

November 26, 2017



# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Then the king will say to those on his right,  
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit  
the kingdom prepared for you from the  
foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34

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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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### St. Monica Parish

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

### St. Lucy Parish

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica 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.

**BAPTISMS.** Please call the parish office.

St. Monica's Parish: 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm



*Breakfast with Santa*

*Presented by  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
of St. Monica's Parish*

*Date: Sunday, December 03, 2017*

*Time: After the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses*

*Place:*

*St. Monica's School Hall  
Adults \$5.00 Children \$2.00  
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*Give your child and grandchild an unforgettable breakfast  
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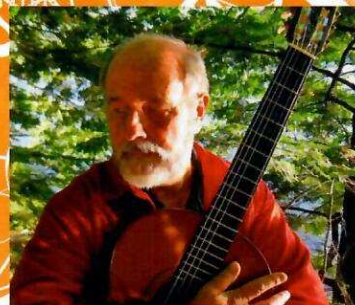


# ADVENT CONCERT

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Sunday, December 17, 2017  
2:00 P.M.

As a Benedictine of Weston Priory,  
Gregory composed many familiar songs  
such as Hosea (Come Back to Me),  
Wherever You Go, and All I Ask of You.

He continues to publish music with  
Oregon Catholic Press, and has released  
several prayer books and octavos with  
continued widespread acceptance at  
Liturgies worldwide.

Come join us as we begin a year  
of celebration for our  
60th Anniversary as a  
Parish Faith Community!  
(1958 – 2018)

[A free-will offering will be  
taken and gratefully accepted.]





Got questions about the faith?  
**Join us for Alpha!**

**Starting January 17  
at 6:00 pm**

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

For more information, please  
contact Karl Jackson  
faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

### St. Lucy/St. Monica Ultreya



**Tuesday, November 28  
7:00 – 8:30 PM  
St. Lucy Church Hall**

All St. Lucy and St. Monica  
parishioners are invited to  
take part in a monthly Ultreya.

This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!"  
"Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to  
each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will begin with Liturgy and  
singing and includes voluntary sharing in small  
intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and  
refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

All parishioners are invited to come and share in  
this monthly evening of praise and worship.

Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!



"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them  
O Lord - And Let Perpetual  
Light Shine Upon Them"

Please pray for **Yvonne Soucy**  
who passed away on January 7,  
2017. May her soul and the souls of all our  
faithful departed, through the Mercy of God,  
rest in peace forever. Amen.

### Advent for Discipleship Groups

Experience the joy of the true meaning of  
Christmas. Register for the four week session  
**ADVENT FOR DISCIPLES GROUPS** with  
FORMED.ORG by going to our website and  
following the study guides at home or register with  
our small group by contacting Bonnie Doherty, 978  
-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. Small Group  
starts meeting Thursday November 30, from 6-  
7:30pm in the St. Monica Rectory, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
sunroom.



Join us for the feast day of  
**The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Friday, December 8

### Mass Schedule:

4:00 pm (prior eve) - St. Monica's  
7:00 am - St. Monica's  
8:00 am - St. Lucy's  
10:00 am - St. Monica's  
12:30 pm - St. Lucy's  
7:00 pm - St. Lucy's

Please pray for **Mary Persichetti, Lynn Cool,  
Howard Hart, Josephine Collopy, Albert  
Savastano, Violet Wrobel, John Hartnett,  
Marguerite Guerard, and Nancy DiSalvo** whose  
Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our  
parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our  
faithful departed rest in peace.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During October, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought **Christ and hope** to 46 families comprised of 71 adults and 36 children.

In addition, we brought 138 bags of food, \$1338 in Market Basket Gift Cards, gas cards, and clothes vouchers. Other services included providing a Security Deposit, rent help, utility payments, a car payment, and referred a young women to the Pregnancy Care Center.

