

February 26, 2017

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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



**MASS
SCHEDULE**

ST. LUCY

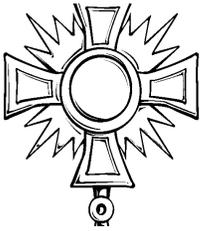
8 AM
12:30 PM
5:30 PM

ST. MONICA

7 AM
10 AM (School Mass)
7 PM

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WEDNESDAY

ST. LUCY AND ST. MONICA ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Lucy's Church and St. Monica's Chapel. Please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366 for more information about adoration at St. Monica's and the parish office for information about adoration at St. Lucy's.

Tuesdays (St. Lucy) 1:30-4:30pm

*Fridays (St. Monica) 7:30am-7:30pm

***PLEASE NOTE! St. Monica - Late start at 9:30am on April 7, and May 5. REMEMBER: If school is cancelled due to weather, adoration is cancelled. There will not be Adoration or Confession on Good Friday, April 14.**

We are looking for vendors for the **October Craft Fair** at St. Monica's. If you are interested, please call Carol at (978) 587 - 5333

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Lent 2017 - Stations of the Cross

- St. Lucy:** Fridays at 5:30 pm
(followed by pizza or soup)
- St. Monica:** Fridays at 7 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

ST. MONICA PARISH

Friday 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

ST. LUCY PARISH

Tues. 4:30-5:30pm

Sat. 3:00-3:45pm

and any time by appointment



WELCOME!

We're glad you could join us this weekend.

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.

This weekend, Feb. 25 - 26, Wednesday March 1st (Ash Wednesday), and next weekend, March 4th - 5th, there will only be one collection, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.

Snow Storms - Please remember that on weekdays there is no Mass on days when school is cancelled or if there is a delay. On days when Mass and school are cancelled the Parish offices will also be closed. On days school is not scheduled, we will not have Mass if the forecast is for 3 or more inches of snow in the hours leading up to the Mass. Masses for Sunday are nearly always held and are cancelled only if there is a major state of emergency.

The Bible and the Sacraments

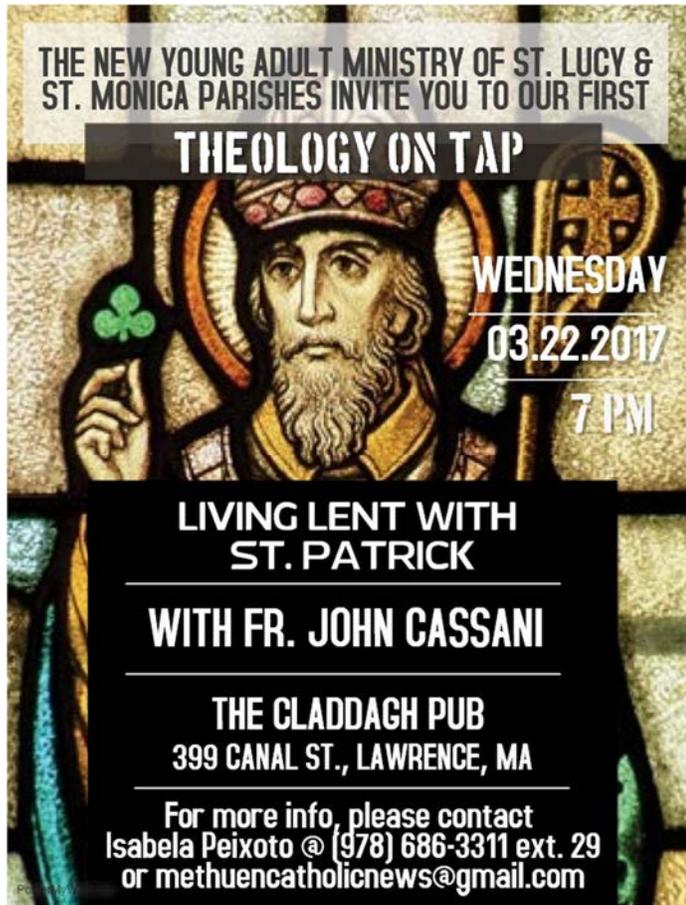
A group will meet in the conference room at St. Monica's rectory to discuss the streaming video, The Bible and the Sacraments, beginning on Thursday March 9 at 6PM. Please contact Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366, if you plan to attend as numbers are limited.

Check out the website,

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Join for free. We will use the workbook available for \$19.95 at

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Theology on Tap - Living Lent with St. Patrick

DAY OF SERVICE The Faith Formation Office is once again hosting a **Day of Service** for our parish communities. This year it will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday, April 23rd**. If you are unable to do your spring cleaning yourself due to age, illness, or circumstances please contact either Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore for more information. We'd love to send a team to your home to help you get the job done. We're planning to **start the day with the 11:30am Mass at St. Lucy's** followed by a short break and then work at the various homes from **1:00-3:00pm**.

