

January 6, 2019



# *The Epiphany of the Lord*

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST**

**DAILY MASS** **MON, TUE, & WED** 8:00am St. Lucy **THURS & FRI** 7:00am St. Monica **SAT** 8:00am St. Monica  
**WEEKEND** **SAT** 4:00pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30am Monica / 9am Lucy / 9:30am Monica / 11am Lucy / 11:30am Monica





## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISHES

### SUNDAY, JAN. 6

- **Faith Formation at St. Monica**
- **BVM Sodality Meeting** after the 9am Mass  
St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **RCIA** St. Lucy School House
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting** 2:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** Monica School Hall

### MONDAY, JAN. 7

- **St. Monica 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**  
St. Monica House
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** St. Lucy Lower Hall

### TUESDAY, JAN. 8

- **Cub Scouts Meeting** 6:00 pm Lucy Lower Hall
- **Padre Pio Prayer Group** 6:30pm Monica Chapel

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Alpha Training** 6:00 pm St. Lucy School House

### THURSDAY, JAN. 10

- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am St. Monica House
- **Adoration & Confessions** 6 - 7 pm Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsals** 7:00 pm St. Monica Church
- **Parish Council** 7:00 pm St. Lucy School House

### FRIDAY, JAN. 11

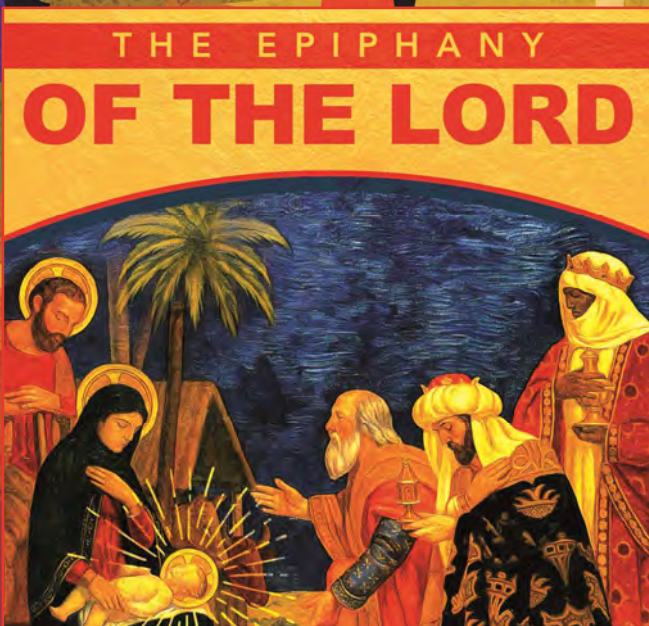
- **Adoration** 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

### SATURDAY, JAN. 12

- **Faith and Fitness** 8 - 9 am Lucy School House
- **Ignatius Spiritual Exercise Group**  
9:00am St. Monica SVDP Hut
- **Creating Life Group** 10:00am  
St. Monica Conference Room
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

### NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 13

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy**
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** St. Monica School Hall



*Welcome!*

**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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays:** 7:30am - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel  
In January, Eucharistic Adoration at St. Lucy's will be on 1/10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) and 1/24 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) 6:00 - 7:00 pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Fridays:** 4:30 - 5:30 pm | St. Monica Chapel  
**Saturdays:** 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
in the St. Monica Chapel and St. Lucy Church

In January, Thursday Confessions at St. Lucy's during Adoration will be on 1/10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) and 1/24 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) 6:00 - 7:00 pm

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

<u>Sunday:</u>	The Epiphany of the Lord
<u>Monday:</u>	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
<u>Next Sunday:</u>	The Baptism of the Lord





## **FROM THE PASTOR**

### **WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEW YEAR?**

A lot, actually, but I thought perhaps focusing on one item is best. The uber umbrella topic is operations and management of two parishes and a school. Under there somewhere falls the scheduling of every item that happens in parish life. Somewhere under that falls individual event planning and financing. Finally, somewhere under there falls how many times a basket gets passed to you at Mass, someone is appealing to you for money either from the pulpit or in the announcements, or how often someone asks for a donation or offers a raffle at the entrance to the church. In short, my hope is to reduce the number of “asks” you get when your primary purpose is to come and worship God and receive His grace.

