

April 23, 2017



# Divine Mercy

*"Jesus, I trust in you"*

**St. Monica Parish**

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## ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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### St. Lucy Parish

#### 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: 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



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.



Check out our new website [methuencatholic.org](http://methuencatholic.org) to see how you can get involved.

**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](mailto: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 May 5.  
If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

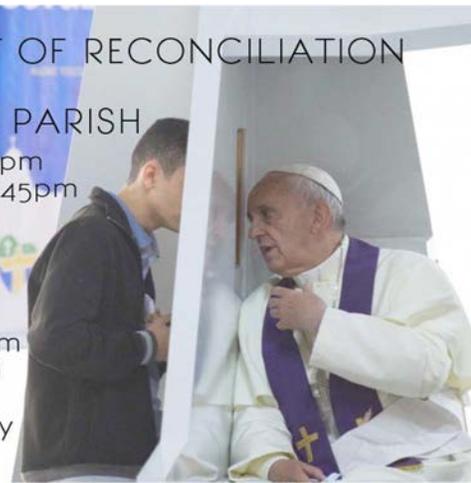
**ST. MONICA PARISH**

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



**Is there more to life than this**

Got Questions about your Faith? Come to our first Alpha Session this Fall to meet other adults with similar questions and begin to discover everything our faith has to offer.

Alpha

**IS IT POSSIBLE TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS?**  
A DISCUSSION ON FREEDOM AND GRACE

**17** 7 PM  
**MAY, 2017**

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Group: Theology on Tap Methuen, MA  
Event: Is It Possible to Keep the Commandments?



**YOUTH**

Keep an eye out on our website and in our bulletin for more events and opportunities to grow in friendship and faith. Our Youth Group will continue meeting throughout the summer, Vacation Bible School (for ages 4-11) and the Steubenville East Youth Conference (for rising 9<sup>th</sup> through 12 graders) are planned for July as well as many other opportunities.

Contact Karl or Sammie at (978) 683-1193 with questions or to register for these great opportunities.

**High School Service Trip**

Do you love to serve, or need community service hours?

Join us this summer in Boston, MA for a weeklong service trip.

When: June 25-July 1

Who: All those who are currently in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Every day we will get to partake in worship music, fellowship, prayer, and service to those in need in the Boston area. Each day we will be sent out to different locations to help those in need. There is a variety of work - serving at soup kitchens, working in community gardens, day camps and senior centers. We also may help to build, demolish, paint, and repair homes.

For questions or to register contact Sammie Moore at [youth.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:youth.stlm@gmail.com). Spots are limited, so if you are interested, please reach out soon!

**Steubenville East Catholic Conference**

Join us this summer for a weekend youth conference at Umass Lowell!!

When: July 14-16

Who: All those who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

This weekend is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun!

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**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**  
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Please pray for **John Paris** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

**Prayer for the Newly Baptized**

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

**Johnathan Patrick Hannagan**

**Joseph Dominic Mancini**

**Joshua David Scenna**

**Raegan Rose Torossian**



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.

Sunday, April  
**30th**



**COLUMBIAN SQUIRES  
 CIRCLE 5539'S ICE  
 CREAM SOCIAL**

**St. Monica's School Hall  
 April 30th 6pm - 8pm**

If you are a Catholic male and you are the age 10 through 17, we welcome you to this event. You will learn about the Columbian Squires and the services we do to help those in our community and the surrounding area. You do not need to be a member of St. Monica's Parish/St Lucy's Parish or a resident of Methuen. Ice cream will be served. This will be a great event. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [info@squirescircle5539.vpweb.com](mailto:info@squirescircle5539.vpweb.com). We hope you can attend and save the date for this event.



Next week's second collection supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American servicemen and servicewomen. The Home Missions collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs that serve the Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities in the United States. For more information, please visit [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org), [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm), and [blackandindianmission.org/](http://blackandindianmission.org/).

