best when it holds prayer and action in tension with one another.

Thank you for all of your support and God bless you and your families this holy season.

PROJECT BETHLEHEM

Many thanks to all those who donated gift cards to support "PROJECT BETHLEHEM" for the LAZARUS HOUSE MINISTRY. COVID has made this an especially difficult year, but I'm pleased to announce we collected gift cards totaling \$1,945 for this important charity. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a healthy safe New Year.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is most grateful to families, friends and members for a successful 2019-2020 year. Our 2019 Christmas Craft Fair, February Raffle, membership dues, memorial and honorarium donations have made it possible to continue the Sodality tradition of giving to charities and families in the Merrimack Valley. This week we will be giving gift cards and checks to:

Neighbors in Need, Bread & Roses, Lazarus House-Project Bethlehem, Day Break Shelter, Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley, St. Vincent DePaul, Ruth's House in Haverhill, as well as eight gift cards to families in need from our own parish, St. Monica's School, and St. Lucy's Candle Shrine in honor of Ann Louise Glynn, past president of Sodality.

The Sodality welcomes all women of St. Lucy and St. Monica parishes to join us in continuing these efforts. When these difficult days of Covid-19 are over we look forward to praying together and planning activities once again.



There will be no morning Mass at St. Monica's on Christmas Eve Day.

Beginning December 28th all daily Masses will be offered at St. Lucy's Church. First Saturday Masses will continue to be celebrated at 9:00am at St. Monica's.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions on Christmas Day, December 25th. There will be regular Adoration and Confessions on New Year's Day, January 1st in Gethsemane Chapel.

Mass will not ordinarily be canceled due to weather conditions. However, in exceptional circumstances, a priest may not be available to offer Mass due to inclement weather/travel conditions. Either way, each person must use prudential judgment. No event, including Mass, requires your attendance if inclement weather creates unsafe travel conditions. Finally, please remember that when travel conditions become hazardous, your obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. Once again, in hazardous conditions please exercise safety. Thank you.

RCIA Program

Are you interested in taking steps to enter the Catholic Church or complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist)? If so, please contact Bonnie at 978-609-7307 for more information.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS SUNDAY MASS

9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH 10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY/TUESDAY DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

THURSDAY/FRIDAY DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

FRIDAY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL
CONFESSIONS 2:00 - 3:00 PM
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The Bible in a Year

ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021. Once you register you will receive the entire reading plan for the year. A great way to read the Bible and a good New Year's Resolution!

Saint Monica School

WINTER CALENDAR RAFFLE

February 2021

(If your name is picked on the day, you win that amount)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	\$150	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100
14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100
28.						
\$150						

We must sell 195 tickets. If we do not sell 195 tickets, we will have a 50/50 raffle and one winner will be drawn and the winner will receive 50% of the monies collected and the school will receive the other 50%. (This raffle has always sold enough tickets to be held!)

All payments will be sent to winner/winners mid-March.

Please return this portion of ticket with payment to Sharon Tully in the School Office.

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle \$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50

Checks made out to St. Monica School by 1/31/21

Name	Phone (REQUIRED)
Address (REQUIRED)	
St. Monica Student who sold ticket:	(if purchased through a school child)

Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize. If there is only one winner due to 50/50, that child will win a prize (if a St. Monica Child sold ticket).

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, December 19 4:00pm - Ashley St. Onge

Sunday, December 20

9:00am - Multiple Intentions

Trudy Mulligan

Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne Deceased Members of Gray &

Lavigne Families
Louise Fusco

Deceased Members of the

Zappala Family

Deceased Members of the

Chouinard Family

11:00am - Richard Fairbanks

Thursday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

9am - NO MASS CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING

Friday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, December 19

4:00pm - Anne Louise Glynn

Sunday, December 20

10:00am - Multiple Intentions

Campone, Monaco, Miller, Diruzza,

and Lungo Families Catherine Petralia

Deceased members of the Reitano

Family Tom Igneti Tony Ligouri

Charlee Jane Charette

Arthur King

Monday, December 21

9:00am - Manny Gianni & Christine Gianni

Eldridge

Tuesday, December 22

9:00am - James Finniss



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Sharing the Gospel

With God's helping hands, you can do unbelievable things. You can write books. You can be the President. You can clean up your bedroom. You can climb monkey bars. You can give food and drink to the hungry. When you are feeling weak, sit down and pray. Ask God to help you. Nothing is impossible for him. Just like Mary, you have to believe that you can do anything with God's help.

Praye

Lord, give me wisdom to ask you for your help.

Mission for the Week

I will not give up on difficult jobs. I will pray and try again.

Observances for this week

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday:

Monday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Thursday: **Christmas Eve**

Friday: The Nativity of the Lord St. Stephen, the First Martyr Saturday: The Holy Family of Jesus, **Next Sunday:**

Mary and Joseph





CatholicTV Christmas Mass TV Schedule

Christmas Eve:

- 8:00pm: Midnight Mass from St. Peter's with Pope Francis (CatholicTV)
- 11:00pm: Christmas Mass from Bethlehem (CatholicTV)
- 12 midnight: Midnight Mass, Cardinal Sean at the Cathedral (CatholicTV)

Christmas Day:

- 8:00am: Christmas Mass with Cardinal Sean -**WLVI-TV**
- 9:30am: Christmas Mass with Cardinal Sean -CatholicTV
- 12:00pm: Christmas Mass with Cardinal Sean -WHDH-TV, Ch 7
- 5:00pm: Christmas Mass from the National Shrine - CatholicTV

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Sarah Wilkens and Paula D.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/ vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Date	Р	riest	Seminarian
12/20/20	20	Fr. Christopher Lowe	Marcelo Ferrari
12/21/20	20	Fr. Michael Steele	David Joanis
12/22/2020		Fr. Raymond Van De Moortell	Chris Letizia
12/23/20	20	Fr. John Reardon	Thuy Nguyen
12/24/20	20	Fr. Francisco Anzoategui	Andrew Rondelli
12/25/20	20	All Priests in the World	Hung Tran
12/26/2020		Fr. Mark Noonan	Paul Born

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley

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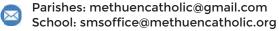
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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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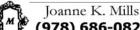


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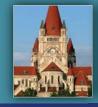
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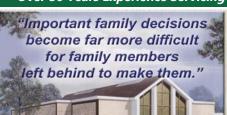
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