Candidates from our parishes' Confirmation Program, their families, and anyone else over the age of 12 who is interested in helping with this effort are also invited to contact Karl Jackson or Sammie Moore. We will spend the afternoon working at the homes of our parishioners who would like assistance with their spring clean-up. Last year we had nearly 50 kids and parents help with the clean-up at 10 different households. This year we hope to reach more than double the number of homes we reached last year.



Women, Do Not Miss This Beautiful Presentation!

"Mary, Our Mother - Heart Of Compassion"

Saturday, April 8th, 2017

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

Morning Of Reflection

A great way to begin Holy Week!

Watch the bulletin! More details to follow!

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, February 25

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Robert Caulk

4:00 pm

Armand J. Deshaies

Sunday, February 26

7:30 am Violet Sayer

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Louise Anne Roy

Kirk Walsh

Jeanne Brown

Rose Kay

11:30 am Donna St. Pierre

5:30 pm Donald M. Cronin

Wednesday, March 1 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Monica
& St. Lucy Parishes

10:00 am (school Mass)

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Thursday, March 2

7:00 am Christine Ferguson

Friday, March 3

7:00 am Violet Sayer

Saturday, March 4

8:00 am *(multiple intentions)*

Amy Waterworth

Ronald & Barbara Fitzgerald

4:00 pm

Vincent Mesiti

Sunday, March 5

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Monica &
St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Charlie & Rose Hanafin (living)

Violet Sayer

11:30 am Teresa Wheeler

5:30 pm Elizabeth McNiff

STEWARDSHIP

February 19, 2017

Offertory: \$9,413.00

Grand Annual: \$60,475.00 (total to date)

2nd Collection: \$2,166.50

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If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities in support of life, 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.

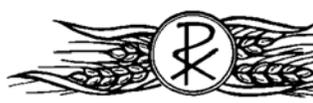
St. Monica 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance - at Lenzi's restaurant in Dracut on Saturday, October 28, 2017. For tickets please call Jane & Bill Shawcross at 978-794-8681 or 978-273-8830. Tickets are \$50.00 each

Catholic Lending Library

This Sunday, the Catholic Lending Library will be available for free lending of books/DVDs after the 9:30 Mass in the back of the church. Borrowed books/DVDs may be returned at that time or in the designated basket (marked returns) any time during the week.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
"YES I CAN" Program**

WE CAN USE..... canned tuna, baked beans, tomato sauce, cereal, rice, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned fruit, canned pasta, and strawberry jam.

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm Dominick "Rex" Campone,
Tommy Campone, & George DiRuzza

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy &
St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am Rose Hadley

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Shirley Murphy

Roland Chretien Jr.

Luisa Victorino

(Living)

Monday, February 27

8:00 am Mary Cefalu

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 am Wayne P. Janvrin

Wednesday, March 1 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

12:30 pm For the Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

5:30 pm For the Parishioners of St. Lucy and
St. Monica Parishes

Saturday, March 4

4:00 pm Perry, Clara, Steven, and
Beverly Autiello

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am Antonio & Maria Fiasconaro

9:30 am Joseph Pipitone

11:30 am *(multiple intentions)*

Agostino Coccozza

James Smith

STEWARDSHIP

February 19, 2017

Offertory: \$5,448.00

Grand Annual: \$49,135.00 (total to date)

2nd Collection: \$1,239.00

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



Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality News



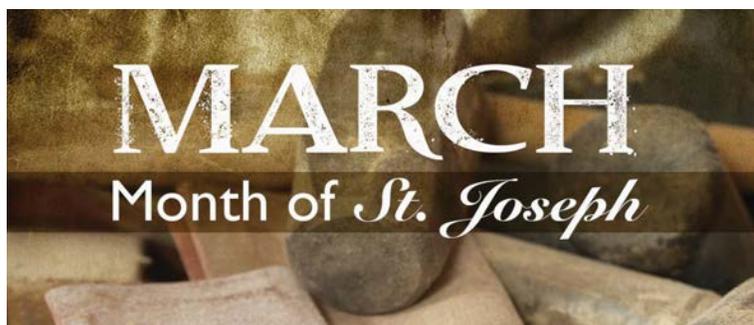
Thanks again to everyone who supported our **Valentines Jackpot Raffle**. The drawing was held on February 19th and the winner of the raffle was **Gina Satamaria**.

We begin our Lenten Suppers (pizza or soup) in the Church hall on Friday evening March 3rd immediately following the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.

Our first evening will be soup. Please join us every week during the weeks of Lent.

Our next Sodality meeting is Sunday, March 19th, after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary.

We are a Sodality dedicated to the Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.



