

Saint Lucy Parish
Methuen, MA

4th Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2015



From Your Pastor

A Lenten Examination of Conscience

Lent began for us with some very straightforward talk. “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” These words, first spoken by Jesus (Mk 1:15), were spoken to each of us on Ash Wednesday as ashes were imposed on our foreheads. The ashes remind me of my mortality in human nature. I am dust, and to dust I will return. The words remind me of my immortality in Jesus Christ. Because I belong to Jesus Christ through Baptism, I will never perish. Death has no hold on me, because Christ has conquered it.

As God says through Moses, life for the believer is a matter of moving away from death and embracing life: “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live” (Dt 30:19). St. Paul echoes this call of God by encouraging his disciples to “put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way of righteousness and holiness of truth” (Eph 4:23-24). The new self for Paul, of course, is Christ Jesus. Paul is so identified with Christ that he says, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:20).

Lent is the time of year *par excellence* for each of us to evaluate where we are in our relationship with the Lord Jesus. Have I really put on Christ as my new self? Is it Christ who lives in me? An honest examination of my faithfulness to the Commandments always tells me a lot about where I am in Christ at any given moment in my life.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give time to God every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as handed on and taught by the Church?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I wished evil upon another person?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your Father and your Mother.

- Have I neglected my duties to my parents? Have I neglected my spouse and my children?
- Have I given my family good religious example?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I ever physically harmed anyone?
- Have I abused myself with alcohol or drugs?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words and actions?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine from my neighbor, my employer, or the government?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? Have I damaged my neighbor's name with true or false claims?
- Have I spoken behind someone else's back?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I nurtured them in me by impure reading, bad movies, conversations or Internet activity?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

May these holy weeks of Lent be a time for each of us – through daily prayer, penance and almsgiving – to become renewed again in Christ Jesus Our Lord. And may the Sacrament of Penance be a part of my preparation for Easter.

God bless each of you.



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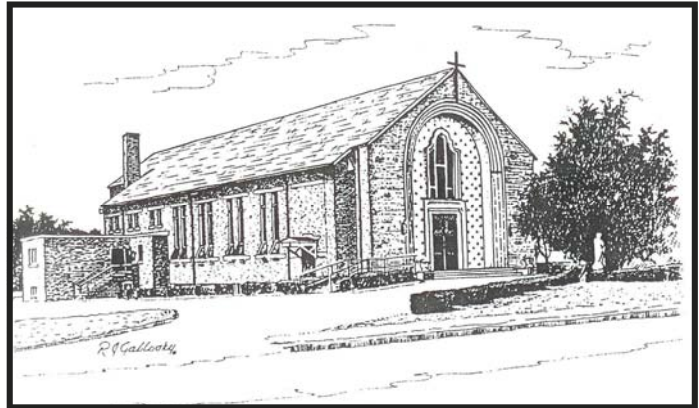
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday from 4:30 -5:30 pm,
and Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 pm
or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism
Second and Fourth Sundays of the
month at 12:30PM

Sacrament of Matrimony
Contact the Pastor at least 6 months
prior to the celebration

Pastoral Care of the Sick,
Homebound, or Elderly
Contact Sr. Rina at rectory offices
978-794-0383

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4pm

Sundays

8, 9:30, 11 AM

Daily

8 AM

St. Lucy/St. Monica Adoration located at St. Monica's Church Chapel

Please consider spending time in adoration during this Lenten season. Adoration is held every Friday at St. Monica Parish in the church chapel from 7:30am (after 7am Mass). **During Lent only, adoration will end at 6:55pm with benediction, followed by Stations of the Cross in the main church.**

Please contact Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366

Also see our website, www.methuencatholic.org/adoration, for information about adoration in other parishes. **There is a great need for another adorer from 8:30-9:30am. Please prayerfully consider and call me!**

ENCOUNTERING



CHRIST... BECOMING DISCIPLES

A Lenten Retreat for the parishes of

ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY METHUEN, MA.

All Evenings Will Be Held At St. Monica, Methuen

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Monday, March 16, 2015

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

7:00pm

*The retreat will be conducted by the
Archdiocesan Office of Spiritual Life*

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent at **St. Lucy** at 5:30 PM (with a light supper following) and at **St. Monica** at 7:00 PM.



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

St. Lucy: Monday, 4:30-5:30 PM;
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM, Saturday, 3:15-3:45 PM.

St. Monica: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM; Friday, 6:30-7:30 PM; Saturday, 3:00-4:00 PM



“It is good and holy to pray for the dead.”

Samuel Panarello

Roger Girardi

May their souls and the souls of all our beloved dead rest in peace. Amen.



Please pray for peace in the Holy Land and in the Middle East.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
pray for us.



Collection for W/E 3/08/15

Offertory: \$6,248.67

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Last weekend, our parish launched the 2015 Catholic Appeal. I would like to thank all of you who have given so generously to support our parish. If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend and wish to make a pledge to the Catholic Appeal, please take a pledge form from the back of the church. You also can make a gift or pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Thank you for your support and for helping us reach our parish goal. Msgr. Fay



Religious Ed.

Grades 2 and 4 will meet from 8:15 am - 9:15 am on the following dates: March 15 and March 29

Grades 6 and 7 will meet from 9:45 am - 10:45 am on the following dates: March 15 and March 29



Winter's Here – Be Careful – While we are obliged as Catholics to attend Sunday Mass, the infirm and elderly have always been able to excuse themselves from this obligation if getting to church would be a serious risk to their health.

