



OCTOBER 27, 2019

30th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" - Lk 18:13

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RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

DAILY MASS **MON, TUE, & WED** 8:00 am St. Lucy **THURS & FRI** 8:15 am St. Monica **SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica
WEEKEND SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy



ALL SAINTS DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Mass Schedule:

Thursday (Vigil)

4:00 pm St. Monica Church

(We invite all children to come dressed in their costumes before Trick-or-treating)

Friday (Holy Day)

8:15 am St. Monica Church

10:00 am St. Monica (School Mass)

12:30 pm St. Lucy Church

6:00 pm St. Lucy Church

Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DIRECTOR!

We are starting a new tradition: collaborative-wide **Lessons and Carols**, which will take place on Sunday, December 15th at St. Monica's Church. This wonderful event will include the presentation of our children's Christmas Pageant.

We are looking for a volunteer or team of volunteers to direct the pageant, which we hope will include young people from St. Lucy's, St. Monica's, and St. Monica's School.

If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to Karl as soon as possible at (978) 683-1193 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN- THE CATHOLIC WAY

What is HALLOWEEN?

"ALL HALLOWS' EVE" is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. We call October 31 - All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints' Day which is on November 1.

The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called *Allhallomas*. This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called 'All Hallow's Day'.

The night before Nov. 1 became known as *Allhallowe'en*, which was short for "evening before All Hallow's Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.

Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?

1 November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.

2 November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honors this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.

How can we celebrate Halloween?

1. Dress up like "Little Saints"
Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honor the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallow's Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.

2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed
On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.

3. Go to Mass
On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honor to them.

4. We say a prayer
While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honor our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.

ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA PARISHES
INVITE YOU TO A

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

IN HONOR OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 10:00 AM

ST. LUCY CHURCH

254 MERRIMACK STREET, METHUEN, MA

FOLLOWING THE MASS, PLEASE JOIN US IN THE
LOWER CHURCH HALL FOR COFFEE AND PASTRIES.



R.S.V.P. BY NOVEMBER 2 TO THE
PARISH OFFICES AT (978) 686 - 3311.

Our study of the Book of Revelation originally scheduled for Tuesdays at St. Lucy's has been postponed until the Spring.

Some parishioners have contacted Father Colarusso about emails and texts they have received "from him" claiming to be in need of money. They are not from Father Colarusso. He would never ask for money for himself personally.

These emails are scams. Someone has found his name on our website, created an email address, and started to solicit funds from parishioners. This has happened in the past. His email has not been "hacked." There is no need to inform him that you received this fake solicitation ascribed to him. He asks that you simply delete the email or text. Thank you very much.

Adoration at St. Monica's on All Saints Day (Friday, Nov. 1) will begin after the 10 am School Mass. It will conclude at the usual time with Confessions from 4:30-5:30pm.

RCIA

RCIA classes have begun but it's not too late to sign up. Classes are every other Sunday at 10 am in the St. Lucy School House. We invite all who are interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation to attend.

RCIA sessions are also open to anyone who has received these Sacraments but want to come to a deeper appreciation of what they are about. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307 or Kevin Fitzgerald at 978-686-3311.

1ST ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS

SAT., NOVEMBER 9, 2019

ST. LUCY CHURCH
254 MERRIMACK ST., METHUEN

**ALL VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO
GATHER FOR THE 4:00 PM MASS**

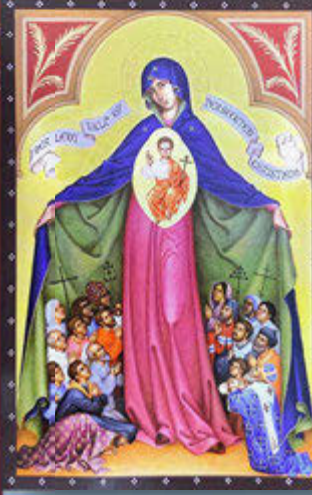
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COLARUSSO WHO IS ACTIVELY SERVING IN THE
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MARIAN PRAYER SERVICE

**Tuesday, October 29
7:00 PM
St. Monica Church**



Please join the Knights of Columbus for a Marian Prayer Service with the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians image to honor the martyrs over the centuries as we call particular attention to the suffering of today's Christians in the Middle East.

St. Monica School is
hosting **MUSICAL**



Adults! Please bring your friends and join us for a fun night for CASH PRIZES! The event will be hosted by EJI Event Entertainment on Friday, November 1st from 7-10PM Methuen VFW, 26 River St., Methuen. Cost is \$30.00 per person. This is a 21+ event.

Tickets are available in the School Office from 7AM to 3PM. If you need to make other arrangements, please call Sharon Tully at 978-686-1801.

St. Lucy's is currently accepting bids for snow removal for the upcoming winter. Please call Kera Mansour at x26 for more information.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society requests that any family in our parishes that is in need of a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner or other assistance to please call 9786869573. Information is confidential.

Our **Commission to Aid Our Brothers & Sisters In Need** will be collecting new or gently used twin sheets and blankets for the veterans who reside at Ashton Place in Methuen. Bins will be located at both churches from November 2nd to the 10th. We will be delivering what we receive on Veterans Day. Please help keep our veterans warm during the Winter months. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Project Warm & Fuzzy - Until Sunday, November 10th, there will be boxes at the main entrance of both churches where you may drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks (for babies, children, and adults). These articles will be distributed to the needy during the winter months.

