



November 18, 2018

33<sup>rd</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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#### YES I CAN PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... Small jars of peanut butter and jelly, baked beans, spaghetti and meatballs, and canned fruit. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

**The Commission for Our Brothers and Sisters in Need** is going to bake for Haven of Hope for Thanksgiving. We were wondering if any of our parishioners would like to join us.

We will be delivering all our goodies to the Haven of Hope at 76 Union Street in Methuen on November 19 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to be a part of our group. If you would like to bake but are not able to join us, please call me and I will pick up your baked good.

Ann Carson (978) 682 - 5663



**THANKSGIVING**  
*Blessings*



### Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 21

10:00 am school Mass St. Monica Parish

Thursday, November 22

**9:00 am at each parish**



### Readings for the Week of November 18, 2018

- Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
- Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rv 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rv 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rv 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



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### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Warm & Fuzzy Thank You



I wish to extend a heart-felt thank you to all who participated in donating to Project

Warm & Fuzzy. It is amazing to

see how an idea that started so small has become so incredibly successful. The out-pouring of support this year has surpassed all other years. Thanks to your kind hearts and generosity, many children and adults will stay warm this winter. I look forward to working with you again next year to make this project an even greater success. I would also like to thank the people who spent countless hours knitting and crocheting all year long. The personal touch gives an additional layer of warmth that can only come from something hand-made with care and love. I know some and others I have not met, but I thank you all for making this such a successful project and for contributing to the good of others. May God bless you during this Holy Christmas season and always.

Ashley Bolis,  
Founder, Project Warm & Fuzzy



*St. Florian*  
Patron Saint of Firefighters, Pray for Us!

### PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Almighty God,  
We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian, those courageous men and women fighting fire in California will be protected and strengthened by Your providence. Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings, and their sense of security. May they find a home in your gracious love and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth. Amen.

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

### Observances for the Week of Nov. 18, 2018

#### Sunday:

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day of the Poor

#### Wednesday:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Thursday:

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr;  
Thanksgiving Day

#### Friday:

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr;  
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr

#### Saturday:

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

#### Next Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

**Sharing the Gospel**

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.

**Prayer**

Dear God, keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of angels bringing you to heaven.

**Mission for the Week**

Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

**Read the Gospel and Color****Word Unscramble**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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clouds  
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glory  
angels  
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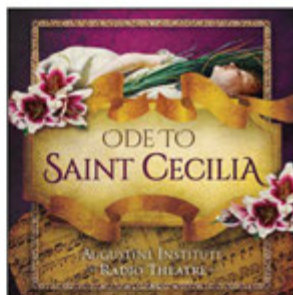
## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Ode to Saint Cecilia

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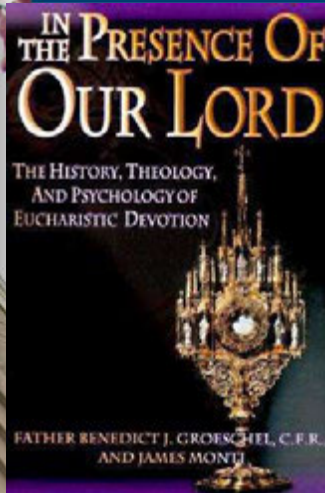
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—Rosalin S. Edgeley, ND

## BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK



To be aware of the presence of Christ, whether in a sacrament or not, we need a decision of the will to acknowledge this presence by faith. If we wish in some appropriate way to respond, we need the further decision to be attentive, reverent, and even adoring, with

our attention powerfully focused. - Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., and James Monti, pg 88/89, Ch3, an excerpt from In the Presence of Our Lord (Publisher: Our Sunday Visitor, Publishing Division)

This book can be purchased at <https://smile.amazon.com>. If you purchase the book from this link and choose St. Monica School as the organization to support, 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com). To quickly register for Formed please go to [methuencatholic.formed.org](https://methuencatholic.formed.org). We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served in the Archdiocese. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to the Sisters who have served the Church of Boston so generously for so many years. Your contribution does make a difference. For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637 or [Sr\\_Marian\\_Batho@rcab.org](mailto:Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org).

