

September 16, 2018

# Catechetical S•U•N•D•A•Y

**ST. MONICA PARISH      ST. LUCY PARISH**

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

**Q.** *Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?*

**A.** *The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.*

*Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer. On this Sunday, we recognize those who are called to be teachers and ask for God's blessing and grace.*

**Religious Ed. at St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes** has begun but we are still accepting registrations for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation. Please find the registration form on our website and/or call the office for more information. Call (978) 683-1193 or email [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com).



You are cordially invited to attend the

# 60th Anniversary Celebration of St. Lucy Parish

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018**

5:30 PM: Social Hour • 6:30 PM: Dinner

**MICHAEL'S FUNCTION HALL**

12 Alpha Street  
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Full Course Family Style Dinner

Donation \$50

*Music and Dancing to follow!*

**Come celebrate with our Parish Family...  
It won't be a party without YOU!!**

The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years.

**HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey**  
October 20 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Lucy Church

**Tickets for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will go on sale after Masses at St. Lucy's this weekend, **September 15/16** and next weekend, **September 22/23.**

Members of the committee will be at the main entrance of the church for your convenience.

Parishioners can pay with either CASH or CHECKS made out to ST. LUCY PARISH. Individual tickets or tables of 10 are available.

## Alpha. You're Invited

It's still not too late.  
The program begins on  
**September 19**

6:30 - 8:30 pm  
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

**Alpha is for everyone.**

**Let us know you're coming.**  
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welcome  
we're glad you're here

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.

Friday Adoration at St. Monica Parish will begin after the 7am mass as usual, but will end at 5:30pm with benediction. Confessions will be from 4:30-5:30pm.

Adoration and Confessions at St. Lucy's will no longer be held on Tuesdays. This month they will be offered on Thursday, September 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church. Beginning next month they will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month.

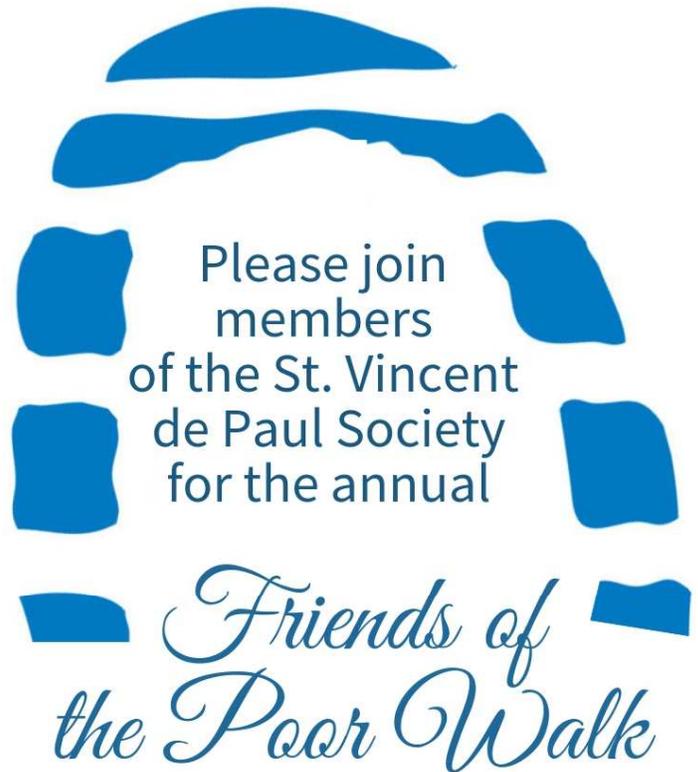
**RCIA**



Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered for any adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, a program commonly known as RCIA.

**Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.**



Please join members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the annual

*Friends of the Poor Walk*

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

We will kick off from St. Monica at 9:00 am for the one mile walk. Please register to be a walker and ask all your friends and relatives to support you. No amount is too small!



