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DAY OF PRAYER & **THANKSGIVING**

Saturday, October 3

To celebrate the month of the Rosary, the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and the Men's Guild invite you to a Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving.

Join us at 10 am at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Fields on the grounds of St. Lucy's.

Please bring your chair and Rosary. The Sodality will have additional Rosary beads if you need one. We will be wearing masks and maintaining 6ft social distancing for this event.



On Columbus Day weekend, (Oct. 10/11), there will be baskets at the front doors of the churches where the Knights of Columbus will be accepting free-will donations to support the Tootsie Roll Drive.



To sign up, please visit Online Giving methuencatholic.org/ onlinegiving



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patroness of the Americas, Queen of the first and the new evangelization, and Patroness of the unborn.

Nine consecutive Mondays from September 14 to . November 9

7 PM at St. Monica Church

- · exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- praying of the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- readings from scripture and others sources concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- · Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

As distribution of novena booklets is not permitted due to pandemic restrictions, a PDF copy will be available on the parish website to download onto a phone or for personal printing.



Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Contact Bonnie Doherty for the

link to join. bonnieocds@gmail.com

Permanent Diaconate: Is Christ Calling You?

God is calling each of us to serve one another in charity and love and Pope Francis speaks to this call constantly. For some there is a particular invitation to serve Christ and the Church in ordained ministry. The Permanent Diaconate, restored at Vatican II, is a ministry of service that is open to married and single men. The deacon's ministry, in the words of Blessed Pope John Paul II, "is the Church's service sacramentalized."

Deacons are ordained to the Ministry of Service in three areas: Word, Sacrament, and Charity. As a servant to the Word, deacons proclaim the gospel, instruct the faithful, and evangelize by word and deed, as did the great deacons Saint Stephen and Saint Francis. As a servant of the sacramental life of the church, deacons preside at baptisms, assist at the Eucharist, bring the Eucharist to the sick and suffering, witness marriages, bury the dead, and preside at Benediction. As a servant of charity, like the great deacon Saint Lawrence, deacons report the needs of the community to the Church and bring its support and assistance to those in need. The deacon is called to be the "Icon of Christ the Servant" living out the life of charity for the people of God and being an "animator" for all to feed the hungry, visit the sick, and care for one another in our brokenness.

Because deacons work in the secular world and most are married men with families, they share in the worries and stresses of daily life. Permanent deacons know well the difficulties of balancing faith, family, and financial security. Through the deacon living in the world as an ordained minister, the Church knows personally the challenges, demands, fears, and anxieties of the People of God. By his vocation the deacon bridges work, family, and leisure with the life of the Church. In fact, by living and working in the secular world, the deacon seeks to model, in his person, the integration of what one believes and how one lives.

If you are discerning God's possible call to serve the Church as a minister of Charity, Word, and Sacrament as an ordained deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston, you and your wife are invited to take part in the upcoming Online Inquirer Webinar Program. The program consists of three sessions: Session I: Who is the Deacon and am I one who is called?

- Option 1: Tuesday, September 29 7 to 8 pm
- Option 2: Tuesday, October 6 7 to 8 pm

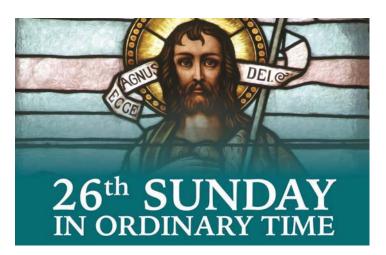
Session II: Canonical Questions and Discernment

• Tuesday, October 20 7 to 8 pm

Session III: Morning of Recollection/Application Process

Saturday, November 14 9 am to 12 pm

To register for the Webinar series please visit www.bostondiaconate.org. Those who are interested in the Diaconate are strongly encouraged to participate in all three online webinar sessions. For questions, please contact Deacon Christopher Connelly, Director for the Permanent Diaconate by email, cconnelly@rcab.org.



Monthly Prayer for Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, & Vocations Every second Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on

Zoom. Quiet Adoration from 6:30 - 7:10 and Rosary from 7:10 - 7:30 pm. Meeting ID: 814 4476 7292 Password if needed: 200581

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley and Ezbelle Markey

Sanctuary Candle for the month of October

St. Monica - Charles and Helen Dobeck
St. Lucy - Rita J. Walsh and Lillian A. Newcomb

Altar Bread for the month of October

St. Monica - Leo Seman

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, September 26 4:00pm Robert Guimond

Sunday, September 27

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Nancy Tardif Chouinard Family Krystyna Szablowska

11:00am Thomas & Marguerite Petrillo

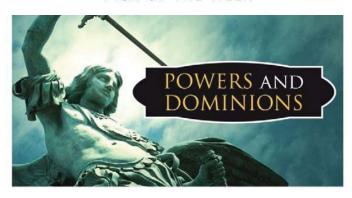
Thursday, October 1

9:00am Helene Roderick

Friday, October 2

9:00am William J. and Leonita Klier

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Powers and Dominions

In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery, and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels. This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more.

To register:

- 1. Visit FORMED.org
- 2. Click Sign Up
- 3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
- 4. Find our parishes by name, zip, or our access code (9772VM)
- 5. Enter your email and you're in!

