

November 12, 2017

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**St. Monica Parish
St. Lucy Parish**

*Renew, Rebuild, and Reach Out:
Disciples in Heartfelt Communion with Jesus Christ*

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Mt 25:1-13

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Methuen, MA

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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: 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: 1st full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

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



**Saint Lucy Parish's
Annual Turkey Shoot**

Please join us for a
fun-filled afternoon!

Sunday, 11/19/2017

1:00 - 4:00 pm
in the parish hall

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

This month of November is a time to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov 1), a day when we give thanks for the example of our Brothers and Sisters-known and unknown to us-who are with God in Heaven. November is also a time for remembrance and to pray for All Souls (Nov 2), the Faithful Departed who still need purification before enjoying Eternal Salvation with God. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks beautifully of the practice of praying for the dead. "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all The Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC1032). *God created us to enjoy the beatific vision-the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in a Communion of Love. As you pray, please remember also the priests of the Archdiocese who died this past year. "May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace forever. Amen", Fr. William Lohan, Pastor*

ST. MONICA PARISH

Blanche Fawcett 10/29/16	Dorothy Bilodeau 6/25/17	Mary Crawford, 12/07/16	William Eskel, 12/24/16	Ferdinand "Fred" Robichaud, 01/10/17
Arthur Hamel, 01/21/17	Diane Laroche, 09/13/17	Raymond J. McAlea, 02/12/17	Edmond P.Yankowsky, 02/23/17	Mafalda Traficante, 03/21/17
Nancy Phillips, 04/01/17	Della Marrone, 11/17/16	Ruth Coco, 04/24/17	Thomas Dubois , 5/04/17	Thomas Mercuri, 5/24/17
Helen Cloonan, 06/06/17	Joseph D. Cain, 02/05/17	Lori Stevens, 07/04/17	Nancy Tardif, 07/24/17	Denise Perillo, 08/03/17
William Zolubos, 8/18/17	Gabriel Goshdigan, 04/17/17	Sam Tripoli, 09/22/17	Dorothy O' Connell, 10/11/17	Brian Bunting, 10/17/17
Charles Croft, 10/31/16	Catherine Duerr, 6/25/17	Helen Gaudette, 12/06/16	Margaret Cunningham, 12/28/16	Linda Murphy, 01/14/17
Celia Parisi, 01/21/17	Marcelle Shripsa, 9/15/17	Dorothy Bosse, 02/12/17	Marie O' Conner, 2/22/17	John Saluski, 03/18/17
Chase Herbert, 03/30/17	Joseph Litwin, 11/20/16	Lucy Novello, 04/29/17	Gerald McConnell, 2/19/17	Mary Laflamme, 5/24/17
Leo Blanchette, 06/10/17	Roberta Yankowsky, 02/05/17	Patricia Leslie, 07/08/17	Nora Higginbottom, 8/07/17	Maureen Imielkowski, 10/22/17
Laura Sierpina, 08/28/17	Dana Martino, 04/20/17	Leo J. Seaman, 09/29/17	Keith J. Drolet, 07/31/17	Charles Pagano, 1/16/17
Bonnie J. Messina 11/01/16	Judith Wesinger, 6/29/17	Thomas P. Canney, 12/08/16	Jane Ella Melia, 10/11/17	Felix Quintal, 03/28/17
Richard Murphy, 1/29/17	Josephine Petteruti, 08/30/17	Virginia Parolisi, 2/20/17	Helen Mistal, 01/01/17	Robert Smith, 05/28/17
Theresa Genest, 2/11/17	Mary Lynch, 11/26/16	Robert Niedbala, 4/29/17	Michael P. Tinney, 3/10/17	Richard Conlin, 08/09/17
Ruth Carney, 06/19/17	Anthony Mesiti, 02/09/17	Maureen Jackson, 7/10/17	Claire Fortin, 05/19/17	Lynn Cool, 10/23/17
June A. Teloian, 8/29/17	Richard Power, 04/21/17	Barbara Carpenter, 07/17/16	Wilson Henderson, 6/03/17	Paul Galarneau, 1/15/17
Joseph Michael Gorton, 11/08/16	Alfred Arsenault, 07/2/17	Charles Curtis Jr., 12/13/16	Elizabeth Purcell, 10/14/17	Anne Caulfield, 03/27/17
John Thomas Borrelli, 02/07/17	Robert Talbort Sr., 09/22/17	Claire Messier, 02/17/17	Rose Campiola, 01/09/17	Grace Cain, 05/30/17
Mary Ann MacLean, 04/10/17	Steven Guy Allen, 12/15/16	Charles Coco, 07/12/17	Frank W. Keyes, 3/11/17	Richard Conlin, 08/09/17
Lucien Pelletier, 6/20/17	Michael Medugno, 02/12/17	Collette Donahue, 10/03/17	Brian D. Sheehan, 5/21/17	Mary Persichetti, 10/29/17
Julia J. Steffen, 09/07/17	Janice Lister, 04/20/17	Joseph Klufts, 12/14/16	Edward R. Mannion, 03/28/17	Gertrude Donahue, 1/20/17
Lionel Bedard, 11/09/16	Charlotte Berndtson, 07/02/17	William Somma, 2/23/17	Barry Walsh, 08/07/17	Edward R. Mannion, 03/28/17
Lionel Bedard, 11/09/16	Sam Tripoli, 09/22/17	George Spates Jr., 5/07/17	Charles Coco, 07/12/17	Charles (Charlie) J. Sammons III, 06/03/17
Lawrence Viens, 2/04/17	Dr. Raymond Cormier, 10/04/17	Mary E. Bryne, 10/16/16	Donna Meaney, 10/17/17	Sammons III, 06/03/17
Shirley Lowell, 4/12/17	Helen Dobek, 10/18/17	Marie Baxter, 08/04/17	Violet Sayer, 01/10/17	Renald Rochette, 8/12/17
Pasquale Delmonaco 06/26/17			Marie-Paule Labrie, 03/14/17	Daniel Kellerer, 11/02/17
Irene Silva, 09/13/17			Mary Murphy (known as Mary Christopher 05/31/17	Karen Sullivan, 01/20/17
Irene Grenier, 11/15/16				Irene Guillette, 03/29/17
John Jordan, 02/05/17				Alfred Marotta, 06/03/17
Marguerite Barone, 4/16/17				Lee Ann Chouinard, 08/14/17