That’s going to take a lot of thought because we do so many important and necessary works of mercy and parish life events that must continue and need funding. Slow change is best, then, but it starts somewhere. The easiest thing I can do on my own, right now, is to reduce the number of “special collections,” meaning those offertory requests that are not of the weekly collection or Grand Annual, nor of the “second collections” or Catholic Appeal that is mandated to fund ministries beyond the confines of our parishes. So what’s left?

Holy Days of Obligation. I figure if you’re coming to church at a time of increased inconvenience, then your effort *IS* your donation. We can’t remove all Holy Day collections because that adds up to more than you might think, so I’m starting with half. One, for example, is the Assumption the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you show up in the middle of the week on a hot August night, I figure come on in, cool off, and give praise to God and honor to the Blessed Mother. I won’t be hitting you up for an entrance fee.

My best for a Happy New Year to you and yours.



The Jr. Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) is a youth program for girls ages 6-18. Our mission is to enrich lives through service to others in our families, parish, community and world, following Christ’s example, “What I have done, so you must do.” (John 13:13-15). New members are always welcomed.

**Our next meeting is this Sunday January 6 at 2:00 pm at the Ranch House at St. Monica’s. Please join us!**



Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized; **Deryl Atem, Stephanie Atem, and Ryder Martin**

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.







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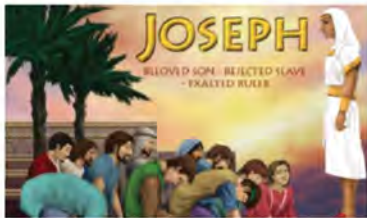


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### YES I CAN PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and syrup, canned peas, canned carrots, canned soups, mashed potatoes, and cereal. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*



**Fr. Colarusso is away this weekend on guard duty serving our nation.**

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2ND BIRTHDAY PARTY &  
 MARCH FOR LIFE CELEBRATION!

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

7:30 PM – ADORATION/PRAISE &  
 WORSHIP/CONFESSION

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9:00 PM – YOUNG ADULT MASS  
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### Sharing the Gospel

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

### Prayer

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

### Something to Draw

Draw an angel telling the Three Wise Men not to tell Herod where Jesus was.

### Mission for the Week

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.



### Puzzle

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men  
child  
born

king  
star  
worship

Mary  
gifts  
dream

wsie mne

w i s e m e n

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**Saturday, January 5****8:00 am** First Saturday Mass**4:00 pm** Terry Carter (Living)**Sunday, January 6****7:30 am** Lloyd Wajda**9:30 am** Family Mass*(multiple intentions)*

Humberto Noguera

Graciela Noguera

Ana Rosa Osorio

Ellen Marie Carney-Dunn

Charles Pagano

Charlie and Rose Hanafin

Joanne Mahony

Pauline Heighton

**11:30 am** Catherine Goff**Thursday, January 10****7:00 am** Lloyd Wajda**Friday, January 11****7:00 am****Saturday, January 12****8:00 am** Joseph O'Neil**4:00 pm** People of St. Monica and  
St. Lucy Parishes**Sunday, January 13****7:30 am** Frank Romano**9:30 am** *(multiple intentions)*

G. Kathleen Schofield

Lionel Gingras

**11:30 am** Ronny Caron**ROSES FOR LIFE**

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

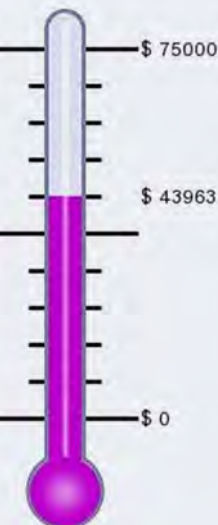
**Michael & Linda Giarusso****Theresa A. Rickley****Helen Giarrusso**Please pray for **Real Taschereau** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our parish. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.**Offertory****12/23/18:** \$11,162.00**Christmas Masses:** \$9,941.00**12/30/18:** \$8,960.00**OFFERTORY**

