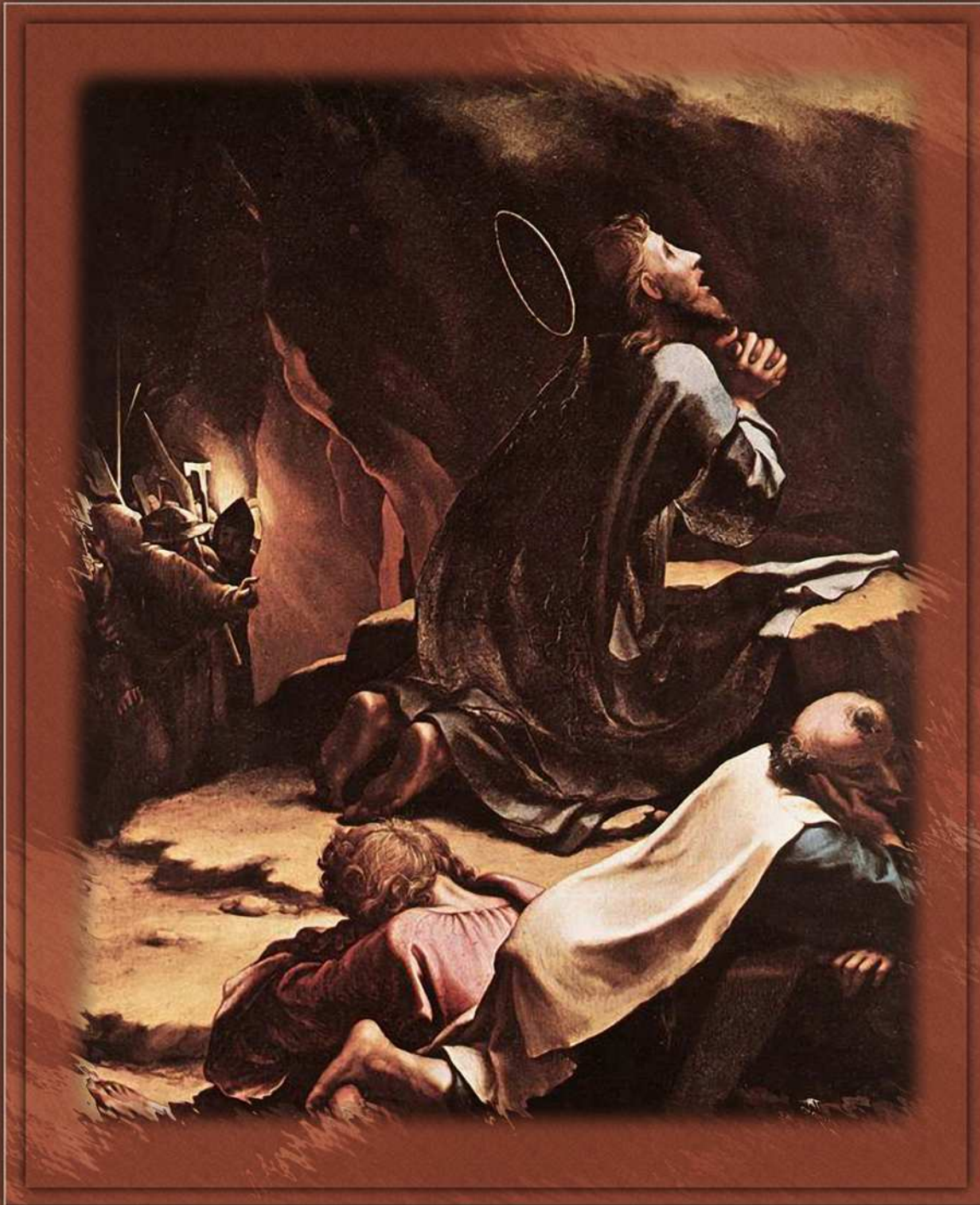


Saint Lucy Parish
Methuen, MA

5th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2015



" Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say,
'Father, save Me from this hour?'
But for this purpose I came to this hour." - John 12:27

From Your Pastor

"Think Lent, Think Mission" ~ by Susan Abbott of Our Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Office

There are currently 73 parishes in collaboratives under the archdiocesan pastoral plan, Disciples in Mission. What does Lent look like in a collaborative?

Think Lent, think mission; the words go hand in hand. Many collaboratives are continuing, or, in some cases, reviving, the practice of offering a parish mission. In Lynnfield, a Phase I collaborative, long-time staff cannot recall the last mission at either St. Maria Goretti or Our Lady of the Assumption Parishes. It has been a while. This year they are planning a three-day mission using the theme "The Way," referring to the name given to early Church followers of Jesus who were known as "belonging to the Way." The mission began Sunday afternoon, March 1, at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish (OLA), with reflection and discussion on "The Eucharist -- the Way of the Lord." On Monday, the mission began at 10 a.m. at OLA with the film "The Way" followed by lunch, discussion, adoration in the afternoon, and praise and worship in the evening, at St. Maria Goretti (SMG). Tuesday, the final day, began at 1 p.m., at SMG, with a visual meditation, "Jesus the Christ," and in the evening, a one-woman play: "The Heart of the Cross" ...

St. Michael Parish, North Andover, a Phase II collaborative, encourages parishioners to "renew your baptismal covenant with God and live your Baptismal Promise" and, "make this the best Lent ever." The theme of their mission was "Planting Seeds for the New Evangelization," and was also March 1, 2, and 3. In addition to attending the mission, parishioners are encouraged to read Matthew Kelly's book "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic." In the bulletin each week a parishioner will offer a reflection on a chapter of the book in the column "view from the pew." Saturday evening, March 28, the St. Patrick Family Players of



Archdiocese of Boston

Watertown will present Christ's Passion seen through the eyes of Peter in "Resurrection: A life-changing cantata." Soup and Stations will be their weekly Friday night offering with a different parish group hosting each week, and a different charity benefitting from donations collected that week ...

