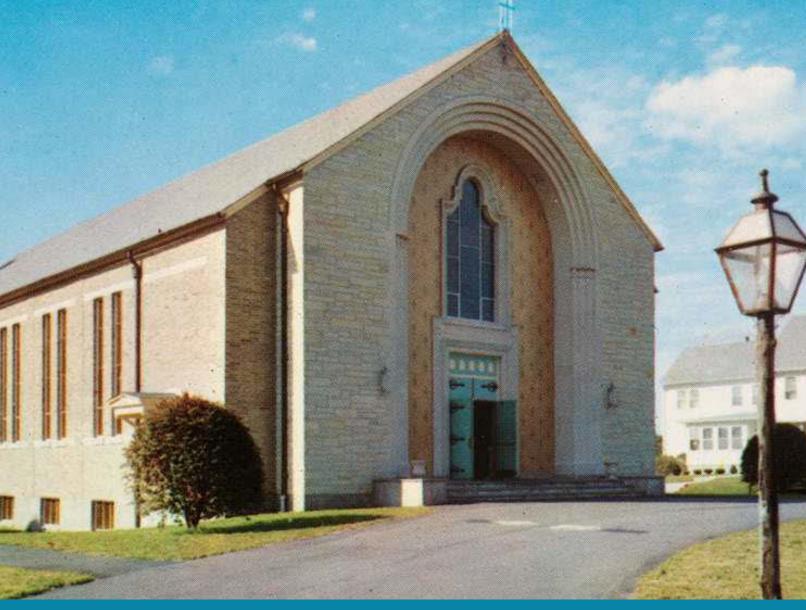
2018 60th Anniversary of SAINT LUCY PARISH



60th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, October 20, 2018

Holy Mass with Bishop Hennessey 4:00 PM in the Church

5:30 PM Social Hour | **6:30 PM** Dinner | Michael's Function Hall, 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA Full Course Family Style Dinner | Donation: \$50 | Music and dancing to follow!

Come celebrate with our Parish Family... It won't be a party without YOU!! The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years.

ST. MONICA PARISH ST. LUCY PARISH

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

It's not too late to join Alpha!

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

Alpha is for everyone.

Let us know you're coming.

Email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com
or call (978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35

The **Commission for Our Brothers and Sisters in Need** is doing a collection for the Day Break Shelter from October 4 through October 14.

Things needed:

- Bed pillows
- Liquid soap
- New or gently used clothes and face towels

Collection bins will be available at the entrances to both parishes.

Thank you all for your continual help in serving those less fortunate.



In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, we will be having a

Blessing of the Animals on October 6 at 9:00 am at St. Monica Church.



In anticipation of the **Sodality Craft Fair** held at St. Lucy on **October 27**th,
members of the Sodality will be selling
GRAND PRIZE Raffle tickets on the
weekends of

SEPT. 29/30 St. Lucy Church Oct 13/14 St. Monica Church

Prizes are:

1 \$200.00 VISA Card

1 \$100.00 VISA CARD

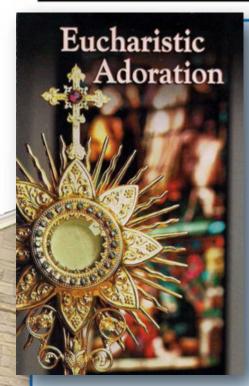
2 \$50.00 MARKET BASKET Gift Cards

Cost of the tickets are 6 for \$5.00/ 15 for \$10.00 / \$1.00 each

You do not need to be present to win. Sponsored by St. Lucy Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality. We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.



A Giant Book Sale to support St. Lucy's will be held the same day and time as the Craft Fair in the school house. Donate books you've read that others can enjoy and support the parish. Books can be left in the portico (between the school house and the garage at St. Lucy's).



An Hour of Prayer and Praise

If you were unable to be present at the Eucharistic Adoration held recently at St. Lucy Church, you missed a very unique opportunity to grow in faith.

In one short hour you would have been able to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spend time in personal prayer or *lectio divina*, and participate in Evening Prayer.

Evening Prayer is part of the *Liturgy of the Hours* or the *Divine Office*. Since ancient times the Church has celebrated the *Liturgy of the Hours*, thereby fulfilling the precept of Jesus to "pray always." We often refer to the Mass as Sacred Liturgy, but the *Divine Office* is also Liturgy because it is the official prayer of

the Church. It is arranged in such a way that no matter what time of the day or night, someone, somewhere is praying the Liturgy of the Hours, continually praising God.

