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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

Civic Holiday Schedule:

Normal Schedule at both Parishes

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

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





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.

ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION



TUESDAYS (ST. LUCY CHURCH) 1:30-4:30PM *FRIDAYS (ST. MONICA CHAPEL) 7:30AM-7:30PM

FOR MORE INFO ON ADORATION AT ST. MONICA'S PLEASE CONTACT: BONNIE DOHERTY bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270-3366

ST. LUCY'S PLEASE CONTACT: ELLEN WHOLLEY - (978) 682-8459

*Please note! St. Monica – Late start at 9:30am on May 5.

If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.



ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM St. Lucy's Church Hall

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will begin with Liturgy and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is <u>Diane Faucher</u> 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 support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

Please pray for Francis Wolfendale, Shirley Lowell, Marguerite Barone, Jeannette Lombardo, and Gabriel Goshdigian whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our Parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.



This week's second collection supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American servicemen and servicewomen. The Home Missions collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs that serve the Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities in the United States. For more information, please visit www.milarch.org, www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-forgiving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm, and blackandindianmission.org/.

Steubenville East Catholic Conference

Join us this summer for a weekend youth conference at Umass Lowell!!

When: July 14-16

Who: All those who are currently in 8th-12th grade

This weekend is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun!

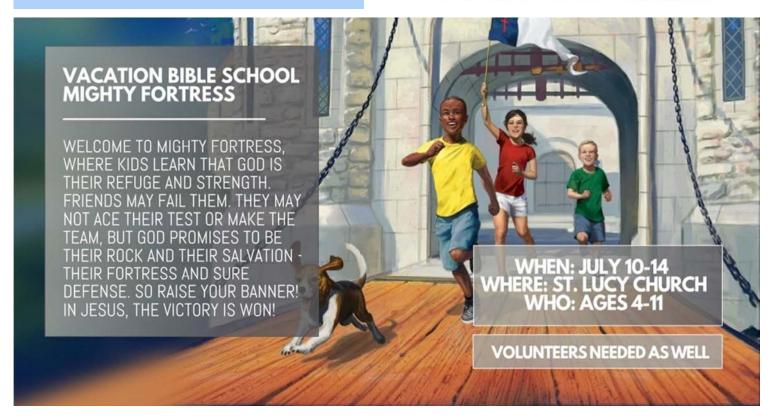
For questions or to register contact Sammie Moore at youth.stlm@gmail.com

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK The Catholic Cemetery Association (781) 322 - 6300

St. Lucy's Parish BVM Sodality Fundraiser The Irish Cottage Restaurant & Pub

On Wednesday May 24th from 4pm to 10pm come in and help support St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality in their fundraising efforts. Bring in this flyer and give it to your server when cashing out and The Irish Cottage will donate 20% of your bill's total (excluding alcohol) for both dine-in or take out to St. Lucy Parish's BVM Sodality. For every participant, The Irish Cottage will donate an extra \$1.00 per participant.

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COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE 5539'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

St. Monica's School Hall April 30th 6pm - 8pm

If you are a Catholic male and you are the age 10 through 17, we welcome you to this event. You will learn about the Columbian Squires and the services we do to help those in our community and the surrounding area. You do not need to be a member of St. Monica's Parish/St Lucy's Parish or a resident of Methuen. Ice cream will be served. This will be a great event. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at info@squirescircle5539.vpweb.com. We hope you can attend and save the date for this event.



May 1st St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day



May 2nd St. Athanasius Feast Day



May 4National Day of Prayer

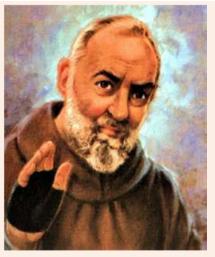
A small group will meet in the St. Rectory floor Monica first sunroom to watch 6 DVD presentations on Prayer. These will be held on Thursday evenings beginning May 4th from 6-7pm and will continue on 5/11, 6/1, 6/8, 6/22, and 6/29. The DVD is 30 minutes long followed by a discussion. Bring a notebook, Bible, and Catechism. The room holds only 20 so please register early. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information: 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.





May 3rd Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles





The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6:30-8:30pm in the chapel of St. Monica Church. The evening includes recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, discussion of miracles related to St. Padre Pio and other saints, as well as topics

of interest and devotions within the Catholic faith. A St. Padre Pio relic is available for veneration. New members are welcome.







Check out our website at **methuencatholic.org/ theology-on-tap** for more photos of our 2nd Theology on Tap.



Spring Cleaning - A time for renewal and sprucing up

One of our time honored traditions in spring is to do a good spring cleaning. We do it in our yards and in our houses we take stock of what we have, what we need and how we use spaces that are important to us. I am so thankful for the young people of our Confirmation preparation program who went out to clean the homes and yards of many of our neighbors who are unable to do so themselves. They also painted the church hall at St. Lucy a beautiful white color. Continuing on this great work I have a great desire to improve the cleanliness and the appeal of our parish buildings. Over the next few weeks there will be significant cleaning of spaces at both campuses. I also hope to create a cleaning crew at each parish comprised of volunteers that can assist our hard working custodians in making sure that our churches are clean. Cleanliness and good order is an important aspect to making our churches more welcoming and attractive.

In addition I plan to make the following additions to the churches that I invite parishioners to volunteer to pay for these items to deceased members of their families.