All Phase I collaboratives recently sent the drafts of their local pastoral plans to Cardinal Sean. The Salem plan is all about evangelization and discipleship, and this was the focus of their Lenten mission, March 16, 17, and 18. Parishioners and collaborative staff are challenged to live out the Salem collaborative local plan as disciples of Jesus Christ engaged in the work of evangelization. The planning team hopes and prays that the Mission will build up a zeal for evangelization in faithful parishioners. Paulist Father Robert Rivers, author of "From Maintenance to Mission," will preach each night, reminding parishioners that the Church cannot continue to operate in maintenance mode. The mission is an all-out effort. The collaborative pastoral council is helping to spread the word and each member has been encouraged to personally invite at least three people. The music director is forming a small choir, and parishioners are being recruited to greet, lector and handle hospitality ...

So, it looks like the concept of a Lenten mission is alive and well. The plans from these collaboratives exemplify the definition of mission: "a course of sermons and services given to convert the unchurched or quicken Christian faith" (Merriam-Webster). Webster's use of the word "quicken" is fitting in our context: "to make alive: revive: to cause to be enlivened: stimulate." Through homilies, prayer, music, drama, and study, six parishes and three collaborative hope to do just that -- enliven and revive faith ...

God bless each of you.

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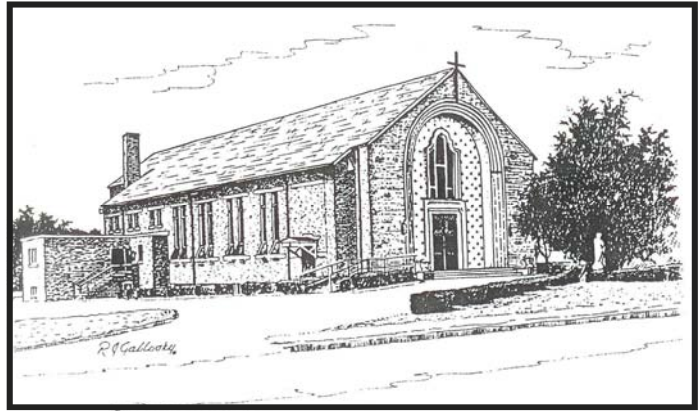
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or by appointment

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

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Contact Sr. Rina at rectory offices
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St. Lucy/St. Monica Adoration located at
St. Monica's Church Chapel

**Please Note: There will be no Friday
adoration on Good Friday, April 3rd.**

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 or bonnieocds@gmail.com for more information. 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.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4pm

Sundays

8, 9:30, 11 AM

Daily

8 AM



Chandler Noyes, 1935-2015 -

Please pray for Chandler Noyes, one of our organists, who died on Thursday, March 12. Born and raised in Newburyport, Chandler was a proud veteran of the Korean War, having served four years with the United States Air Force. He was also an accomplished musician, as we well came to know, mastering both piano and organ. In addition to his wonderful service among us, Chandler assisted at many other Catholic and Protestant churches and Jewish synagogues during his long and notable career. He also served on the board of directors of the Methuen Memorial Music Hall and was one of the Music Hall's featured organists. Chandler was buried from St. Mary Church in Georgetown this past Tuesday. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord..."



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

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



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



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.

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

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

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 21, 2015**
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 Brocco Birthday Memorial
 Salvatore, Rose and Lucy Sapuppo Memorial
 Louis and Jenny Borrelli Memorial
 Therese Rousseau Memorial
- Monday, March 23, 2015**
8:00 AM Chandler Noyes Memorial
- Tuesday, March 24, 2015**
8:00 AM Joseph and Josephine Cataldo Memorial
- Wednesday, March 25, 2015**
8:00 AM The Walenty & Gebala Families Memorial
- Thursday, March 26, 2015 -**
8:00 AM Father John Sears Memorial
- Friday, March 27, 2015**
8:00 AM Pasquale Petralia Memorial
- Saturday, March 28, 2015**
8:00AM
4:00 PM Dec'd Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
- Sunday, March 29, 2015**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes
9:30 AM
11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:



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

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



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.

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.

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

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



BAPTIZED THIS PAST WEEK:

Charlotte Rose Mancini

CONGRATULATIONS!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Many of you were unable to attend the Thursday evening sessions of SYMBOLON because of the snow and bitter cold. Others have said that driving at night is not something that you want to do. Rejoice! We'll be REPEATING the 10 sessions of SYMBOLON Part I this spring. Join us every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 at the St. Lucy Schoolhouse, from April 15 through June 17. For more information, or to register, call Kathy Garon @ 978-683-1193 ext. 119 or Rachel Voiland @ 978-683-8138.



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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.

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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

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SCHEDULE

8:00AM	MASS IN CHURCH (WITH CHOIR)
9:00-9:30AM	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
9:30-10:30AM	FIRST SESSION
10:30-10:45AM	BREAK
10:45-11:45AM	SECOND SESSION
11:45-NOON	BREAK
12:00 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

NOTICE TO SODALITY MEMBERS

If you are attending the Morning of Reflection, please consider bringing some BAKED GOODS for the dessert table for all to share. It is going to be a wonderful morning and a beautiful way to enter into Holy Week.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, show forth, we beseech Thee, in Thy Church the Holy Spirit with whose power the apostles were so abundantly filled. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon the work of priests and religious; and we pray that Thou wilt add to the number of those who now pray, labor, and sacrifice themselves for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them unselfish zeal for Thy glory. O good Jesus, give us more priests and religious after Thine own Heart! Amen.

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