**Miscellaneous Information**

**Come One Come All: Everyone Is Invited  
Easter Mission**

**DATES:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2017  
(Divine Mercy Weekend)

**LOCATION:** All Saints Parish Haverhill, MA  
(978.372.7721)

**MISSION TITLE:** “God's Love in our Suffering Lives” w/Father Patrick Martin

All Saints Parish is excited to have a Parish Mission during this Easter season given by Fr. Patrick Martin. Fr Pat is from Limestone ME and is currently based in San Antonio TX. At age 9, he was diagnosed with meningitis resulting in him losing his sight and his ability to walk. With a strong support system at home (he is the 17<sup>th</sup> of 22 children) he learned to walk again but did not regain his vision. Fr. Pat would tell you that he would no more pray to see again as you would pray to be blind – stating that “blindness has turned out to be his greatest gift”. Fr. Pat's ministry has really grown from his blindness (the first spark in his vocation came about in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade when he said . . . maybe – just maybe with the blindness I can serve God's people). Fr. Pat has preached at more than 1300 Parishes worldwide (including Ireland, Canada and Panama) and is the author of 5 books with a 6<sup>th</sup> due out this year.

Fr. Pat will be preaching a Mission titled “**God's Love in our Suffering Lives.**” You can learn more about Fr. Pat by visiting his website at [www.awildcanary.com](http://www.awildcanary.com).

