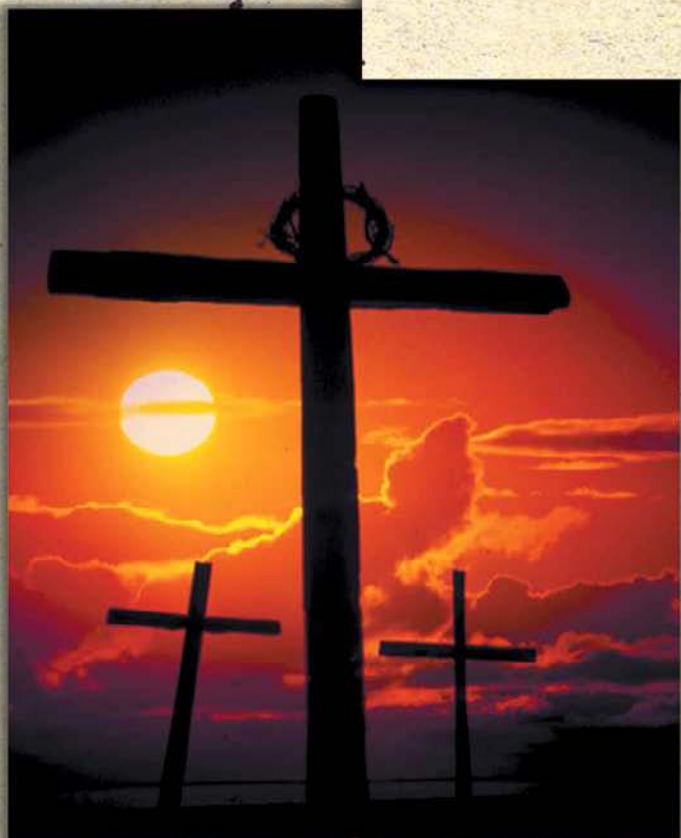
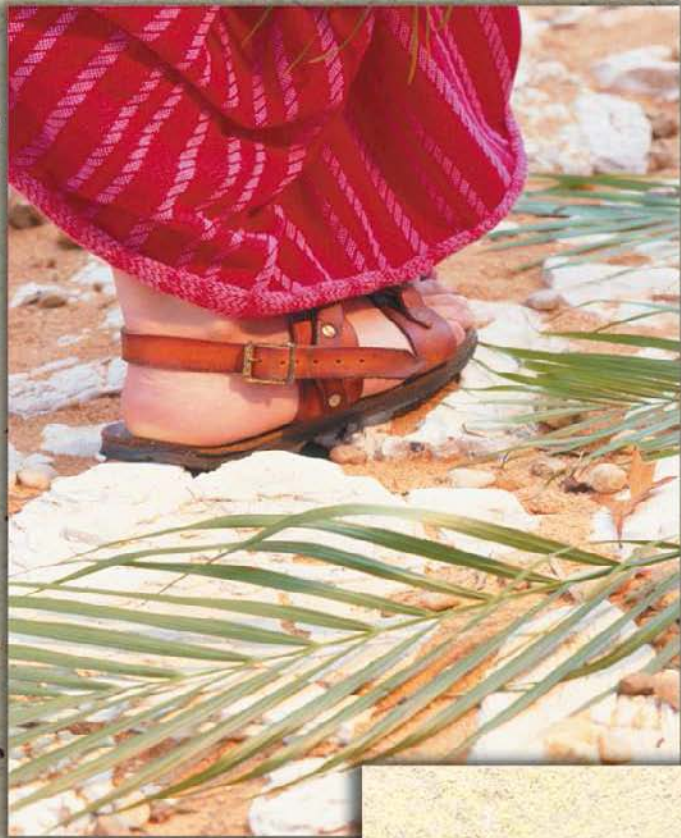


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Palm Sunday
March 29, 2015



From Your Pastor

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum ~ Entering into the Church's High Holy Days



With today's celebration of the triumphant entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem, we begin our annual Holy Week, which culminates in the Easter Triduum (the "three days") of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes on Sunday evening, following the Masses of Easter Day, with Vespers.

