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ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6

SCHEDULE:

6:30 am **Collaborative Service** St. Monica Church

8:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm

Mass St. Lucy Church Mass St. Lucy Church Mass St. Lucy Church Mass St. Lucy Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent (March 8 to April 12)

5:30 pm St. Lucy Church

(followed by a Lenten Supper - pizza or soup)

7:00 pm St. Monica Church

MEN'S LENTEN SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Grow in your faith this Lent. Sponsored by the St. Monica's Knights of Columbus and St. Lucy's Men's Guild

The group will meet from 8:00-9:00am on Saturdays in St. Lucy's Lower Church Hall.

March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, & April 6

We will be going through Dr. Edward Sri's *No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion*. To register or learn more please contact Karl Jackson at (978) 683-1193 ext. 35 or

faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

You can also speak with Bill Bernard of the Knights or Larry Giordano of the Men's Guild.

MORE LENTEN EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA ULTREYA

Tuesday, February 26 7:00 - 8:30 PM | St. Lucy Church

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend Larry Giordano. All are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

- Catholic Lending Library (free lending of books/DVDs) after the 9:30 Mass St. Monica Church
- Faith Formation at St. Lucy
- RCIA 11:00 am St. Lucy School House
- Adult Faith Formation 12:30 1:30 pm St. Monica School
- AA Meeting 6:00pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Confirmation 1 Meeting 6:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

• **Ultreya** 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

- Al-Anon Meeting 10:00am St. Lucy School House
- Prayer and Study 10:00 am St. Monica House
- Friendship Club 1:00 pm St. Monica House
- Adult Faith Formation 7pm St. Lucy Schoolhouse

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

- Echo Course Part 1, The Creed 6:00 7:00 pm St. Monica House
- AA Meeting 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- **Choir Rehearsals** 6:30-8:30pm St. Monica Church
- Baptism Parent and Godparent Catechesis Class 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- Adoration 7:30 am 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, MARCH 2

- Faith and Fitness 8 9 am St. Lucy School House
- First Saturday Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother 8:00 am St. Monica Church
- Holy Spirit Retreat (Youth) St. Lucy Church
- Baptism Parent and Godparent Catechesis Class 11:30 am St. Lucy School House
- St. Monica Baptisms 12:30pm St. Monica Church
- Confessions 3:00 3:45pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

• **Choir Practice** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- Faith Formation at St. Monica
- Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting 9:00 am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- RCIA 11:00 am St. Lucy School House
- Adult Faith Formation 12:30 1:30 pm St. Monica School
- **St. Monica Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Monica Church
- Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting 2:00 pm St. Monica House
- AA Meeting 6:00pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Confirmation 1 Meeting 6:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

Bishops of Massachusetts to the Catholics of the Commonwealth

We write as your pastors; we write also at a critical moment for the Catholic Church in Massachusetts, in the nation and throughout the world. The issue which confronts us all, but especially confronts us as bishops, is the sexual abuse crisis that has again enveloped the life of the Church.

Catholics throughout the United States and the world have struggled with the deepest questions of reason and faith as the multiple issues of sexual abuse by priests and bishops have become public over the last sixteen years. The past year has been especially traumatic, and we again apologize to survivors and their families for all they have endured. We also apologize to the Catholic community for the seemingly unending nature of this scandal and the many questions it raises regarding Church leadership.

The attention of the Church and the wider society will be focused in an extraordinary way on the upcoming Summit Meeting in Rome, convoked by Pope Francis to address the crisis globally. Our purpose in this message is to provide perspective on the meeting considering what has occurred in the Church in the United States and throughout the world.

The Past: The clergy abuse crisis exploded in the United States early in 2002 when the unprecedented dimensions of the crisis became clear, leading the US Bishops Conference to adopt "The Dallas Charter" later that year. The Charter promised a policy of zero-tolerance of sexual abuse of minors, meaning that accused priests determined to have abused a minor would be removed from ministry; all cases would be referred to appropriate civil authorities and each case would then be investigated within the Church. Beyond the provisions in the Charter, individual dioceses have adopted policies to provide care and counseling for survivors and education and prevention training in our parishes, schools and religious education programs. Reviewing the past, we acknowledge the record includes gaps and failures as well as successful implementation of these policies. At the same time, the Church in the rest of the world has experienced the abuse crisis in different ways at different times.

<u>The Present</u>: In 2018, the primary attention of responsibility for the abuse crisis shifted from priests to bishops. It became clear that the Dallas Charter, focused on priests, needed to be amended to include accountability for bishops and cardinals. In order to broaden the policy in this way, the U.S. Bishops have proposed that a publicly announced method of reporting cardinals and bishops implicated in occurrences of sexual abuse be established. We also have advocated for the establishment of an oversight review committee that includes appropriately credentialed professional lay leadership. However, the Holy See asked the U.S. Bishops Conference to postpone action on this proposal until after the meeting in Rome.