Priests pray the *Divine Office* (Breviary) every day. Vatican Council II has made it very clear that everyone is invited to do so. When celebrated as we did the other evening, "it is really the voice of the bride herself, speaking to her husband: and, what is even more, it is the prayer of Christ to the Father, which he makes in union with his whole body."

[Sacrosanctum Concilium, Constitution on Sacred Liturgy, #84]

Please see the bulletin for future dates. We will typically try to schedule Adoration for the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Thursdays of the month from 6:00pm - 7:00pm depending on the collaborative calendar of events.

October's Adoration dates are Thursdays October 11th and October 18th.

What a privilege it is to come together and offer such praise! Rachel Voiland

We are extremely thankful for your very generous donations to our drive to help those affected by the explosions and fires in our area. We received many donations that were brought to the Senior Center in Lawrence for distribution to shelters.

Thank you also to the St. Lucy Sodality and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for putting out the bins in both churches and to the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas for donating over \$600 to the victims. May God bless you all!

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The next **Junior Catholic Daughters of the America's (JCDA)** meeting is next Sunday October 7, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ranch House at St. Monica's. Please join us! The JCDA is a youth program for girls ages 6-18. Our mission is to in 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.

Protecting God's Children Class

October 11 at 6:00 PM | St. Lucy Schoolhouse Please register at www.virtus.org.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Brother Francis

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the fun-loving son and
soldier of Assisi as he is
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If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.

To quickly register for Formed please go to methuencatholic.formed.org.

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK



the autobiography of st. therese of lisieux

I understand, however, that all souls cannot be the same, that it is necessary there be different types in order to honor each of God's perfections in a particular way. To me He has granted His infinite Mercy, and through it I contemplate and adore the

other divine perfections! - St Therese of Lisieux, pg 180, an excerpt from Story of a Soul (Publisher: ICS Publications)

This book can be purchased at https://smile.amazon.com

If you purchase the book from this link and choose St. Monica School as the organization to support, 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.

RCIA

Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments - Sessions will be offered for any adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, a program commonly known as RCIA. Sessions will be held at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" PROGRAM - WE CAN USE... canned beans, Hamburger Helper, rice, canned carrots, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and syrup, and cereal. Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

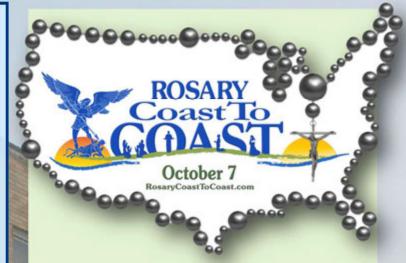


In conjunction with the worldwide organization, America Needs Fatima, the **Knights of Columbus** and **St. Monica School** will be holding a living public rosary on the church grounds on <u>Saturday</u>, October 13 at noon.

This date is the 101 Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's miracle of the spinning sun, a sign she gave the awaiting crowds who gathered with the three children who had received Our Lady's message every 13th of the month for six months.

Please join us for this special event to honor our Loving God and Mother Mary as we pray for the many intentions of our hurting world.

Over 20,000 other Rosary Rallies will be taking place at the same time throughout the Country!



On Sunday, October 7, Americans across the country are invited to pray Rosary Coast to Coast wherever they can gather: along the US coasts and borders; in front of state capitols; in other public areas; in parish Churches; or as families while viewing the live-stream of the National Rosary Rally. Rosary Coast to Coast will take place at 4 pm Eastern, 3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific.

Join us on Sunday, October 7 at 4 pm in the St. Monica Church parking lot

as we pray for our beloved Church and our nation. For more detailed information go to http://rosarycoasttocoast.com. Please come and bring a friend as we join our rosary with those rosaries of other Catholics being offered at the same time around the country and the world.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

St. Monica School is looking for an experienced /retired Literacy Specialist and Special Education Resource Teacher who would like to join our fabulous team of educators to help us meet the needs of all our students. Positions are part-time. Please see job descriptions on our web-site. Thank you, Mrs. Henderson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 29

8:00 am Margaret Collins 4:00 pm Mary V. Fusco

Sunday, September 30

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Manuel Peixoto

Virginia and Andrew Sullivan

Margaret Lowey Joseph Keleher Mike and Laura Cote

In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for favors received

11:30 am Antoinette and Nemetallah Khalife

Thursday, October 4

7:00 am Christine Ferguson

Friday, October 5

7:00 am Colombe Zucchi

Saturday, October 6

8:00 am Kevin Waterworth

4:00 pm Walter Witkos and Patricia Wright

Sunday, October 7

7:30 am Yvonne Soucy

9:30 am Family Mass (multiple intentions)