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**Snow Removal** - Methuen Area  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 17**

**8:00 am** Bernard Francis Farley  
**10:00 am** Mass of Remembrance at St. Lucy's  
**4:00 pm** Patrick Mesiti

**Sunday, November 18**

**7:30 am** Joseph and Mary Augeri  
**9:30 am Family Mass** (*multiple intentions*)  
 Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro  
 Virginia and Andrew Sullivan  
 William McGurn  
 Dennis LaPearle  
 The Michaud, Ragonese, and DiBartolo Families  
**11:30 am** Richard and Margaret McCarron

**Wednesday, November 21**

**10:00 am** Thanksgiving Mass

**Thursday, November 22**

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving Mass  
 Rita Doherty

**Friday, November 23**

**7:00 am** Timothy Jackson

**Saturday, November 24**

**8:00 am** Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne  
 Leo Deschamps and Patricia Deschamps  
 Will Barnes  
 Dorothy Barnes (Living)  
**4:00 pm** Mark A. McComiskey Jr. and  
 Michael Cestrone

**Sunday, November 25**

**7:30 am** People of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes  
**9:30 am** (*multiple intentions*)  
 Nancy Tardif  
 Virginia and Andrew Sullivan  
 Mark Foderaro  
 James and Henry Ralph  
 Bruce Ralph Carney  
 Fred J. Rapisardi  
 George William Lafland  
 Maurice Roy  
**11:30 am** Italia Corsaro  
 Charles and Joan Corsaro (Living)



Please pray for **Helen Giarrusso** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our parish. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

## ROSES FOR LIFE

**Roses for Life** have been donated in loving memory of

**Theresa A. Rickley**  
**Michael & Linda Giarusso**  
**Mary Coco**

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 at (978) 683-1193.



**Join us for Tea & Treasure** at  
 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on  
**Monday, November 19**

For more information, please call  
 Ann Carson at (978) 682 - 5663

**There will be no Adoration and  
 Confessions on Friday, November 23  
 (Thanksgiving weekend).**

## OFFERTORY

**Last Sunday, (11/11/18):** \$ 10,087.00

The second collection this weekend is for our retired religious sisters. The second collection next weekend is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.*



**Next Sunday, November 25,** the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs in the back of the church after the 9:30 Mass. Books and DVDs may be returned in the "return" basket also located in the back of the church.



Students enjoyed dressing down to show support for the Red Sox during the World Series!



### All Saints Day Mass

Students from Presentation of Mary Academy joined us to celebrate Mass. Students from both schools assisted to make this a very special Mass. Thank you to all those who altar served, read passages and intentions, brought the gifts up, and provided beautiful music.



On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we had a Saints Parade! All of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students were so excited to share information on the saint they chose. Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and our Chorus gave a warm welcome when the saints approached the altar. Great job done by all! A special thank you to Mrs. Michaud, Mrs. Voltero, and Mrs. Navien for all the work they did to prepare the students.





## MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, November 17

**10:00 am** Mass of Remembrance  
**4:00 pm** James (Jimmy) Melnick

## Sunday, November 18

**9:00 am** People of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes  
**11:00 am** Domenic and Guiseppi Rotonelli  
 Vincent and Mary McCarthy  
 Stephanie Abraham  
 Anthony Campagna  
 Vincenzo Tagliaferri  
 Mary Gallo  
 Joseph Hajjar  
 Virginia Hajjar

## Monday, November 19

**8:00 am** Manny Gianni

## Tuesday, November 20

**8:00 am** Angelo Coco

## Wednesday, November 21

**8:00 am** Al and Margaret DeLuca  
 Sandra DeLuca

## Thursday, November 22

**9:00 am** Thanksgiving Mass

## Saturday, November 24

**4:00 pm** Guido and Guida Iannalfo

## Sunday, November 25

**9:00 am** George Baker Jr.  
**11:00 am** Linda Monahan  
 Vincenzo Tagliaferri  
 Robert "Bobby" Sacchetti  
 Anna Engdahl  
 John and Jennie Blatti

## 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 20 to December 8. 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 11.

Please call Annette Autiello at 978-683-5159 or 508 783 1544 with any questions.



## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

The next Sodality Mass will be at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner in the church hall.

Yankee Swap \$10.00 Gift!

Be creative!!! Please give your name by Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are attending. Contact Ursula Maggio at 978-886- 0915.