The Summit Meeting, convoked by Pope Francis, will involve the Presidents of over 180 Episcopal Conferences from throughout the world; along with Cardinal O'Malley, participating in his role as President of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Children. The goal of the Summit Meeting, as stated by the Holy Father, is "catechesis" of the episcopal conferences. A way to interpret this phrase is that the meeting will seek to create a strong consensus throughout the universal Church of zero tolerance of sexual abuse, to develop the programs which will implement this mandate and to put in place the programs of education and prevention needed to keep children safe throughout the world, even and perhaps most especially in countries where government and law enforcement may not be reliable partners in protecting children.

This meeting will be very complex in its composition, cultural and geographical diversity and the political and legal context that is necessarily present in these matters. We ask your prayers for all involved in the Summit Meeting and your appreciation that a three-day meeting will not produce a finished and final plan for a global Church of 1.2 billion people. Demanding but also realistic expectations will be helpful for us all as we think not only about what the Church in the United States needs to accomplish but also the steps necessary to achieve global solutions, particularly in circumstances where cultural sensitivities must be considered.

<u>The Future:</u> As always, first and foremost in our thoughts are the survivors of abuse for whom we continue to pledge our vigilance. We use this occasion to pledge our continued commitment to the policies we have adopted and to all those measures of care, counseling, education and healing needed to abolish the scourge of sexual abuse throughout the Church.

Thank you.

His Eminence Seán P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap., Archbishop of Boston Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Bishop of Springfield Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV, Bishop of Fall River

+Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 23

8:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Joseph O'Neil Mary Klufts

Margaret Kennedy

4:00 pm People of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, February 24

7:30 am Deceased members of the

Lavigne and Gray Families

9:30 am Kirk Walsh

Nancy Tardif Cynthia Ness Mary Fairbanks Jeanne Brown Ken Cavallaro Louise Anne Roy Doris T. Bragg

11:30 am Stephen Bellingreri

Thursday, February 28

7:00 am Michael F. Cote

Friday, March 1

7:00 am Joseph Klufts

Saturday, March 2

8:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:00 pm Barbara Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 3

7:30 am Amy Waterworth **9:30 am** Donald MacMillan

John, Alice, & Philip McMahon

Charlie and Rose Hanafin

Denis Bourassa Mary Cable

Jacqueline Crowell Joseph Rapazzo

Rose Kay

Kenneth Henrick

For the 10th Anniversary of the

St. Monica Knights of Columbus

11:30 am Gilbert Gagnon and Geraldine Raymond

Offertory last weekend, 2/17/19: \$9,734.00

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Readings for the week of February 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3

-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/

Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

[cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172,

174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk

9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35

[35a]/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf.

17]/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/

1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45





Saturday, February 23

4:00 pm Antonio and Maria Fiasconaro

Sunday, February 24

9:00 am Family Mass

Janine Lebel

11:00 am Dominick "Rex" Campone

Tommy Campone George DiRuzza Sylvia Lebel Marjorie Groleau Helen Koczat

Monday, February 25

8:00 am Lucy Maciariello

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 am Mary Cefalu 7:00 pm Ultreya Mass

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 am William and Marie Mercier

Saturday, March 2

4:00 pm Kelly Martin

Sunday, March 3

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes and Deceased members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

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11:00 am Martin Donlan Marjorie Groleau

Paul Amato Adino Rosa

Louise and Louis Vallante



Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;

Elliot Mae DiZazzo Hunter Tiberius Martos

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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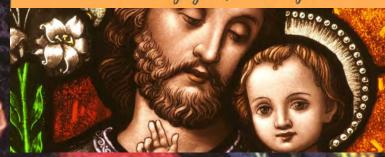
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We begin our Lenten Suppers (pizza or soup) in the church hall on Friday evening March 8th immediately following the Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm. Our first evening will be pizza. Please join us every week during the weeks of Lent.

Our next Sodality meeting is Sunday, March 3rd after the 9:00 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

Thanks to all who supported our Valentine Pasta Luncheon on February 9th. A special thank you to Cathy Rubino who chaired our event and Donna Ramirez who cooked our wonderful Pasta Luncheon. It was a wonderful time spent with friends, family, and food.

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

ERTORY

Offertory last weekend, 2/17/19: \$5,275.00

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BAPTISMS: Please call the parish office.

St. Monica Parish: 1st Sunday of the month 1:00pm St. Lucy Parish: 3rd Saturday of the Month 12:30pm

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

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On February 11th, our second graders made their First Reconciliation. We thank all those who prepared our students with love and ask you to continue to keep them in prayer.



Students dressed down on 2/14. They each brought in at least \$2. All proceeds went to the Sudan Water Project. Students raised a little over \$500! Thank you to all those who were able to support this cause. Please check the link below for more information on this very important project. https://www.waterforsouthsudan.org/





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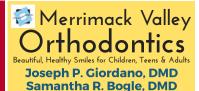
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