

THIRD SUNDAY *of Advent*

DECEMBER 15, 2019



ST. MONICA PARISH

212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA

ST. LUCY PARISH

254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA

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

COME & SEE

A SAVIOR IS BORN

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Christmas

VIGIL*

4:00 PM St. Monica Church | St. Lucy Church |

St. Lucy Lower Hall | Methuen Music Hall |

St. Joseph's Chapel at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center

5:15 PM Christmas Eve Social - St. Monica School Hall

10:00 PM St. Lucy Church

DAY - We encourage all to attend Mass on **Christmas Day** since it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

9:00 AM St. Lucy Church

9:30 AM St. Monica Church

11:30 AM St. Monica Church

*Please note the change in Mass times from last year for Christmas Eve. We still have the 4:00 pm Mass offered at five different locations, but there is no 7:00 pm at St. Lucy's.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Jan. 1st

DEC. 31st **4:00 PM** St. Lucy Church & St. Monica Church

JAN. 1st **9:00 AM** St. Lucy Church & St. Monica Church

St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes would like to welcome you to our
2nd Annual Christmas Eve Social

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass
(around 5:15 – 7pm) in St. Monica's School Hall

Pot Luck – Bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert to share (If it's a dish best served warm, please bring your crock pot or hot plate – no Sternos) Water and punch will be provided.

Yankee Swap – Bring a wrapped gift to exchange (optional). The gift should be worth approximately \$10. Something you have at home that you think someone might like – this is just for fun!

Christmas Caroling – as time allows until 7pm

Santa's helpers to set up and/or tidy up would be greatly appreciated! No need to RSVP – just come if you can – we'd love to have you join us! All are welcome. Any questions, email debradori338@gmail.com

Collaborative-Wide Lessons and Carols

This Sunday, December 15th

4:00 - 5:00 pm St. Monica Church

Followed by refreshments in the school hall.

Share the Nativity at St. Lucy's



This year during Advent and leading up to Christmas; we would like to put

on display different Nativity Scenes.

They can be of any size and pictures or banners are also welcome. All items will be returned after the holidays.

The scenes will be displayed in the lower church hall and will be available for viewing from Dec. 15 through Jan. 6. If you would like to have your Nativity scene displayed here at St. Lucy, please drop it off at the office during the week or give it to one of the Ushers before each Mass. Please use the form below so that we have your contact info so each display can be returned. Let's truly celebrate together the "Reason for the Season" and continue this tradition at St. Lucy.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

THURSDAY, DEC. 19



**Holy Hour:
Eucharistic
Adoration,
Confessions, and
Evening Prayer**

6:00 - 7:00 pm
St. Lucy Church

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4. Find our parishes by name, zip, or our access code (9772VM)
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. **After you register, please email Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.**

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at (978) 270 - 3366 or at the email above.

WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT

NEVER

STOP BELIEVING
IN
HOPE, BECAUSE
MIRACLES
HAPPEN
EVERY DAY

St. Vincent de Paul Society YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned beans, canned spaghetti, canned tuna, and pancake mix and syrup. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Council 14725

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The consecration prayer will be said at all Masses at St. Monica's on Sunday, December 29, 2019.

1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

A big "thank you" to all who made the Sodality Christmas party so successful and so much fun! The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality....what a wonderful group of women! If you have been thinking about joining the Sodality, please come to our January 5th meeting after the 9:00 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. Our plans for 2020 will be planned. You are always welcome! We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Christmas Wafers for the Traditional Christmas Celebrations (Lithuanian "Kucios" & Polish "Wigilia") are available at the Corpus Christi Parish Office in Lawrence during regular business hours. You may obtain them for a free will donation.