**St. Lucy's Parish  
BVM Sodality  
Fundraiser**

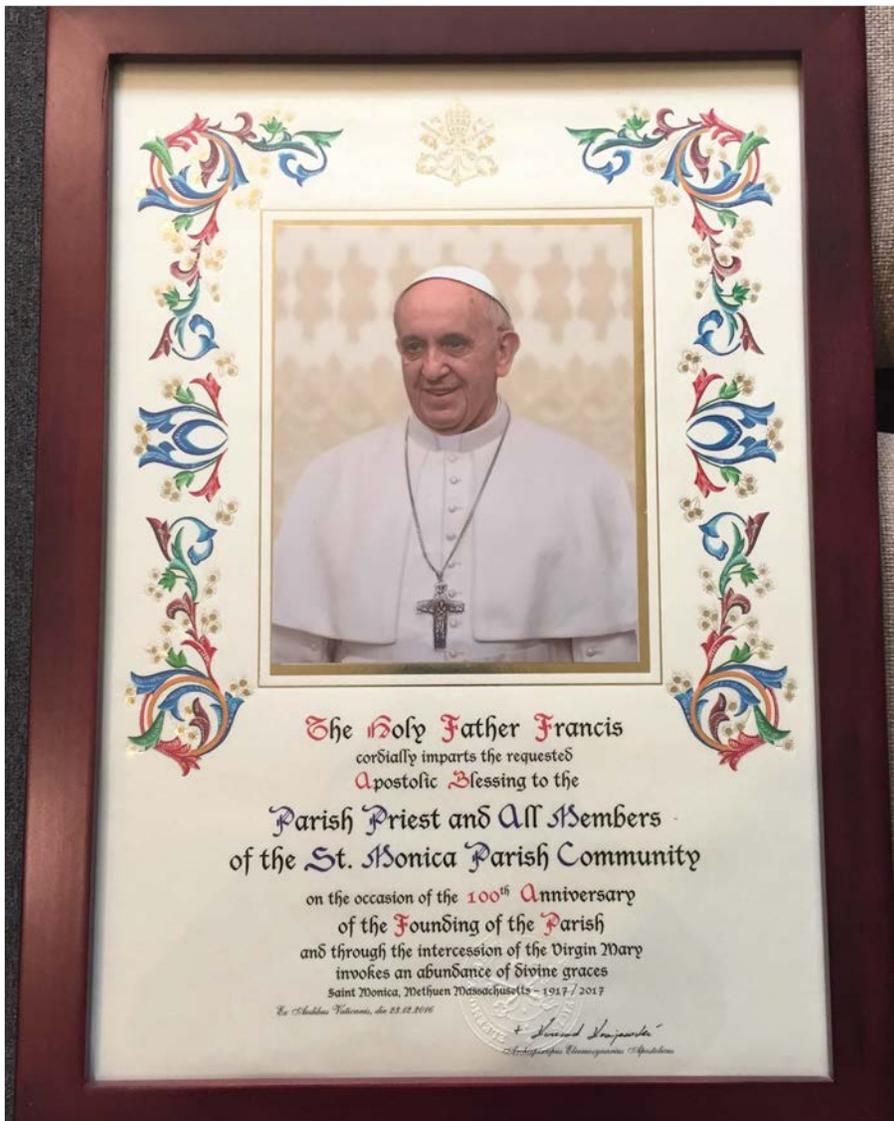


On Wednesday May 24th from 4pm to 10pm come in and help support St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality in their fundraising efforts. Bring in this flyer and give it to your server when cashing out and The Irish Cottage will donate 20% of your bill's total (excluding alcohol) for both dine-in or take out to St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality. For every participant, The Irish Cottage will donate an extra \$1.00 per participant.

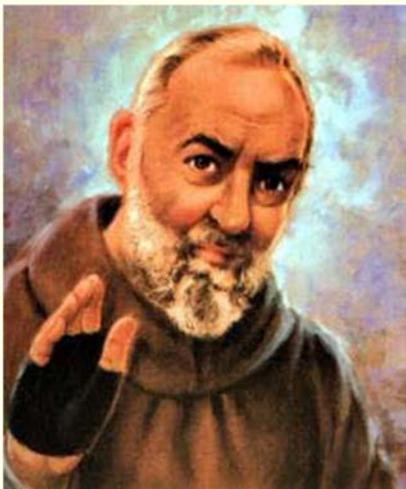
The Irish Cottage 1111 Riverside Dr. Methuen [978-208-4347](tel:978-208-4347)

**Outreach & Service**

Commission to Assist our Brothers and Sisters in need with Nursing Home Outreach  
We have established a team to provide visits to parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes who are at Nevins Nursing and Rehab Center. If you know of a family member or friend at the Nevins who would enjoy a visit, please contact: Jeanne Desmond at 978-377-0017. Also, if you have a few hours to spare, we would love to have you join us in this very important ministry. These visits can take place at your convenience. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Jeanne Desmond.



**St. Monica 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance** - at Lenzi's restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017. **Tickets will be sold after all the masses this weekend.** Tickets are \$50.00 each. Please join us for a fun evening.



The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica Church. The evening includes recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, discussion of miracles related to St. Padre Pio and other saints, as well as topics of interest and devotions within the Catholic faith. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. New members are welcome.

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn't want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came "although the doors were locked" and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they "rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace--the gift of his mercy--is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God's mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.



Easter colors reflect the joy of our hearts and Christ's blood washes us clean.

I write this as we have come through the intense but beautiful days of the Holy Triduum and the First Sunday of Easter. What struck me profoundly this year was the joy that is radiated when we put on our “Easter Best”. To see the school children going home on Thursday donning their beautiful Easter bonnets and the beautiful colors of all the outfits on Sunday, particularly of our little ones. The beautiful display of color reminded me that for the Christian, we must also shine with that same joy on the inside, on our souls.