COLLABORATIVE NEWS & EVENTS

WELCOME! We're glad you could join us this weekend. **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.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica's the day after Thanksgiving 11/24. Also on Fridays 12/22 and 12/29 due to Christmas and New Year weekends.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 17, 2017

2:00 p.m. St. Lucy Church

Advent Concert with Gregory Norbet

Gregory Norbet, formerly of Weston Priory, is a respected spiritual leader, composer, singer and retreat director. Some of his many compositions include "Hosea" (Come Back to Me) and "Wherever You Go" as well as new settings for Morning and Evening Prayer. Come join us as we **begin** a year of celebration for our **60th Anniversary** as a **Parish Faith Community! (1958 – 2018)**.

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 (978) 683 - 1193 ext. 35



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Breakfast With Santa

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd in the St. Monica school hall after the 7:30 and 9:30 masses at St. Monica's.

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... pancake syrup and mix, mashed potatoes, canned fruit, rice, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, and strawberry and grape jelly. **Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.**

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

The deadline for the November 26th bulletin is on Thursday, November 16th. Please email all submissions to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com before 10:00 am.

Thanksgiving Office Hours:

Wednesday, November 22nd: 8:30 - 12:00

We will be closed on Thursday, 11/23 and Friday, 11/24.

Electronic Giving Is Catching on at St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes... Have You Signed Up Yet?

- It benefits you and our parishes!
- Enrollment is friendly and trouble-free.
- Never worry about forgetting to bring money to church again

It's easy to sign up. Simply check the on-line giving box and provide your email address on your commitment form and drop in the collection basket, or enroll on-line at www.methuencatholic.org.

The Increased Offertory Campaign HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE?