St. Lucy Parish

- 1. The Divine Mercy image currently hanging above the sanctuary
- 2. A similar image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that will hang above the sanctuary.
- 3. Flags, for the parish hall stage, of the USA and the Vatican City
- 4. Framed photos of the Holy Father and our Cardinal Archbishop for the parish hall.
- 5. A wooden table to go next to the presider's chair to replace the current one.

St. Monica Parish

- 1. A new dish paten to be used at all Sunday Masses for the hosts brought forward for consecration.
- 2. A wooden table next to the presider's chair.
- 3. The Divine Mercy image currently hanging above the sanctuary
- 4. A similar image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that will hang above the sanctuary.

Thank you for considering helping to make our churches more attractive. Please call the office and let Carolyn Leocata know of your interest to sponsor an item.

God Bless,

Fr Bill Lohan



+Mass INTENTIONS

Sat., April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena 4:00 pm Karen M. Shea

Sunday, April 30 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy and

St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am Emily Succo & Anthony Succo

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Luisa Victorino (Living)

Edwin J. Farrell Edwin J. Farrell Jr. Timothy J. Farrell Frank Shawcross Francis Slattery Michael Buono Pedro Nieves Jr.

Monday, May 1st - Easter Weekday

8:00 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

Tuesday, May 2nd - Saint Athanasius

8:00 am Vincenzo Rosa Santantonio

& Family

Wed., May 3rd - Saints Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 am Luisa Victorino (Living)

Sat., May 6 - Easter Weekday

4:00 pm Gertrude and Joseph Sarro

Sunday, May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Pasquale Carmela DiLorenzo

and Genoveffa

9:30 am Deceased members of the Sodality

11:30 am (multiple intentions)

Francis R. Covey Sr. Aaron Hernandez Rita Finniss Grace Mulligan Domenic Nicolosi Doris Boutin Blanca Figueredo

ST. LUCY PARISH BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



Our next Sodality meeting is on May 7 after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Sodality Brunch: May 7th
- Irish Cottage Fundraiser: May 24th.
- Commitment/Re

commitment to our Blessed Mother - June 11 We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish.

St. Lucy's Men's Guild



SAVE THE DATE NOTICE

Sunday, May 21st – Men's Guild Meeting – after 9:30 Mass in St. Lucy's Church Hall

Saturday, June 4th – Sock Hop – to benefit St. Monica/St. Lucy's Youth Group

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For tickets – call Larry @ 978-683-2220 or Jack @ 978-373-2376

Our Guild is an association of men dedicated to St. Joseph who meet regularly to pray and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders in their families, in their parishes, and in their community.

Offertory April 23, 2017: \$7,305.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Home Missions. Next weekend, there is only one collection, our regular Sunday Offering.

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





Saturday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Special intention for a couple

married for 50 years (Living)

Laura Torla (Living)

4:00 pm Joseph Drelick

Sunday, April 30 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Melina Cormier

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Fernande Deshaies
Joseph Rapazzo

Dominick DelGavio Sr.

Monique Pinet

Laura Torla (Living)

Lillian Scott Cheryl Holzman Armond Dube Heath Fitzgerald

11:30 am Tony Fusco Sr.

5:30 pm In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Thursday, May 4 - Easter Weekday

7:00 am Christine Ferguson

Friday, May 5 - Easter Weekday

8:15 am (School Mass)

4:00 pm

Saturday, May 6 - Easter Weekday

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Kelly Wallace
Andrew Guertin
Jean Caron
Jim Leonard
Wilfrid Valcourt

Sunday, May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Charles Booth Jr.

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Charlie and Rose Hanafin (Living)

Thomas Thornton and Ann Thornton

Yvonne Soucy Violet Sayer Manuel Costa

Maria and Manuel Lima

Aaron Hernandez Eugene Campiola

11:30 am Parishioners of St. Monica

and St. Lucy Parishes

5:30 pm John Manning

ROSES FOR LIFE



Roses for Life have been donated

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The Triumph: A Parish Mission

Sunday, May 21st - Wed. May 24th Presented by Fr. David Gunter, MIC

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, May 21

7:00 pm: Presentation

Topic: Testimony and Introduction

Monday, May 22

6:00 pm: Confessions 6:30 pm: Rosary

7:00 pm: Presentation

Topic: Catechesis Background

Tuesday, May 23

6:00 pm: Confessions 6:30 pm: Rosary

7:00pm: Presentation

Topic:

What Has Heaven Been Saying to Us?

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 pm: Confessions 6:30 pm: Rosary

7:00 pm: Presentation

Topic: Final remarks on "The Triumph" Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and Benediction

The **Catholic Lending Library** will <u>not</u> be available for lending this Sunday. It will resume on May 28 at the 9:30 Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"YES I CAN" Program

WE CAN USE... canned fruit, strawberry and grape jelly, peanut butter, canned beans, canned spaghetti, cereal, rice sides, and Hamburger Helper.

Offertory April 23, 2017: \$10,618.00

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As Fr. Milik so beautifully states, "Each one of us has a calling to change the world—to make it better." Not only do our priests make the world a better place through their own actions, but they inspire others to do the same no matter where they may be in life.

To help ensure priests like Fr. Milik are cared for as they live out their vocation, please support the Easter collection this year.

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