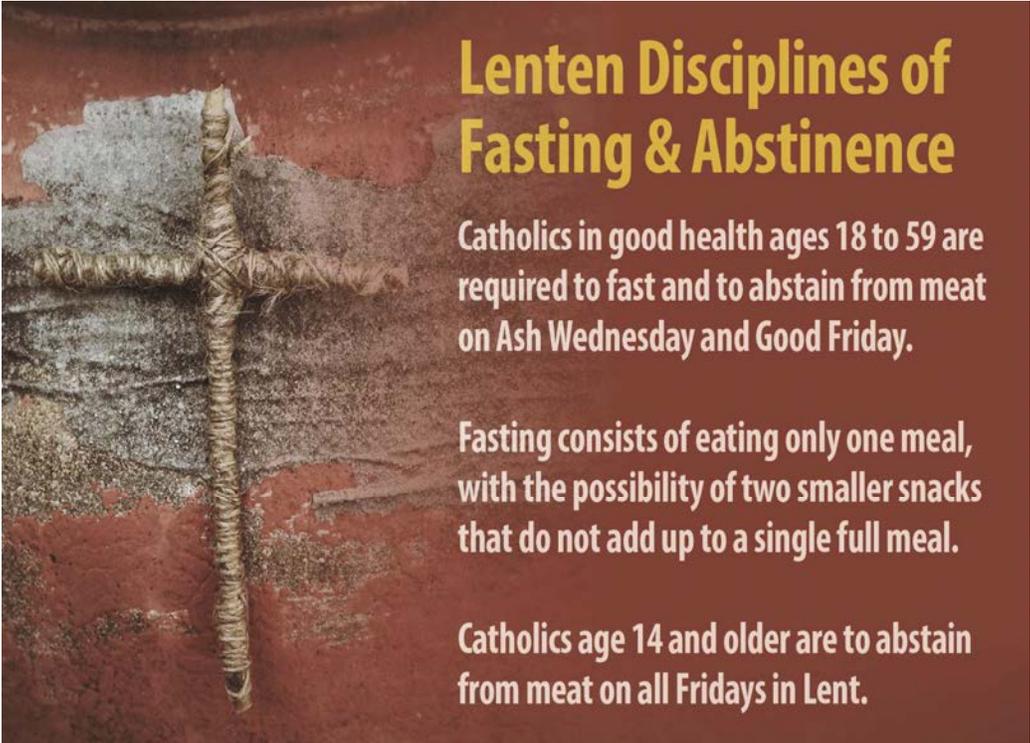
It is my great privilege to be able to interact with people who are much wiser and holier than I am, and I'm able to do so on a daily basis. A few weeks ago, I was having a conversation with two such persons that turned to whether or not a child can ever be guilty of stealing from his or her parent. The answer may seem to be obvious, but I answered that it is generally not stealing for a child to take something from their parent. I think that an explanation of this could be enlightening.

One of the foundational principles of Catholic social teaching is called the Universal Destination of Goods. Very simply, this principle states that God ultimately owns everything, and that what he created is meant for every one of us. God has created enough food, clothing, and shelter for each and every human being. The acquisition of private property is permitted because human nature is such that people take more care to acquire things that are their own, than things that will be held in common. This is why socialism generally is disastrous, with only a few exceptions.

While acquiring one's own property is a good thing, one must always remember the words of St. Paul when he says that if one acquires something, he should behave as though "he were not the owner (1 Cor. 7:30)." One who owns property is a "steward of Providence (CCC 2404)," who has the duty to use his property for the service of all. Within a family, all of the property that is held is for the benefit of all, and so, properly speaking, a young child cannot steal from his parents. I would not want anyone to say that Fr. Cassani condones this in any way. A child should only use family property according to the will of his parents. Not to do so may well constitute a violation of the 4th Commandment, which would potentially be more serious than violating the 7th.

As we near the start of Lent, it may be good to ask ourselves how we can be better stewards of the gifts of Divine Providence, especially as it pertains to our prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Let's also pray for all who dedicate themselves to the service of the poor, and for the safe travels of those who are traveling abroad in service of Christ and His poor.

May God bless you,
Fr. Cassani



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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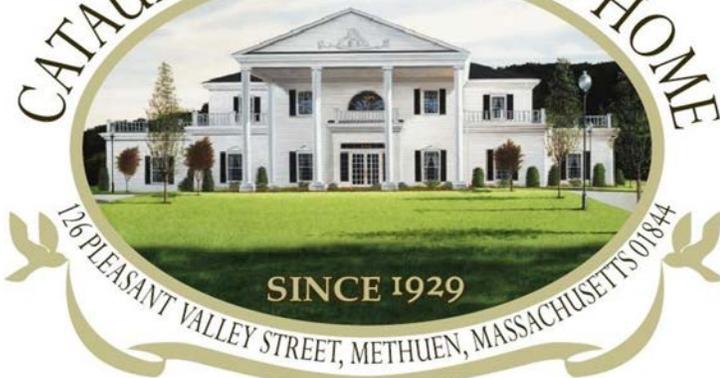
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