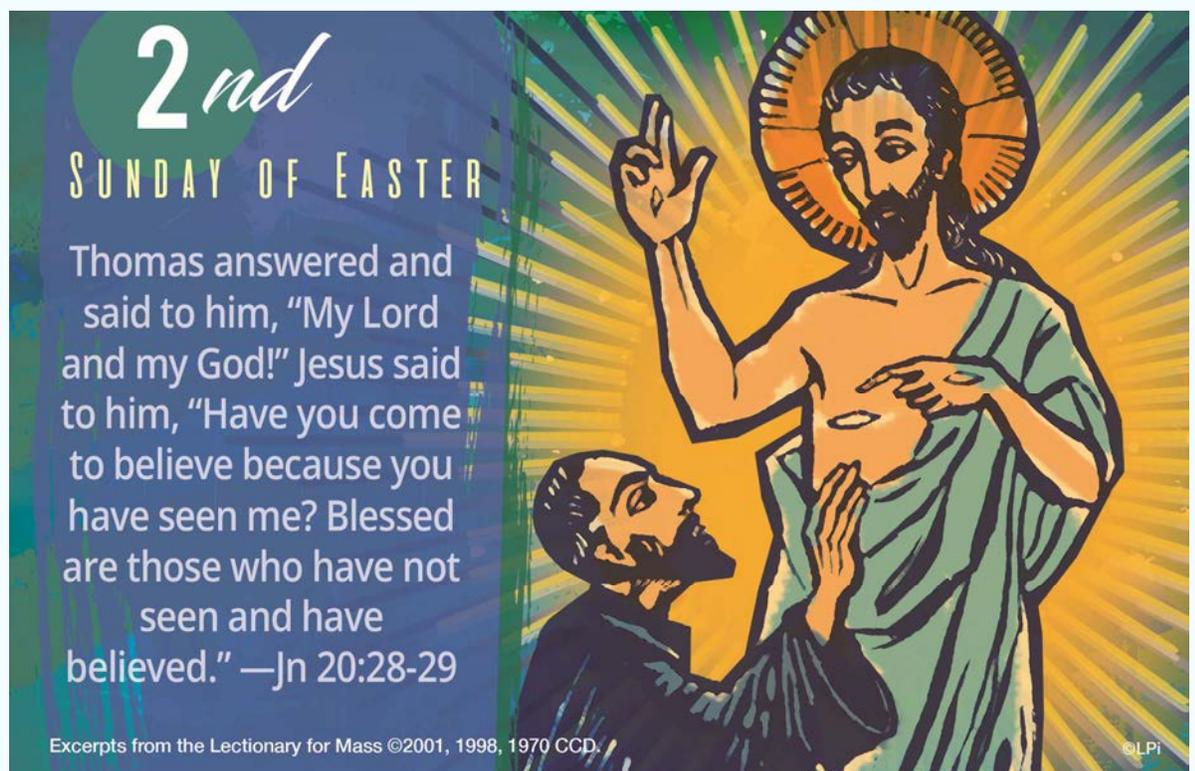
Still carrying our Easter joy forward with full intensity, this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, reminds us that keeping our figurative baptismal garment shiny and white requires our need for constant repentance and conversion. This Sunday reminds us that the Lord's mercy, and our frequent reception of it, is never a grace we can take for granted. Our desire to have the saving blood of Christ operative in our lives must always be growing if we are to take our Christian walk seriously. Sometimes we get mud on those bright shiny clothes and as the Book of Revelation reminds us in our Baptismal Liturgy, we must be like the saints in heaven and “*wash our robes in the blood of the lamb*” (Rev 22:14).

God used his humble servant Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, to remind us of that basic truth of our faith. Pope Francis has said that “God never tires of forgiving us” I hope that you can be with us this Sunday afternoon at St. Monica to take some quiet time in the midst of Easter joy to solemnly celebrate this great gift.

*“For the Lord is good and his mercy endures forever” Ps 100:5*

Happy Easter

Fr Bill





**Sat., April 22 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

4:00 pm Vito Cunsolo  
Lucille Guimond

**Sunday, April 23 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:00 am Maria Campailla  
9:30 am George & Gloria Colizzi  
Fred & Irene Leocata  
11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*  
Margie and Phil Signorelli  
Paul Burke  
Michelangelo Iuvara  
Concetta and Manuel Sousa  
Robert and Kevin McCall  
Rosa Maria Torrisi  
Angelo, Lucia, Santa and  
Bernadette Saracuse

**Monday, April 24 - Easter Weekday**

8:00 am Samuele Carolina &  
Vincenzo and Raffaella Santantonio

**Tuesday, April 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist**

8:00 am Donna Meaney (Living)