## OFFERTORY

**Last Sunday, (11/11/18):** \$ 6,403.00

The second collection this weekend is for our retired religious sisters. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

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



**St. Monica Parish:** 212 Lawrence Street  
**St. Lucy Parish:** 254 Merrimack Street  
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**MARRIAGES.** Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall. 9

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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: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### 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: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### St. Monica Parish

Friday 4:30-5:30 pm and Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

### St. Lucy Parish

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

*and any time by appointment*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Fridays:* 7:30 am - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month:* 6:00 - 7:00 pm

St. Lucy Church

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366

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

## BAPTISMS.

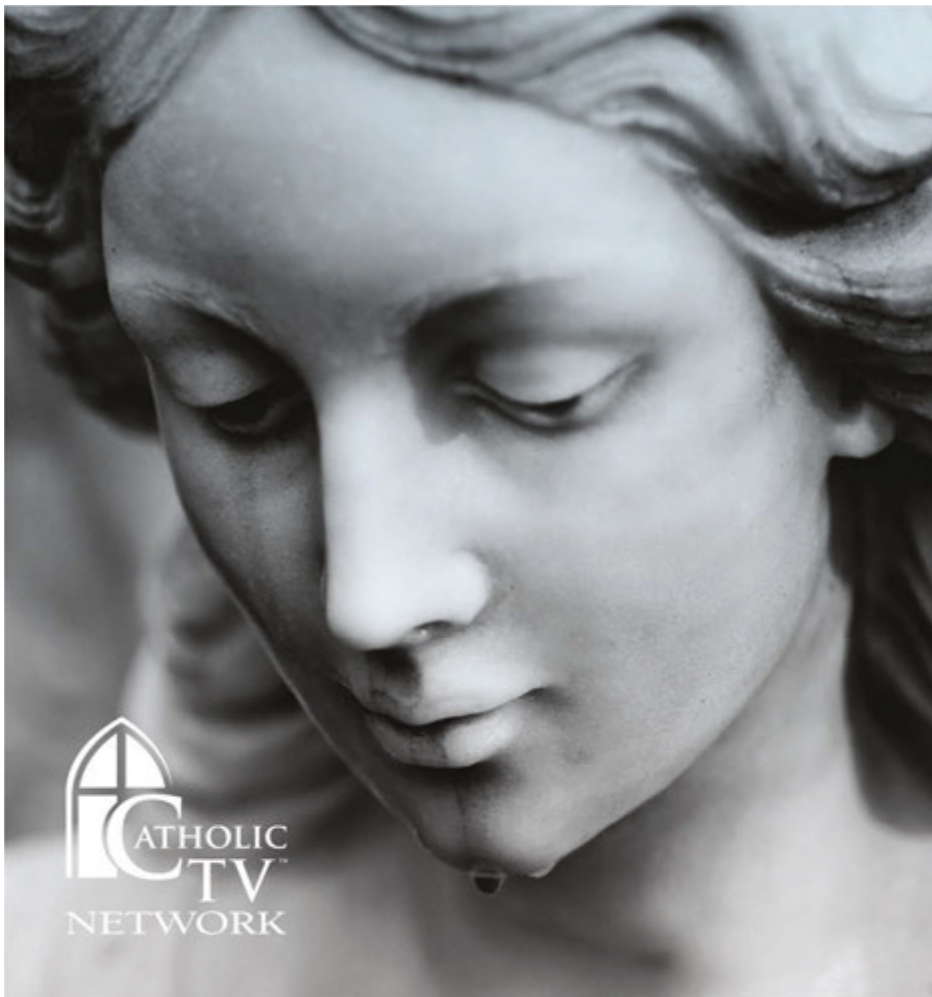
 Please call the parish office.

St. Monica's Parish: 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month

Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

St. Lucy Parish: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 12:30pm





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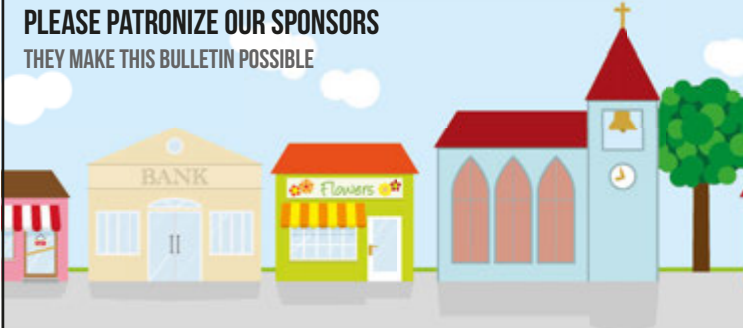
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