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Increased Offertory Campaign. Please pray about your level of commitment and come prepared to make your decision next weekend. Volunteer Advocates have been busy calling each household to ensure each parishioner has an opportunity to ask questions and be fully informed about our plans. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss the project with someone. In response to the Increased Offertory Campaign, our goal is to increase our giving by 20%. The commitments secured during the Increased Offertory Campaign, and sustained for years to come, will be directed towards the most pressing needs that have been identified at the parish.

Sessions are being offered for 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. Anyone interested in receiving any or all of these sacraments, which they may have not received in their youth, are **encouraged and welcomed** to attend. If YOU know of anyone interested, please let them know and we will gladly welcome them and explain the process offered. Also, these sessions are open to anyone who has received their Sacraments but might want to come to a deeper appreciation of what these Sacraments are about. You too are welcome to join in a very interesting and relaxed atmosphere. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.

Our next meeting is next Sunday, November 19th at 10:00 am in the St. Lucy schoolhouse.

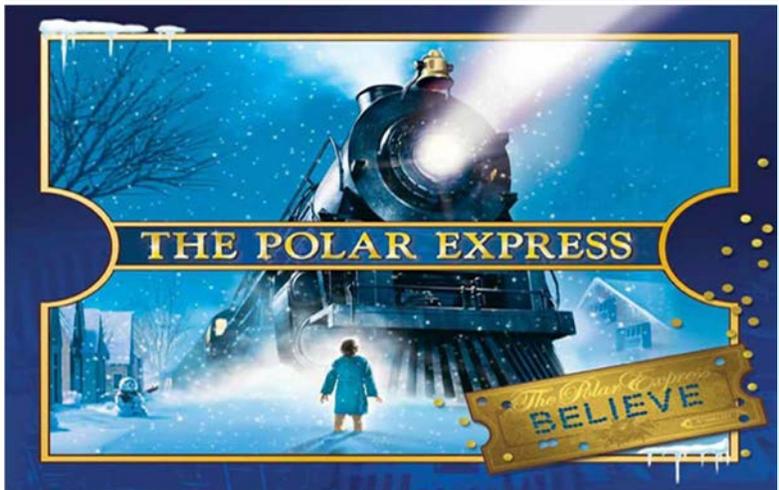
Seventeenth Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy

There are boxes at the entrances of the churches where you may drop off **new** hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks (for children, babies and adults) until November 19th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). These articles will be distributed to the needy during the winter months.

Join us for a Faith and Fitness Workout! (this is not yoga)

Every Saturday morning* from 7:30 - 8:30 am in the St. Lucy Lower Hall. Please bring water, a mat for stretching, and a friend! The cost is of \$5/class suggested donation which goes to St. Vincent de Paul. *Facebook.com/faithandfitnesswithSandra *like the page for cancellations/updates.
Email: sandrafreitas613@gmail.com
Instagram: @sandrasunsand

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 25th 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!

ST. LUCY PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

4:00 pm Perry, Clara, Steven, and Beverly Autiello

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am Mr. and Mrs. Rinaldo Petrosino and Mr. and Mrs. John Amato
9:30 am Fred Boucher
11:30 am (*multiple intentions*)

Leonita A. Klier
Anthony and John Fiato and Michael Sign
Walter Cheltowski
Charles Pattavina Jr.
Mary Gallo
Anthony Carsanaro
David Bedrosian and Angela Bedrosian - Battiato

Monday, November 13

8:00 am Anthony R. Coco

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am Joan Jackson

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 am

Saturday, November 18

4:00 pm Richard A. Kirsch Sr., Richard A. Kirsch Jr., and Deceased members of the James V. Russo Family

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am Al & Margaret DeLuca and Sandra DeLuca
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
11:30 am (*multiple intentions*)
Vincent and Mary McCarthy and Stephanie Abraham

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 NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,725.00
All Saints Collection: \$1,723.00
Grand Annual: \$25,369.00 (total to date)

The second collection this weekend is for the Campaign for Human Development. The second collection next weekend is for the retired religious sisters. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Join us on Sunday, December 10th after the **11:30 Mass** for our Annual Christmas Party.



MEN'S GUILD

The next meeting for the St. Lucy's Men's Guild is on 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.

Men's Guild to offer Thanksgiving Bread at the 8:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

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 from November 22 to 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.