We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. After you register, please email Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at (978) 270 - 3366 or at the email above.

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, September 26

4:00pm Maria and Carmela Ardizzone

Sunday, September 27

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Syd and Nancy DeMarco Grace and Roger Barbin Joe and Marie Querol

Dora Giuffrida John Piazza Alfia Bellia

Monday, September 28

9:00am Michael and Josephine Carelli

Tuesday, September 29 9:00am Janet Szostak

Saturday, October 3

9:00am Mass of Reparation



SATURDAYS

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS SUNDAY MASS

9:00 & <u>11:00 AM</u> ST. MONICA CHURCH 10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY/TUESDAY

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

THURSDAY/FRIDAY

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

FRIDAY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL CONFESSIONS 2:00 - 3:00 PM

GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

Saint Monica School

Fall Raffle

October 2020

Sunday Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
				1. O'Connor Studios \$50 GC and Copper Door \$50 GC	2. Common Man \$25 GC	3. J.B. Pride Uniform \$25 GC and Sal's Pizza \$25 GC		
4. Common- wealth Motors \$50 Gift Card and Sal's Pizza \$25 GC	5. Christmas Tree Shop \$25 GC	6. Bailey's Bar/Grill or Marianos Ristorante \$25 GC	7. Happy Dining \$25 GC	8. Sherwin Williams \$50 GC and Tony & Ann Pizza \$25 GC	9. Texas Roadhouse \$25 GC	10. Sal's Pizza \$25 GC		
I1. Irving Gas \$25 GC and Panera Bread \$20 GC	12. Rae Rock's Bar & Grill \$25 GC	TSR Hockey \$20 GC and BP Gas \$25 GC	14. Spa nijoli Gift Certificate	15. Panera Bread \$20 GC and Twaites Mkt \$20 GC	16. Renaissance Salon \$25 GC And Dollar Store \$25 GC	17. Comeketo Brazilian Steakhouse \$25 GC		
18. Copper Door Restaurant \$40 GC	19. Butcher Boy \$50 GC	20. Stachey's Pizza Party \$70 value	21. The Butterfly Place \$35 GC and Yorks Wild Kingdom 2 Passes	22. The Chateau \$25 GC	23. T-Bones/ Cactus Jacks \$25 GC	24. Visa \$25 GC and J.B. Pride \$25 GC		
25. Harrow's Chicken Pies \$25 GC and AMC \$20 GC	26. O'Connor Studios \$50 GC and T- Bones/Cactus Jacks \$25 GC	27. Common- wealth Motors \$50 GC and Texas Roadhouse \$50 GC	28. J.B. Pride \$25 GC, Starbucks \$10 GC and Apple \$10 GC	29. Stacheys Pizza Party \$70 value	30. J.B. Pride \$25 GC and Outback \$20 GC	31. Sal's Pizza \$25 GC and BP Gas \$25 GC		

Please return this portion of ticket with payment to Sharon Tully in the School Office.

Raffles will be picked starting October 1st, so get your tickets in by Wednesday, September 30th!!

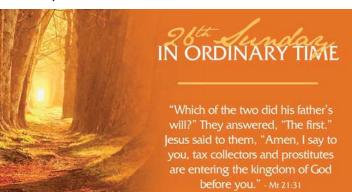
St. Monica School Calendar Raffle

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Address	(REQUIRED)_																

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Sarah Wilkens and Jim M.

Please pray for Mary Ann Andrews whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

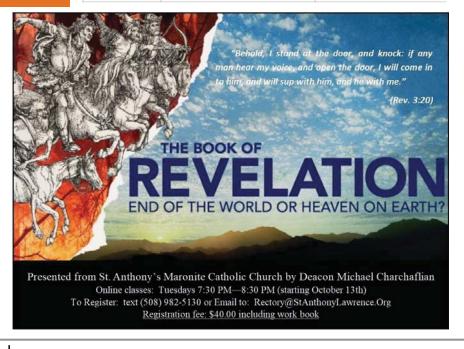


Please pray for our priests/seminarians/ vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Date	Pr	iest	Seminarian				
09/27/2020		Fr. Michael Ferraro	Francis Trewin				
09/28/20	20	Msgr. Laurence McGrath	Michael Dickson				
09/29/2020		Fr. Michael Harvey	Javier Padilla				
09/30/2020		Fr. Jeremy St. Martin	Rodrigo Martinez				
10/01/2020		Fr. Joseph Hubbard	Peter Schirripa				
10/02/2020		Fr. Mark DeAngelis	Alphonsus Quang Vu				
10/03/2020		Fr. J. Bryan Hehir	Diego Pena				

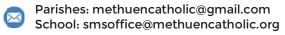
The Pregnancy Care Center is having a Virtual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 PM. Please visit their website at www.pccfriends.org/events/ annual-banquet to sign-up. You may also make a donation via the website.

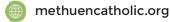
The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christcentered ministry offering life-affirming services designed to empower women and men in making informed choices about unexpected pregnancy, sexual integrity and recovery from post abortion trauma. They believe in sharing the love of Jesus Christ through education, peercounseling and support to women and men facing an unexpected pregnancy.











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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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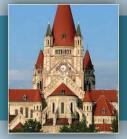


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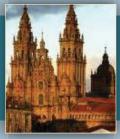
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