**Protecting God's Children Class**

October 11 at 6:00 PM | St. Lucy Schoolhouse.  
Please register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**St. Vincent de Paul  
"YES I CAN" PROGRAM**

WE CAN USE... canned beans, Hamburger Helper, rice, canned carrots, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and syrup, and cereal.

**Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.**

**Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Place:  
St. Monica Church  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Nine consecutive Mondays from September 10, 2018 - November 5, 2018

Our annual novena to *Our Lady of Guadalupe*: Patroness of the

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

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- praying the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- reading *The Nican Mopohua*, the account of the Guadalupan apparitions of 1531 written in 1548 by Antonio Valeriano
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



**ST. LUCY/ST. MONICA ULTREYA**



**Tuesday, September 25  
7:00 – 8:30 PM  
St. Lucy's Church Hall**

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

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

Our guest speaker this month is our dear friend **Laura Zappella** 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!



The Junior Catholic Daughters of the America's (JCDA) will be hosting a **Bake Sale/ Membership Drive** after all of the Sunday Masses at St. Monica's on September 16. The JCDA is a youth program for girls ages 6-18. Our motto is "message, service, and community." All proceeds of our

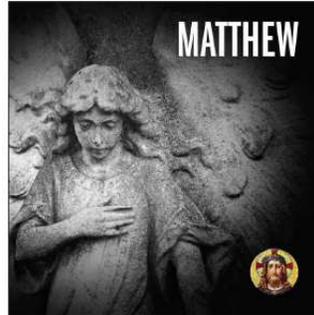
bake sale will go towards our mission to support our JCDA in enriching lives through service to others in our families, parish, community and world, following Christ's example, "What I have done, so you must do." (John 13:13-15). Please stop by our bake sale after Mass and learn more about the JCDA!

**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**

**Truth and Life Audio Bible:  
The Gospel of Matthew**

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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](http://methuencatholic.formed.org). We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

**BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK**

...he saw the command to love as the fundamental, radical call, which God makes to every human being. To love God is to love one's neighbor, one's fellow human beings. - Richard P. Hardy, pg 138, an excerpt from **John of the Cross, Man and Mystic** (Publisher: ICS Publications)

*John of the Cross  
Man and Mystic*



**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.**



Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members.

If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us. No auditions necessary! We currently rehearse Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM in the church. Though it is preferable that you are available for these rehearsals, we are flexible and will work around schedules as best as we can.

We are looking primarily for musicians to join the Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 9:30 Masses. Get in touch with Eric after Mass or via e-mail if you have any questions.

**Offertory September 9, 2018:**  
*Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 11,040.00*

The second collection this weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 15**

- 8:00 am** John F. Houlihan  
Tex Johnston  
Kathleen Brennan
- 4:00 pm** Connie and Albert Zampelli

**Sunday, September 16**

- 7:30 am** Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
- 9:30 am** (*multiple intentions*)  
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro  
Eulalia Aguiar  
Thomas Petrillo  
Young Sook Lim  
Virginia and Andrew Sullivan  
Robert S. Pierce  
Alan Paul Golobski  
Frank A. Doran Jr.  
Blanche and Eustache Sirois  
James and Mary McCarthy
- 11:30 am** Roberta Palmisano

**Thursday, September 20**

- 7:00 am** Frank Doherty

**Friday, September 21**

- 7:00 am** Yvette Moran, Don Lavigne,  
and Scott Latulippe

**Saturday, September 22**

- 8:00 am** The Waterworth Family  
Barbara Hevey  
Margaret Collins
- 4:00 pm** Joseph O'Neil

**Sunday, September 23**

- 7:30 am** Paul Valliere
- 9:30 am** (*multiple intentions*)  
Rita Conroy  
Nancy Tardif  
Leo Seman  
Virginia and Andrew Sullivan  
George Koury  
Marguerite D. Perrault  
Irene Sirois  
Angelo, Antonette, & Frank Ragonese  
Francesco, Nunziata, & Santina Ragonese  
Chanel, Claire, Carol, Judy, Paul, and Diane Michaud  
Rocco, Emanuela, Angela, Carmela, and Orazio DiBartolo
- 11:30 am** Robert S. Pierce

