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LENT AT ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY PARISHES

Stations of the Cross

Fridays

2:30 pm - St. Monica Church

6:00 pm - St. Lucy Church - followed by a Lenten Supper (pizza or soup)

Confessions

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm - Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's & St. Lucy Church Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm (during Adoration) - St. Lucy Church Fridays 4:30-5:30pm - Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's & St. Lucy Church

Parish Penance Services

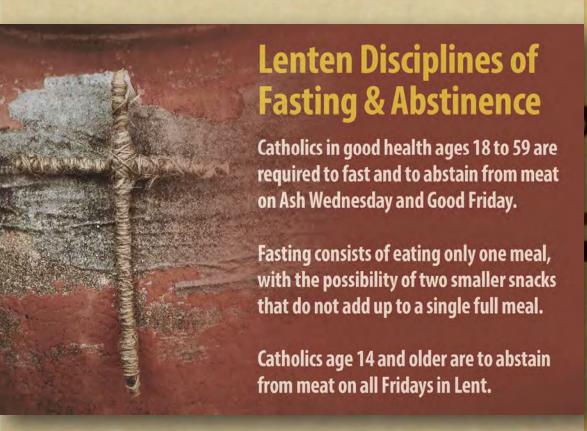
4:00-5:00 pm Sunday, 3/22 - St. Monica Church 4:00-5:00 pm Sunday, 3/29 - St. Lucy Church

Adoration

- Thursdays (except Holy Thursday) 6:30-7:30pm St. Lucy Church
- Fridays 9:00 am-5:30 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's

Lenten Community Events

St. Monica's School Gala and Fundraiser (3/14) Merrimack Valley Country Club Feast of St. Joseph (3/19) Adoration followed by collation - St. Lucy Church St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance (3/21) - St. Lucy Church Consecration of the Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's (3/29)





HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 1, 2020

Thank you for all the suggested names for our newly renovated Eucharistic Chapel! The Collaborative Pastoral Council met to select the five names that best evoked communion with the Lord and a universal invitation to come and pray. From these five, the faithful from both of our parishes will vote to select our Chapel's title:

Mt. Carmel Chapel of the Eucharist
Gethsemane Chapel
Savior of Mercy Eucharistic Chapel
Peace of Christ Chapel of the Eucharist
Divine Life Chapel of the Eucharist

The Stations of the Cross previously used in the Chapel at St. Monica's have been donated to Our Lady of the Pacific Church in Nakhodka, Russia (a parish in the Diocese of Vladivostok, home of our sister parish, the Cathedral of Most Holy Mother of God). Bob Moran, board member for the Mary Mother of God Mission Society and a parishioner of St. Monica, is pictured below accepting the gift.



Artist rendering of Our Lady of the Pacific Church, currently under construction



ST. PATRICK DINNER

Saturday, March 21, 2020 5:30 PM

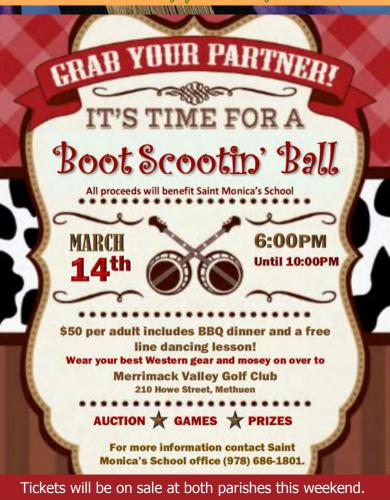


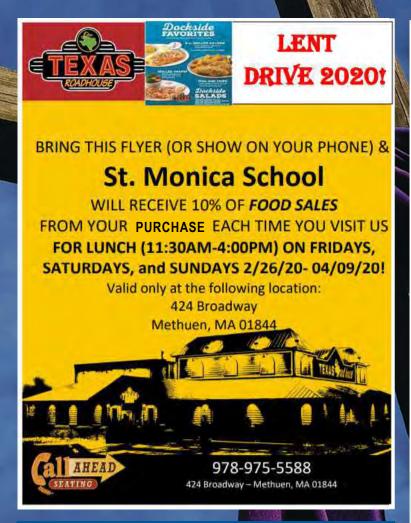
Live entertainment featuring Jennifer Mello Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Provided by the Irish Cottage

Tickets available in Parish Offices starting Monday, March 2 and after all weekend Masses at St. Lucy's starting March 7 \$20 per person | Children 8 and younger are free

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Come and enjoy a fun evening!





BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

Our next Sodality meeting is this Sunday, March 1st after the 9:00 am Mass and the praying of the Rosary. Prior to the meeting at 10:00 am, we will draw the winner for our Jump into Spring Raffle.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

YES I CAN PROGRAM - We are in need of rice sides, canned fruits, strawberry jelly, pancake mix and syrup, and mashed potatoes. *Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT

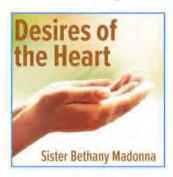
Give God your weakness and he'll give you his , strength.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Desires of the Heart

by Sister Bethany Madonna



Sr. Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope.

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ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm Michael and Laura Cote

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 am People of St. Monica and

St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am Deceased members of the

Chouinard Family

Kirk Walsh Roger Picard Brian Teutonico Rose Kay

Ryan Covey

11:30 am Joseph Indoccio and Arthur Royer

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 am Christine Ferguson

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

MASS INTENTIONS

8:15 am School Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:00 pm Yvonne Soucy

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 am Amy Waterworth **9:30 am** Catherine Goff

Deceased members of the

Chouinard Family Maralyn Mayo Wayne Wilson

11:30 am Ronald and Barbara Fitzgerald

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

— Mt 4:8-10a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCE

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

4:00 pm Allan R. Roderick

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 am Deceased members of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

11:00 am James Finniss

Stanley Piskadlo Marquerite Moreau

Claire Habib

Gary Witts

Monday, March 2

8:00 am Living Mass

Gerta, Jess, Eileen, Hank, and Alexa M.

Sonia, Gerry, Kay, Pat, Jeff, and Phyllis B.

Patricia Perry

Jim M., Jessalyn, Janet, and Noreen

Laura Torla

Sue and Chris McFealey

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 am William Strzelewicz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 am Vincent Breglia

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00 pm People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 am Angelo Coco

11:00 am Real and Gerard Taschereau

Thomas McMenamon Sr.

Jeff King

Karen Hovanasian Michael V. Busby

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm in St. Lucy Church

Fridays 9:00 am - 5:30 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's

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Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm in St. Lucy Church

Fridays 4:30 - 5:30 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's

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Weekend of 2/23/2020:

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Weekend of 2/23/2020:

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- Sodality Meeting 9:00 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- Faith Formation at St. Monica's
- RCIA Class 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- Confirmation 1 Meeting 12:45 2:15 pm St. Monica Hall
- Baptisms 1:00 pm St. Monica Church

MONDAY, MARCH 2

- Rosary Prayer Group 6 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's
- Rivier Prayer Group 6:30 8:30 pm St. Monica House **TUESDAY, MARCH 3**
- Bible Study 9:30 10:30 am St. Lucy Church Hall
- Basketball Banquet 6:00 pm St. Monica School Hall
- Padre Pio Prayer Group 6:30 8:30 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- Prayer and Study 10:00 am 12:00 pm St. Monica House
- Friendship Club 1:00 3:30 pm St. Monica House
- The Light is On For You: Confessions 6:30 8:00pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's and St. Lucy Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- Adoration and Confessions 6:30 7:30 pm St. Lucy Church FRIDAY, MARCH 6
- Adoration 9 am 5:30pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's
- Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 4:30 5:30 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's
- Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm St. Lucy Church followed by a Lenten Supper

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- Faith2fitt (Faith & Fitness) 8 am St. Lucy School House
- First Saturday Mass 8:00 am St. Monica Church
- Women's Prayer Group 9:30 11:30 am St. Monica House
- Confirmation Retreat 10 am 4 pm St. Lucy Lower Hall
- Baptism Class for Parents/Godparents 11:30 am St. Lucy School House
- Choir Rehearsals 2:30 pm St. Monica Church & 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- Confessions 3-3:45 pm Eucharistic Chapel at St. Monica's & St. Lucy Church
- Connect Group 5:00 7:00 pm St. Lucy School House **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

Faith Formation at St. Lucy's

Confirmation 1 Meeting 12:45 - 2:15 pm St. Monica Hall

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Joseph N., Joseph V., Sr. Estelle LeBlanc (St. Joseph Convent, Biddeford, Maine), Jim M., Hank, Jessalyn, and Janet.

Please pray for **Elizabeth McMorrow** and **Dena Parolisi-Clarke** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their 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 and we should be praying for vocations!

Date	Priest	Seminarian
3/1/20	Msgr. Michael Foster	Andrew John Rondelli
3/2/20	Fr. Timothy Kearney	Peter Braam
3/3/20	Fr. R. Michael Guarino	Gustavo Neitzke
3/4/20	Fr. Leonard Tighe	Aaron Sanz
3/5/20	Fr. David White	Desmond Conway
3/6/20	Fr. Eugene Sullivan	Marcelo Ferrari
3/7/20	Fr. Walter Woods	Joseph Thuy Van Nguyen

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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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