

MAY 19, 2019



5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

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PRAYER CORNER



Please pray for
Amelia
Lisa O.
Paula H.

If you have someone to pray for who is in grave need, please call the office and we will add their name in the bulletin for a month.



A NIGHT OF RELAXATION AND ESSENTIAL OILS

ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL HOUSE

WEDNESDAY MAY 22ND 7-8:45PM

Join Sandra from Faith2fitt and Ali Belkus from Young Living as they share the benefits of essential oils followed by relaxation and stretching. Sign up at <https://faith2fitt.com/events-list>

Cost is free. Bring water, a mat, and a friend!

Group Calendars for 2019/2020

We are requesting that all groups or individuals who will be using either the St. Monica or St. Lucy campuses to make a listing of the date and place they would like to use from **August 2019 to June 2020**. Please either drop off, mail or email (methuencatholicnews@gmail.com) the calendar dates and location wanted to Isabela Peixoto in the Parish Offices by **June 1, 2019**. The calendars will be reviewed and there will be a meeting later in the month to reconcile any conflicts with the dates or locations.

ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA ULTREYA



Tuesday, May 28, 2019
 (Every 4th Tuesday of the Month)
 7:00 – 8:30 PM
 St. Lucy Church Hall

Join us for Mass, singing, fellowship, and refreshments.

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend and St. Monica Parishioner **Carol Melville** who has been invited to offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come and support our dear friend!

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting**
9:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, MAY 20

- **Tea and Treasure** 11:30 am St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- **May Procession** 8:30 am St. Monica Parking Lot
- **Al-Anon Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Prayer and Study** 10:00 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Night of Relaxation and Essential Oils**
7:00 - 8:45 pm St. Lucy School House

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- **Echo Course: Anointing the Sick and the Dying**
6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- **AA Meeting** 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until
5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **AA Meeting** 10:00 am St. Lucy Lower Hall
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- **Faith2fitt** 8 - 9 am at Methuen Track and Field
- **Confessions** 3:00 - 3:45 pm
St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26

- **AA Meeting** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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We are in need of canned baked beans, spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper, cereal, boxed pasta, grape jelly, and canned soups.

Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

- 8:00 am** Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
Joseph O'Neill
10:00 am First Communion Mass
4:00 pm Claire Waterworth

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 7:30 am** Dick Doherty
9:30 am Ann and Thomas Thornton
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
Joseph LaTorre
Kathleen Cronin
Marguerite Boush
Richard Ferland
Chanel Michaud
Deceased members of the
Michaud Family
Catherine Terrazano
11:30 am Antoinette and Nemetallah Khalife

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 8:15 am** Pat Reeves

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- 8:15 am** Dick Doherty

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- 8:00 am**
4:00 pm People of St. Monica and
St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 7:30 am** Dick Doherty
9:30 am Nancy Tardif
Lillian Skusevich
Kathleen G. La Croix
Eileen Gilbert
11:30 am William Pekarski

OFFERTORY

Offertory: 05/12/19: \$9,403.00

There is only one collection this weekend, our Regular Sunday Offering. The second collection next weekend is for our seminarians. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



The Catholic Family Library will not be available for lending of books/DVDs during the summer months including next Sunday.

Borrowed books and DVDs may still be returned in the basket located in the rear of the church. Please return due materials from the past months.

Readings for the week of May 19, 2019

- Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/
Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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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 for more information.



**SATURDAY, MAY 18****4:00 pm** Richard Kirsch Sr. & Richard Kirsch Jr.**SUNDAY, MAY 19****9:00 am** People of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes and Deceased members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**11:00am** Jennie and Vito Milone
Samuele, Carolina, Vincenzo, Raffaella Santantonio, and family
John Gallant
John Kopacz
Charles and Ann Torrisi**MONDAY, MAY 20****8:00 am** Manny Gianni and
Christine Gianni Eldridge**TUESDAY, MAY 21****8:00 am** Kelly Martin**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22****8:00 am** Gerardo and Mattia D'Andrea and
Vincent Minicucci**SATURDAY, MAY 25****4:00 pm** Vincent "Jimmy" and Mary Rizzo**SUNDAY, MAY 26****9:00 am** Carole Charles**11:00am** Leonita A. Klier
Giuseppe Sangiorgio
Vincenzo & Rosa Santantonio & family
Fred Ramey Sr.
Sam, Rose, and Lucy Sapuppo
Bernadette and Santa Saracusa
Real Taschereau**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY**

Our next Sodality meeting is this Sunday, May 19th with the **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary** at the 9:00am Mass.

Dates to remember:

Commitment Sunday: June 9

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

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

OFFERTORY**Offertory:** 05/12/19: \$4,709.00

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Observances for the week of May 19, 2019**Sunday:**5th Sunday of Easter**Monday:**

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Tuesday:

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday:

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Saturday:

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Next Sunday:6th Sunday of Easter**Scratch for Cash**

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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office.

St. Monica: 1st Sunday of the month 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sunday of the Month 1pm

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

DAILY MASS

MON, TUE, & WED 8:00 am St. Lucy

THURS & FRI 8:15 am St. Monica

SAT 8:00 am St. Monica

WEEKEND

SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes

SUN 7:30am St. Monica, 9:00am St. Lucy,
9:30 am St. Monica, 11:00 am St. Lucy, and
11:30 am Monica

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays beginning after the 8:15 am Mass
until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm St. Monica Chapel

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm

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1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

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and any time by appointment

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