ROSES FOR LIFE

Roses for Life have been donated
In loving memory of

Michael and Linda Giarrusso
Veronica Murray
Cecile and Peter Checovich
Lionel Bedard

ST. MONICA SCHOOL



We celebrated a beautiful Holy Mass on All Saints Day. We were delighted to have Presentation of Mary students, faculty, and staff join us, and thank them for their participation. We also thank the chorus, altar servers, and grade 6 for your participation in the Mass. A special thank you to Mrs. Voltero, our 6th grade teacher, for helping to guide and prepare these students.



Immediately following our Holy Mass celebrating All Saints Day, our second graders presented us with a program about the saint they researched and dressed up like. Fantastic job by all of the children! A special thank you to Mrs. Michaud, the second grade teacher, who guided and prepared them for this very special program. A job well done by all!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Joanne Jesmer

4:00 pm

William and Philip Muhilly

Sunday, November 12

7:30 am

Deceased members of the
Kennedy and Murphy Families

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Joseph Indoccio

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro

Veronica Murray

June Stachalis

Jeannette and Robert Sirois

Domenic and Julia Mazzocco

11:30 am

Peter Gallo

5:30 pm

Germaine Duhamel

Thursday, November 16

7:00 am

Patricia Ferguson

(Living)

Friday, November 17

7:00 am

Patrick Mesiti

Saturday, November 18

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Rick Dizazzo

4:00 pm

Winifred Mulcrone

Sunday, November 19

7:30 am

Parishioners of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Richard McCarron and

Margaret McCarron

Frank, Antonette, and

Angelo Ragonese

Chanel Michaud and the

Michaud Family

11:30 am

Rev. Joseph X. O'Connor, OSA

5:30 pm

Gilbert Jerome

OFFERTORY NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering: \$11,671.00

All Saints Collection: \$1,890.00

Grand Annual: \$28,983.00 (total to date)

The second collection this weekend is for the Campaign for Human Development. The second collection next weekend is for the retired religious sisters. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



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 16th in our school hall located at 212 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA. *See Fine Print Section for details!

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***

- * Airfare is booked in Coach Seating. Upgraded seating is available at the expense of the Winner.
- *Overnight Accommodations for two nights will be in a 3 Star, or better if available, Hotel or Resort. Extended days may be booked with our Travel Agent at the expense of the Winner.
- *Alcohol not included with Dinner
- *The Winner will be required to complete a W-9 Form and will be issued a 1099 Form at year end to file with their tax return.
- *St. Monica School will put you in direct contact with a dedicated agent at our Travel Agency and Winner will have until 01/16/2018 to BOOK the Travel. Some Black Out Dates may apply.
- *Anyone 18 years or older may purchase a Raffle Ticket.
- *200 Tickets need to be sold, at \$30.00 each, to have this Grand Prize. In the event they are not, anyone who purchases a ticket will be entered into a 50/50 Cash Raffle and the Prize Amount will be half of all collected cash for this Raffle.
- *Other Terms and Conditions May Apply



St. Monica School PTO Presents-The:

1st Annual Christmas Carnival!

In the St. Monica School Hall
212 Lawrence St. Methuen, MA 01844

GAMES FOOD FAMILY FUN!
RAFFLE BASKETS GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE



Saturday, December 16th 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 17th from 9AM-1PM

****Santa Visit at 11AM***

On November 1st, our St. Monica School children brought some joy and laughter to the residents at Nevins Home.



Back at school, Sr. Suzanne handed out treats to the second graders on a job well done after Mass.





**A moment of thanks—
a lifetime of service.**

Say thank you to those women who have given so much—the Retired Sisters who have served the Church of Boston with great dedication for so many years.

The collection for Retired Sisters of the Archdiocese of Boston will be taken on November 18–19.

Please support the more than 1,700 sisters who devote their lives to service in our communities. Their many roles include: teachers, counselors, contemplatives, social workers and advocates for the poor and forgotten.

Today, rising median ages and escalating health care costs leave our beloved sisters with **80% of their medical and living expenses unmet by Social Security benefits.**

Please consider supporting a special collection on November 18-19. They need your help to continue their active ministry well into “retirement” years.

For ways you can help support the sisters, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ at 617-746-5637 or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org.

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