Abortion destroys the smallest and most helpless members of the human family. We, as Catholics are called by God to protect His precious gift of life. Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts?

Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this. **This weekend**, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions will be collecting signatures after all Masses at St. Lucy's on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies.

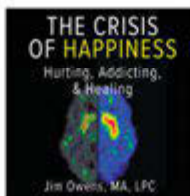
If you want to get involved and do more to help the prolife movement, please contact Monica Silvey at mmsilvey@verizon.net. Or, if you can volunteer before or after mass today, simply talk to one of the individuals circulating petitions. Learn more at www.StopTaxpayerAbortion.org.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

The Crisis of Happiness Hurting, Addicting, and Healing

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Find Answers to Today's Happiness Crisis

Addictions and distractions are used to manage pain—but end up hurting us and our ability to find lasting happiness. Jim Owens gives scientific evidence and practical advice for overcoming wounds.

New way 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.

Observances for the week of October 27, 2019

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
Monday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Thursday: All Hallow's Eve
Friday: All Saints (holy day of obligation)
Saturday: All Souls' Day
Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time Ends

WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT

God has protected me more times than I can count. So I can only imagine the times I've been rescued that I don't even know about. Thank you God for always being there, even when I don't know it.

Amen

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 am Living Mass

Pablo Hernandez
Robert Nolan
In thanksgiving to St. Joseph
A special intention
In thanksgiving to St. Monica
William and Margaret Collins

4:00 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 am Frances M. Houlihan

9:30 am Mara Kovacevic
Peter and Joza Zelic, Nikola Zelic,
Ante Zelic, Neva Zelic
Nancy Tardif
Jose and Eulalia Aguiar
Joao Costa
Shirley Rosatone

11:30 am People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:15 am Deacon Bob Mulligan

4:00 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:15 am Holy Day Mass

10:00 am Holy Day Mass (School Mass)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:00 pm Living and deceased members of the
Frappier and Plourde Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 am Ronald and Irene Silva

9:30 am Charlie and Rose Hanafin
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
Frank Ragonese
Deceased members of the
Ragonese Family
Jean Boyle
Susan Raymond
Tim Jackson

11:30 am Michael Foley

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:00 pm Real Taschereau

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 am Rocco and Amelia Bonanno and deceased
members of the Bonanno family

11:00 am Salvatore Boragine Sr.
Anthony J. and Josephine Carelli
Mary and Frank Cefalu
Marguerite Moreault
Anthony and Tillie DeAngelis
Linda Sammataro
Janet Dattore

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 am Jennie Slattery

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 am Venerina Kalembo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 am Antonio and Maria Rosa Stramondo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:30 pm Holy Day Mass

6:00 pm Holy Day Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

4:00 pm Michelangelo Iuvara

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
and deceased members of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Sodality

11:00 am Salvatore and Guiseppina Guglielmina
Andrew Moynihan Jr.
Patricia Jankowski
Susan Raymond
Gina Toscano Thibault
Salvatore Toscano

MASS INTENTIONS

GIVE

OFFERTORY

ST. MONICA PARISH

10/20/19 regular offertory: \$11,503.00

2nd collection: \$2,133.00

The second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

ST. LUCY PARISH

10/20/19 regular offertory: \$7,102.00

2nd collection: \$1,177.00

The second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- **Signature Drive after all the Masses** St. Lucy Church
- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **Confirmation 2 Mtg.** 12:45 pm St. Monica School Hall
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 2:30 pm St. Monica School Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Church
- **Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe** 7 pm St. Monica Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- **Alpha Night Session** 6:15 pm St. Lucy Church Hall
- **Marian Prayer Service** 7:00 pm St. Monica Church

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **Prayer and Study** - Join us in reading "A Story of a Soul, Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux" 10 am St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **See page 2 for Holy Day Mass Schedule**
- **Baptism Parent & Godparent Class** 7pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **See page 2 for Holy Day Mass Schedule**
- **Adoration** after the 10 am Mass until 5:30pm Monica Church
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- **Faith2fitt** 8 am St. Lucy School House
- **First Saturday Mass** 8:00 am St. Monica Church
- **Women's Prayer Group** 9:30 am St. Monica House
- **Choir Rehearsal** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church
- **Confessions** 3-3:45pm Monica Church & Lucy Church
- **Choir Rehearsal** 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Connect Group** 5:00 pm St. Lucy School House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- **Sodality Meeting** 9:00 am St. Lucy Church
- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **RCIA** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Alpha** 10:30 am St. Monica School
- **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas** 12:30 pm St. Monica House
- **Confirmation 2 Mtg.** 12:45 pm Monica School Hall

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Joanne, Gaetan C., P & G Family, Shirley H., Noreen, Gerry, Kay, Jeff, Pat, and Sabrina B.**

Please pray for **Judith Hall and Charles Beaudette** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

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Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

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Fridays 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm

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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

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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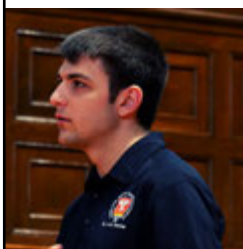
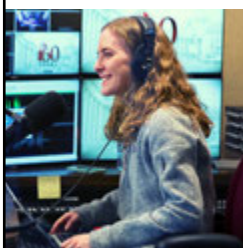
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