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 am Amy Waterworth
Joseph FitzMaurice
4:00 pm Ronald Fitzgerald

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 am Alice Indoccio
9:30 am Irene Crowley
David Makin
Scott LaBelle
Theresa and William Leach
David DeGregorio
Angela Barletta
Marguerite Michaud
11:30 am Mary Wall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15 am Lucille Labrecque

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:15 am Trudy Mulligan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
4:00 pm People of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30 am Mark G. Hammond
9:30 am Louise Fusco
Joseph Indoccio and family
Connie and Albert Zampelli
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
Arthur Royer
Robert Ouellette
Aldona A. Belmer
11:30 am Ashley St. Onge
Jose DeFreitas

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00 pm Angelo, James, and Jennie Maimone
Grace Riccio and Betty Parson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
11:00 am Lee Privitera and Salvatore Privitera
Angelo and Laura Chester
Suzanne Dooley
Mary Finocchiaro
Charles J. Piro
Deceased members of the Freil and Felice Families
Filippo Cali
Giuseppe and Carmela Ardizzone
Lucia Luciforo
Vincenzo, Vincenzina, Anthony, and Paul Sr. Meli
Vincenzo and Isabella Dadducci

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 am Manny Gianni and Christine Gianni Eldridge

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 am Raymond St. Onge

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 am Marion Bench

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:00 pm Dominick "Rex" Campone
Tomas and Adrianna Campone
Marion Miller
John and Rose Monaco
Tommy and Ann Campone

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am Catherine Petralia
11:00 am Michelangelo Iuvara
Salvatore and Maria and Silvana Campailla
Real Taschereau
Charlee Charette
Ferraro and Cardone Families
Alan Tisbert
Dr. George Mansour
Gilda Connors and Daniel Connors
John Piazza
Francesco and Alfia Bellia
Delia M. (Allen) Fredette
Kalvin Grady

GIVE

ST. MONICA PARISH

12/01/19 regular offertory: \$8,651.00
2nd collection for Christmas flowers: \$2,811.00
12/08/19 regular offertory: \$10,932.00

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

ST. LUCY PARISH

12/01/19 regular offertory: \$6,989.00
2nd collection for Christmas flowers: \$2,379.00
12/08/19 regular offertory: \$6,829.00

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.

St. Monica School will be picking up and disposing of Christmas Trees for families living in Methuen only for a donation of \$10.00. Pick up dates are the weekends of December 28 & 29, January 4 & 5, and January 11 & 12. If you are interested, please contact Marc Krzywicki at mk82682@aol.com, or call or text him at 978-500-7880 to set up a pick-up date. Thank you!

Saint Monica School Holiday Raffle January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. \$150	2. \$50	3. \$50	4. \$100
5. \$100	6. \$50	7. \$50	8. \$50	9. \$50	10. \$50	11. \$100
12. \$100	13. \$50	14. \$50	15. \$50	16. \$50	17. \$50	18. \$100
19. \$100	20. \$50	21. \$50	22. \$50	23. \$50	24. \$50	25. \$100
26. \$100	27. \$50	28. \$50	29. \$50	30. \$50	31. \$150	

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

We must sell 215 tickets. If we do not sell 215 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-February.

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

\$10 per ticket or 6 for \$50 – checks made out to St. Monica School by 12/19/19

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).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **RCIA Class** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Parish
- **Lessons and Carols** 4:00 pm St. Monica Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **Commission to Aid our Brothers and Sisters in Need Meeting** 9:30 am St. Monica House
- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am St. Monica House
- **8th Grade Faith Formation** 4:00pm St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Church
- **St. Monica School Pre-K/Kindergarten Christmas Show** 6:30 - 7:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- **Alpha** 6:15 pm St. Lucy Lower Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- **Prayer and Study** - Join us in reading "A Story of a Soul, Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux" 10 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Knights of Columbus Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- **Holy Hour: Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Finance Council** 7:15 pm St. Lucy School House

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- **Adoration** after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- **Faith2fitt** 8 am St. Lucy School House
- **Choir Rehearsal** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 3- 3:45pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Lucy Parish

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Gerry, Kay, Pat, Jeff, Carole, Noreen, Gerta, Eva, Eileen, Sharon H., Tina P., Casey W., Janice M., Claire M., Sujerlty, Pamela, Kathleen L., Sylvia H., Catherine N., Justine N., Kari N., and Greg P.**

Please pray for **Maria Barcelos, Delia Fredette, Paul Smith, Julien Martin, and Ann Sunderland** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

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REMINDER: If St. Monica School is closed on a Friday due to weather, there is no Eucharistic Adoration.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

Fridays beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until

5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

Fridays 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church



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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.

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