**Wed., April 26 - Easter Weekday**

8:00 am Mattia Gerardo D'Andrea

**Sat., April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena**

4:00 pm Karen M. Shea

**Sunday, April 30 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and  
St. Monica Parishes  
9:30 am Emily Succo & Anthony Succo  
11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*  
Luisa Victorino (Living)  
Edwin J. Farrell  
Edwin J. Farrell Jr.  
Timothy J. Farrell  
Frank Shawcross  
Francis Slattery  
Michael Buono

**ST. LUCY PARISH BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

Our next Sodality meeting is on May 7 after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Sodality Brunch: May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Irish Cottage Fundraiser: May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Commitment/Re commitment to our Blessed Mother - June 11

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

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



**STEWARDSHIP**

**April 16, 2017**

Clergy Benefit Trust: \$7,378.00  
Good Friday Collection: \$883.00

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

**St. Lucy's Men's Guild**

**SAVE THE DATE NOTICE**

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Sock Hop – to benefit St. Monica/ St. Lucy's Youth Group  
Sock Hop Co-sponsored by St. Monica's Knights of Columbus

*For tickets – call Larry @ 978-683-2220 or Jack @ 978-373-2376*

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Men's Guild Meeting – after 9:30 Mass in St. Lucy's Church Hall

Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St. Joseph who meet regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their families, in their parishes, and in their community.



**Sat., April 22 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
 8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

James M. Hourihan  
 Francis M. Houlihan  
 Arthur and Mary Beth Hamel  
 Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm Thomas O'Brien

**Sunday, April 23 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:30 am Robert Barbieri

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Charles Booth Jr.  
 Jeannette Hamel  
 Harry Costa  
 Manuel Cordeiro  
 Rose Perrotta  
 Sally and Joseph Bradley  
 David Credit

11:30 am

Mathieu Roy

5:30 pm Parishioners of St. Monica and  
 St. Lucy Parishes

**Thurs., April 27 - Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Sally McCafferty

**Friday, April 28 - Easter Weekday**

7:00 am Joseph Klufts

**Sat., April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena**

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Special intention for a couple  
 married for 50 years (Living)  
 For the recovery of health  
 of Laura Torla (Living)

4:00 pm Joseph Drelick

**Sunday, April 30 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

7:30 am Melina Cormier

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Fernande Deshaies  
 Joseph Rapazzo  
 Dominick DelGavio Sr.  
 Monique Pinet  
 Laura Torla (Living)  
 Lillian Scott  
 Cheryl Holzman

11:30 am

Tony Fusco Sr.

5:30 pm In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

**ROSES FOR LIFE**



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**Save the Date for our Parish Mission:  
 "The Triumph"**

Presented by Fr. David Gunter, MIC  
 Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Wed. May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**"YES I CAN" Program**

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 23, 2017**

Beginning at 2:15 to include Adoration of the  
 Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, the Chaplet of  
 Divine Mercy, and veneration of the image of  
 Divine Mercy.

The **Catholic Lending Library** will not be available  
 for lending next Sunday. It will resume on May 28  
 at the 9:30 Mass.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**April 16, 2017**

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 Good Friday Collection: \$1,362.00

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 mission of our parish.



## Meet Fr. Milik— *Bringing the good news to the most unlikely of places*

When Fr. Adrian Milik was ordained in 2012, he was eager to start his work as a parish priest at St. Thomas Aquinas in Bridgewater. He never imagined his ministry would take him to the local prison.

For four years, Fr. Milik made frequent visits to Old Colony Correctional Center to serve inmates in a variety of ways—hearing confessions, celebrating Mass, but most importantly, bringing the presence of God inside the barbed wire fences. It was in the prison that Fr. Milik learned how to truly live a life of non-judgmental love.

As Fr. Milik so beautifully states, “Each one of us has a calling to change the world—to make it better.” Not only do our priests make the world a better place through their own actions, but they inspire others to do the same no matter where they may be in life.

**To help ensure priests like Fr. Milik are cared for as they live out their vocation, please support the Easter collection this year.**

To see Fr. Milik’s full video story, visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org).



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