We are always humbled by your support and continue to pray for you.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food"  
Matthew 25:35



The school had a Dress Down Day this last Tuesday and collected and delivered over 80 bags of food. Thank you on behalf of the people we serve.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Giving Trees**

We have placed two Giving Trees at St. Monica's. The trees help to enable our parish community to assist our parish's families in need and bring the light and love of Our Lord into this special time of year. Tags listing specific gift requests are placed on both trees and we encourage you, if you are able, to take one or more tags and purchase the item(s) listed. The gifts should be returned unwrapped, or in a gift bag, and placed under the trees no later than **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pat Wilkens, Nativity Program Coordinator, at 978-686-9573. Thank you.

### **"YES I CAN" Program**

WE CAN USE... pancake syrup and mix, canned carrots, and strawberry jam. **Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### BEGIN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



St. Monica Knights of Columbus, Council 14725, invites the families of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes to a movie night. We will be showing "The Polar Express" on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Monica's School Hall after the 4:00 Mass. Refreshments will be served.

We particularly invite the dads to bring the kids and give mom time to rest after Thanksgiving or for mom to go Christmas shopping. However, moms are more than welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children without an adult will not be admitted.

Children are encouraged to wear PJs, bath robes, etc. and bring a sleeping bag or bean bag chair to sit on. "Listen for the bells."

This is a free event – all are welcome!

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica's on Fridays 12/22 and 12/29 due to Christmas and New Year weekends.

### **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

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The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday, December 5 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 include miracles attributed to Padre Pio's intercession, as well as other topics of interest within the Catholic faith. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. All interested are welcome.

**RCIA:** Our next meeting is on Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy schoolhouse.



# ST. MONICA PARISH

## ROSES FOR LIFE

**Roses for Life** have been donated  
In loving memory of

**Nancy Tardif**  
**Professor Doctor Joseph F. Aieku**  
**Michael and Linda Giarrusso**  
**Veronica Murray**  
**Maria Arasi**  
**Cecile and Peter Checovich**

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. Monica School PTO Presents-The:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Carnival!

In the St. Monica School Hall  
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**GAMES      FOOD      FAMILY FUN!**  
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Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM  
\*Pasta Dinner from 5-6PM  
\*Visit from Santa Claus at 4:30 and 5:30pm



Tickets will be on Sale After Masses,  
beginning 12/1/17 or by contacting  
Kristen Snay at 978-853-8128 or  
kristensnay@gmail.com

**\*Grand Prize Raffle Drawing at 6:15!**  
**(Dinner Anywhere in the World for 2)!!**

AND  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-1PM  
\*Santa Visit at 11AM

Because of the early bulletin deadline, we will publish last weekend's collection totals in the next bulletin.

The second collection this weekend is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 25

**8:00 am** *(multiple intentions)*

Nyhan Family  
Alberico "Albert" "Butch" Savastano  
Joseph Bonaccorsi **(Living)**  
Mark McComiskey & Michael Cestrone

**4:00 pm**

### Sunday, November 26

**7:30 am**

Thomas Jernberg

**9:30 am** *(multiple intentions)*

Nancy Tardif  
George W. LaFland  
Fred J. Rapisardi  
Leo and Patricia Deschamps  
Willard Barnes  
Veronica Murray  
Deceased members of the  
St. Monica Knights of Columbus  
Maureen Imielkowski

**11:30 am**

**5:30 pm**

### Thursday, November 30

**7:00 am**

Sally McCafferty

### Friday, December 1

**7:00 am**

Jesse Murray

### Saturday, December 2

**8:00 am** *(multiple intentions)*

Pamela Daveta  
Joseph Rapisarda **(Living)**  
Dalmazia Mesiti

**4:00 pm**

### Sunday, December 3

**7:30 am**

Charles Booth Jr. and  
Margerite and Charles Booth Sr.  
Robert O'Connor  
Dorothy and James McCarthy

**9:30 am** *(multiple intentions)*

Charlie and Rose Hanafin **(Living)**  
Violet Sayer  
Marianne Paquette  
James F. Sheehy  
Jeffrey T. Middlemiss and  
Joseph H. Petelle  
Living and deceased members of the  
Leslie, Wetzell, Monaco, Vicari, and  
Kane Families  
Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy  
Parishes

**11:30 am**

**5:30 pm**

The chapel stays open until 7pm from Monday - Thursday and until 7:30 on Fridays except when there is no Adoration.