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

**Please remember to send in your Grand Annual envelopes.**

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

Grand Annual to date



COMING FROM  
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WORSHIPPED STARS...  
THEY FELL DOWN  
AND WORSHIPPED  
HIM WHO MADE  
THE STARS.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our deepest thanks for your overwhelming and very generous response to our Nativity/Giving Tree Program this season. Because of

your extraordinary response, we were able to provide gifts to 68 families with a total of 166 children. Please know that you have the prayers and gratitude of the Society and the families we served. Your ongoing support of our organization allows us to bring the love of Jesus and badly needed food and assistance to our community members who need it.





## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 5

**4:00 pm** People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

### Sunday, January 6

**9:00 am** Deceased members of the BVM Sodality

**11:00 am** Mary Bova  
Macie Lee Vitale  
Deceased members of the Ciofalo and DiVincentis Families  
Marion Maricic (Living)  
Joseph Gould (Living)

### Monday, January 7

**8:00 am** Yvonne Soucy

### Tuesday, January 8

**8:00 am** E.J.M. (Living)

### Wednesday, January 9

**8:00 am** Theresa Rickley

### Saturday, January 12

**4:00 pm** Richard P. Giles

### Sunday, January 13

**9:00 am** **Family Mass**  
In thanksgiving to St. Peregrine for favors received

**11:00 am** Joseph Ulbin  
Sherry-Lynne O'Riordan

## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

If you have been thinking about joining the Sodality, please come to our meeting this Sunday, January 6 after the 9:00 mass and the praying of the Rosary. Our activities for 2019 will be planned. You are always welcome! We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

### BLANKET & SOCK DRIVE FOR LAZARUS HOUSE MINISTRIES

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Winter is an especially difficult time for our brothers and sisters living in poverty.

Beginning January 12 and continuing through February 3, St. Lucy Parish will be collecting new and gently used, clean blankets and new adult and children socks. Together, let us bring warmth to our brothers and sisters in need.



Look for the BLUE BINS at St. Lucy's main entrance.



Sodality Chairpersons:  
Kathy Burke & Angie Rizzo

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

## OFFERTORY

### Offertory:

**12/23/18:** \$5,908.00

### Christmas Masses:

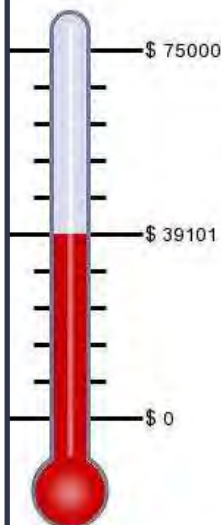
\$5,676.00

**12/30/18:** \$5,924.00

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Grand Annual to date



**T**hey were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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St. Monica School will pick up your Christmas Tree (Methuen only) for a donation of \$10 on the weekend of:

**January 12 and 13**

Please contact [stmonicatreepickup@comcast.net](mailto:stmonicatreepickup@comcast.net) to make an appointment. All donations support St. Monica School.

Our first Diamond Days brought lots of fun! Trivia was played and the students even won some prizes. Congratulations to all of our winners!



Diamond Anniversary Day means fun trivia! Winners received a kindness elf. Jenny Blatchford, a parent who shared a review of SMS, won an auggie! We appreciate all who share reviews of SMS. Our faculty and staff work each day to challenge students to be the best they can be.



**Save the Date!**

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ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a Gala on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Lenzi's in Dracut. More information will follow.



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### St. Lucy Parish

#### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### St. Monica Parish

#### Daily Mass Schedule:

Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### St. Monica Parish

Friday 4:30-5:30 pm and Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

### St. Lucy Parish

Typically 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month

6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

*and any time by appointment*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Fridays: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel*

*Typically 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month*

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

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366  
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





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While not perfect, ours has been a wonderful life, which has been enriched by many Boston priests who have helped us along the way.

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