Charles LaRocque

Deceased members of the

Nault Family Frank Krzywicki Geraldine Fillipon

Virginia and Andrew Sullivan

Joseph McGravey

May Hedges

11:30 am Alexander and Winifred Groves

Wayne Groves

The <u>Altar Bread</u> for the month of October is given in loving memory of Charles R. & Helen F. Dobeck

For a donation of \$75, we will place the Altar Bread in loving memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated

in loving memory of
Theresa A. Rickley
Michael & Linda Giarusso
Ryan Matthew Thistle

In honor of the Blessed Mother for favors received

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Fall Plant Sale

September 29th and 30th after all Masses

Interested in joining us?

www.kofc.org/apps/newjoin/en/ registration/index.html

Grandknight@kofc14725.org



The <u>Sanctuary Candle</u> for the month of October is given in loving memory Donald Stewart.

For a donation of \$15, we will place the Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.

As part of the annual **Mission Co-Operative** Program, Msgr. William P. Fay, Ph.D. will speak at all Masses this weekend about The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the Four Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Archdiocese of Boston. Msgr. Fay will share stories about his experiences in the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from our own. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting lay religious priests, and people, evangelizing mission work. May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions. Thank you in advance for your prayerful support.

Join us for Tea & Treasure at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on the following days:

Thursday, October 11

For more information, please call Millie Stumpo at (978) 686 - 0339

Monday, October 15

For more information, please call Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

Offertory September 23, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 9,945.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

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



This Sunday, September 30, the Catholic Lending Library will be available for <u>free</u> lending of books/DVDs in the back of the church

after the 9:30 Mass. Books and DVDs may be returned in the "return" basket also located in the back of the church.



Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members.

If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us. No auditions necessary! We currently rehearse Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM in the church. Though it is preferable that you are available for these rehearsals, we are flexible and will work around schedules as best as we can.

We are looking primarily for musicians to join the Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 9:30 Masses. Get in touch with Eric after Mass or via e-mail if you have any questions.



Saturday, September 29

4:00 pm Gino and Ann Pelosi and

Richard Bazarian

Sunday, September 30

9:00 am Family Mass

Gaetana Polizzotti

11:00 am Therese Rousseau

John Piazza John Jaskot

Monday, October 1

8:00 am Vincent Minicucci

Tuesday, October 2

8:00 am Michael & Josephine Carelli

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 am Betsy Lane

Saturday, October 6

4:00 pm John Rovinski

Sunday, October 7

9:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy

and St. Monica Parishes

11:00 am Stephanie Kaminski

Joseph DiCenzo Joseph, Connie, and Bobby Pappalardo Lucille Guimond

Offertory September 23, 2018:

Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 5,710.00

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 parish.

Please remember the poor when leaving Mass today.

Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS

ST. LUCY PARISH CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

Next Sodality Meeting:

Sunday, October 7 after the 9:00 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. Important meeting to finalize our Craft Fair.

<u>Craft fair:</u> Saturday, October 27 9:00am - 3:00pm. Come and join in the fun! Downstairs in the parish hall!

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

High Altar (Tabernacle)

We are looking to purchase six candle sticks for the High Altar (Tabernacle) in the church.

A pair of 6", a pair of 9", and a pair of 12" candles.

Please contact our Parish Office if you would like to purchase one of the candles in memory of a loved one.

Memorialization of a <u>single</u> candle stick: **6":** \$600 **9":** \$700 **12":** \$800

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

MARRIAGES. Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

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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: 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 (for Sunday) 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

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

Saturday Stoo St 15 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel 1st & 3rd 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: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm



To submit your special intentions to our senior priests at Regina Cleri to remember during Holy Mass each week, please visit clergytrust.org/intentions.

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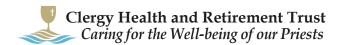
Meet Father Donohoe-

"I am with you; wherever you are, wherever you go, I am with you."

Father Stephen Donohoe embraced a vocation to serve as a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. As a young man, he felt the first signs of God's presence in the Holy Eucharist; that force would become what he describes today as "the bedrock of his priesthood."

After ordination, Father Donohoe became a military chaplain. During deployment, he provided for the spiritual needs of men and women facing combat. He never abandoned those entrusted to his care and stood by them at every point. Father Donohoe continues this steadfast ministry today in the parishes of the Archdiocese. He says "a great joy of ministry is to see the grace of God enlighten the lives of other people. If we bring people to the Lord, He'll do everything."

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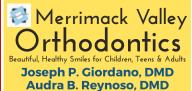
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