**ROSES FOR LIFE**

Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

**Theresa A. Rickley  
Cecile and Peter Checovich  
Michael & Linda Giarusso**

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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**Fall Plant Sale**

**September 29th and 30th** after all Masses

**Interested in joining us?**

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or  
[Grandknight@kofc14725.org](mailto:Grandknight@kofc14725.org)



**Under Our Lady's Mantle**

A prayer group that meets every Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the ranch house at St. Monica's. We pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, read and discuss Catholic books, and watch Catholic DVD's.

**Join us for Tea & Treasure** at 11:30 am in the St. Monica House on **Monday, September 17.**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 15**

**4:00 pm** Albert and Connie Zampelli

**Sunday, September 16**

**9:00 am** Gaetana Polizzotti

**11:00 am** Margaret J. Covey  
Dominick "Rex" Campone  
Antonio DiFruscia  
Michael Kenny Jr.  
Richard McLaughlin

**Monday, September 17**

**8:00 am** Maria SS Di Constantinopoli

**Tuesday, September 18**

**8:00 am** Gregory Debrocke

**Wednesday, September 19**

**8:00 am** Betsy Lane

**Saturday, September 22**

**4:00 pm** Michael Karcz

**Sunday, September 23**

**9:00 am** Parishioners of St. Lucy and  
St. Monica Parishes

**11:00 am** Mauro and Carmela Messina  
Paul, Antoinette, and  
Angelina Caruso  
Paul V. Meli Sr.  
Dora Giuffrida  
Richard McLaughlin

**Offertory September 9, 2018:**

*Regular Sunday Offering:* \$ 6,220.00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:* \$1,310.00

The second collection this weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. There is only one collection next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

**MEN'S GUILD**



St. Lucy Men's  
Guild Mission  
Statement:

*An association  
of men from St.  
Lucy's Parish  
dedicated to St.  
Joseph that  
meets regularly  
to pray and  
encourage each  
other to be*

*spiritual leaders in their family, in their  
parish, and in their community.*

Join us this Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> in the church hall, after the **9:00am Mass**. Breakfast will be served and our pastor Fr. Darin Colarusso will be our guest speaker. Membership is open to all men.

For more information, please contact: Larry at 978-360-9256 or Jack at 978-373-2376. Sponsored by St. Lucy's Men's Guild

**Please remember the poor when  
leaving Mass today.**

Donation boxes are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for your generous contribution.

**September 7:** The 1<sup>st</sup> School Mass of the year was beautiful. Thank you to all those who assisted in the Mass. In his homily, our pastor Fr. Colarusso spoke on being stewards of education. Extended Day students made a collage of “gifts” they offer as stewards and outdoor play ended our day.



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**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> and 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](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com) or (978) 270 - 3366  
For St. Lucy's, please contact Ellen Wholley at (978) 682 - 8459. 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



## Meet Father Donohoe-

*"I am with you; wherever you are, wherever you go, I am with you."*

Father Stephen Donohoe embraced a vocation to serve as a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. As a young man, he felt the first signs of God's presence in the Holy Eucharist; that force would become what he describes today as "the bedrock of his priesthood."

After ordination, Father Donohoe became a military chaplain. During deployment, he provided for the spiritual needs of men and women facing combat. He never abandoned those entrusted to his care and stood by them at every point. Father Donohoe continues this steadfast ministry today in the parishes of the Archdiocese. He says "a great joy of ministry is to see the grace of God enlighten the lives of other people. If we bring people to the Lord, He'll do everything."

To submit your special intentions to our senior priests at Regina Cleri to remember during Holy Mass each week, please visit [clergytrust.org/intentions](http://clergytrust.org/intentions).

### WAYS TO GIVE

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To help ensure priests like Father Donohoe are cared for as they live out their vocation, please support the special collection on September 15-16.



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