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, November 25

**4:00 pm** Domenic and  
Guiseppi Rotonelli

#### Sunday, November 26

**8:00 am** Richard Lebel  
**9:30 am** Angelo Coco  
**11:30 am** (*multiple intentions*)  
Alyce Innis  
Vincenza Terenzi  
John and Jennie Blatti

#### Monday, November 27

**8:00 am** Mark Foderaro

#### Tuesday, November 28

**8:00 am** Rosario and Santa Marzullo

#### Wednesday, November 29

**8:00 am** Alfio & Vincenza Scandura

#### Saturday, December 2

**4:00 pm** Guido and Guida Iannalfo

#### Sunday, December 3

**8:00 am** Parishioners of St. Lucy  
and St. Monica Parishes  
**9:30 am** Ralph C. Belmonte Sr.  
**11:30 am** (*multiple intentions*)  
Domenic & Mary Rotonelli  
Guiseppi and  
Francesca Bevilacqua  
Warren Finnis  
Maria DiFruscia  
Anthony Longo and  
Longo & Rotondo Families  
Bergeron &  
Roberge Families  
Sharon Forgetta  
Arcangelo, Giuseppina,  
Gabriele and  
Giuseppe San Giorgio

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### "Sing A Joyful Song To The Lord"

We are looking to increase the membership of our choir. We rehearse on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 and sing for the 4:00 Mass each week.

We also sing for other Liturgies during the year. If you are not able to make a full year commitment, consider singing with us for Christmas. For more information, please e-mail me, Sharon Waning at [sharon.waning@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.waning@yahoo.com)



### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The next Sodality Mass will be at 11:30 am on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner in the church hall. Yankee Swap \$10.00 Gift!!! Be creative!!! If you have not given your name that you are attending contact Ursula Maggio at 978-886- 0915.

### MEN'S GUILD

The next meeting for the St. Lucy's Men's Guild is this Sunday, November 26, 2017 after the 9:30 Mass. Our Deacon John Kobrenski will be our Guest Speaker. All are invited to come and listen to his presentation on 'Who is our Deacon and What are His Duties' which he will give at the beginning of our meeting.

### ADVENT TREE OF LIGHT

Once again St. Lucy's Parish will partner with Lazarus House in assisting families over the Christmas Holiday. The Advent Tree of Light will be located at the main entrance to the Church until December 6. Tags will be placed on the tree for specific requests. If you are able, please make another family's Christmas brighter by taking a tag and purchasing the item requested.

#### ***PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS***

**Place the gift in a GIFT BAG and place the tag on the outside of the bag.** Leave the gift bags in the **rear of the Church.** **All gifts must be returned by December 10.** Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683-5159 or 508 783 1544 with any questions.

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



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

## Saint Monica School Holiday Raffle *January 2018*

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

### St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

\$10 per ticket – checks made out to St. Monica School by 12/21/17

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).

## ***Dinner for 2 Anywhere in the World!?!***

St. Monica School PTO is sponsoring a Special Raffle. The prize will be dinner for two anywhere in the world. Each Ticket costs \*\$30.00. The prize includes round trip airfare, a dinner for two, and overnight accommodations. The winner will be drawn at our Pasta Dinner, during our Winter Carnival on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in our school hall located at 212 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA.

### ***Where do I get my tickets??***

- On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:30-8:15am***, tickets will be sold in the School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$30.00 each. ***For St. Monica Families who have paid their \$125 Fundraising Fee, you will be able to purchase ONE ticket for \$5.00 (\$25.00 of the ticket cost is covered by your Fundraising Fee). Any other tickets must be purchased at the \$30.00 price. You must request and pay for your ticket. It will not be provided to you.***
- Starting 12/1:*** After all Weekend Masses, tickets will be sold in the back of the church. You may also call Kristen Snay at (978) 853 - 8128 or kristensnay@gmail.com for ticket sales. ***You do NOT need to be present to win, but tickets MUST be bought in person. Cash or Checks accepted. Checks made payable to St. Monica School***





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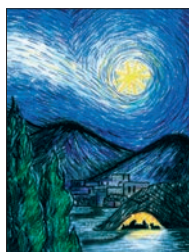
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