This is why so many dioceses televise Sunday Mass. If you are elderly or infirm, please do not take unnecessary risks during these days. If it is inclement outside, it is always best to remain in the safety of your home.

Computer Help for Fr Lohan - Any parishioner who has a skill for Apple Computers? Fr. Bill would love help setting up his desktop Apple Computer. In addition, if anyone - perhaps the same person, can provide him some training on using apple computers, please give Fr Lohan a call at the parish offices.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14, 2015

4:00 PM Dec'd Members of the Kopec and Sarna Families
Memorial

Sunday, March 15, 2015

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
9:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Sodality

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:

Louise Vallante	1st Anniversary
Lucy Giarrusso	2nd Anniversary
Kimberly Ann Kasperowitz	Memorial

Monday, March 16, 2015

8:00 AM Eva Lemay Memorial

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

8:00 AM Eva Lemay Memorial

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

8:00 AM Rose Mary D'urso-Scrofano Memorial

Thursday, March 19, 2015 -

8:00 AM Josephine Costanzo Memorial

Friday, March 20, 2015

8:00 AM Sandra Wieszeck Special Intention

Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:00AM Josephine Costanzo Memorial

4:00 PM Rita Holland Memorial

Sunday, March 22, 2015

8:00 AM Therese Rousseau Memorial

9:30 AM Louis and Jenny Borrelli Memorial

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:

Lino Brosco	Birthday Memorial
Salvatore, Rose and Lucy Sapuppo	Memorial
Louis and Jenny Borrelli	Memorial
Therese Rousseau	Memorial

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality would like to thank the St. Lucy Parish Community for their generosity last weekend. The "free will" offering taken up will fund the homemade soup and 100 sandwiches and dessert that will be distributed Friday evening, March 13th. from the Lazarus House Soup Truck. All monies collected will be donated to those in need in our greater community. We are called to put our faith into action. Thank you for helping to make a difference.



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS

IRISH COTTAGE FUND RAISER

Wednesday, March 25th, join with the Sodality at the IRISH COTTAGE as we continue the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The money from this fundraiser helps the Sodality to continue to do good works in our parish and our comity. LOOK for Sodality members on the weekend of March 21 and 22 who will handing out flyers after all the Masses. These flyers are to be presented when paying your bill.

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MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please don't hesitate! It is filling up! Call or e-mail to reserve your space! SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 8AM TO 1PM...FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SEE THE NOTICE IN THIS BULLETIN.

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NEXT SODALITY MEETING: Sunday, April 12th, after the 9:30 Mass and the praying of the Rosary. Please join us! You are always welcome!

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



Greater Lawrence Chapter MCFL

Massachusetts Citizens for Life Annual Convention is coming up!

March 21, 2015 - 8:30-3:00 pm
St Sebastian School, 1191 Greendale Ave., Needham

Speakers include:
Professor Michael New, Dr. Mark Rollo, Colleen Janz, Linda Thayer, and Nancy Valco,

Registration is \$40.00 which includes lunch. Join MCFL and receive a \$10.00 rebate at the door. Our chapter will be organizing carpools for anyone interested.

Swarovski Crystal Rosaries and Hand knit Baby Sweater sets will be available for donations.

For more details and to register, visit masscitizensforlife.org

Lawrencechapter4mcfl@gmail.com.





**Saint Lucy Parish
Family's
Fourth Annual
St. Patrick Day Dinner**



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(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) SATURDAY MARCH 28th

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ADVANCE. SEATING WILL BE LIMITED**



6th Annual "Irish Knight"

The 6th Annual "Irish Knight" sponsored by the Saint Monica Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 6:00PM in the school hall. There will be a traditional corned beef (Thwaites Market Homemade!) and cabbage dinner with entertainment provided by John Connors and the Irish Express. Tickets will be available for sale out of the brown cape house Monday evenings from 7:00PM-8:00PM through March 16th for \$30 per person or by contacting Irish Knight Chairman Jay Sparks at (603) 781-9579.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.



St. Monica Catholic School

Registration is on-going. Readiness evaluations for kindergarten are being done during the next few weeks and evaluations for students entering Grade 1 will be done on March 25th at 11:30 AM. Parents of students applying to Grades 2-8 must send in an application and contact the school for an interview appointment. Please contact Sharon Tully in the school office for more information. Interview appointments or evaluations will be scheduled after we have received your child's application and all required documents.

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY
INVITES WOMEN TO A MORNING OF REFLECTION**

THE WOMAN WITH THE ALABASTER JAR--HOLDING THE TREASURE WITHIN.

"Now when Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to Him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil and poured it on His head while He was reclining at table." Mark 14:7

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH 8AM TO 1PM
ST. LUCY PARISH CHURCH HALL COST: \$10
(Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)


This year we once again welcome Sr. Ann Whittaker, SCN and Sr. Anne Marie O'Shea, SCN. Please join us for another joyous, spirit-filled, and affirming morning. Invite family and friends. All are welcome!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK!

SCHEDULE

8AM	MASS IN CHURCH (WITH CHOIR)
9-9:30AM	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
9:30-10:30AM	FIRST SESSION
10:30-10:45AM	BREAK
10:45-11:45AM	SECOND SESSION
11:45-NOON	BREAK
12 NOON.	LUNCH

To register or for further information contact: Elaine Frangente, Chairperson 978-373 2376 Efrangente@aol.com or Anne Louise Glynn, President, 978- 693-1397



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For more information contact Claude Langlois at 978-682-6012

Volunteers Needed: Lawrence General Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to the patients. Volunteers need to have filled out a CORI form and they will need to take a TB test and have a Flu shot. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Nancy Melvin at 978-683-4205.

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