There is no other time in the Church's liturgical year more significant than the Easter Triduum. As important as are the other Solemnities of the Lord, including Christmas, they all take their meaning from and point to the Paschal Mystery, the salvation that Jesus won for us by suffering death on the cross and rising from the dead. The words of the Angel Gabriel to Joseph tell the whole story: "[Mary] will



bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). The very name "Jesus" means "God saves."

The three liturgical moments that comprise the Triduum are *the Mass of the Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday, *the Celebration of the Lord's Passion* on Good Friday, and *the Mass of the Easter Vigil* on Holy Saturday night, as well as the Masses celebrating the Lord's

Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Though each of these different liturgies remembers and commemorates anew a distinct moment of the Paschal Mystery, the Easter Triduum is one event. This is because it is impossible to separate the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection from one another. Consequently, the three liturgies of the Triduum are celebrated as if they belong to one prayer. Thus it is that the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins, as does every Catholic prayer, with the Sign of the Cross. The Sign of the Cross is not made again until the prayer is concluded at the Final Blessing of the Easter Vigil.



St. Matthew tells us that when the Lord Jesus made his last and triumphal entry into Jerusalem, very large crowds accompanied him (Mt 21: 8-11). Following his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, however, the disciples begin to walk away from Jesus, one by one. St. John reports that by the time of the Lord's crucifixion only his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene and himself were present at the Cross with Jesus (Jn 25-27). The Easter Triduum is the time par excellence for us to draw nearer in prayer to the Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Let it be a special time of prayer. If your schedule allows you to participate with us in the celebration of these most sacred events of our Salvation, please join us!



God bless each of you.

Araya Lopez

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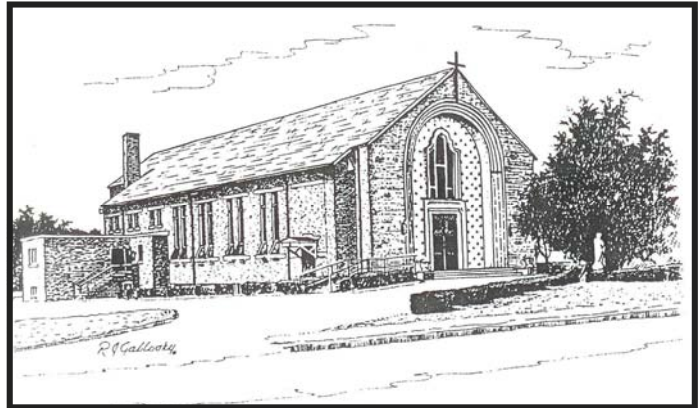
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Monday from 4:30 -5:30 pm,
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or by appointment

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



Lenten Regulations on Fast and Abstinence – While all Catholics who are able are encouraged to embrace the penitential practices of abstinence and fasting during Lent, along with prayer

and almsgiving, there are special regulations for fasting and abstinence. **Abstinence:** Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on *Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday*. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all. **Fast:** Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday* are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Holy Week Schedule

SAINT LUCY PARISH

Monday March 30 - Wednesday April 1

Daily Mass at 8:00 AM

The Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 2 - No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Adoration follows until 10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3 - No Morning Mass

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM

Solemn Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 4 - No Morning Mass

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

(There is no 4:00 PM Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Confessions during Holy Week

Monday, March 30: 4:30-5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 1: 6:30-8:00 PM

Thursday, April 2 following 7:00 PM Mass

Saturday, April 4: 3:00-4:00 PM



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BAPTIZED THIS PAST WEEK:

Patrick Leo MacIver

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brett Iannazzo

Brett Iannazzo, class of 2015, Lowell Catholic, is the recipient of the 2014 PFC John Landry Jr. Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to the current member of the junior class who exemplifies the character and commitment to LC and a love of country that PFC John Landry Jr. so enthusiastically displayed. Following graduation, Brett plans on playing college baseball and majoring in Business with a minor in English.



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

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28, 2015

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:

Deceased Members of the Kopec & Sarna Families

Monday, March 30, 2015

8:00 AM Pietro, Angela & Grandmother,
Margerite Gagliardi

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

8:00 AM

**Thursday, April 2, 2015 - Holy Thursday -
No Morning Mass**

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3, 2015 - GOOD FRIDAY

No Morning Mass

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Solemn Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4, 2015 - HOLY SATURDAY

No Morning Mass & No 4:00 PM Mass

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 5, 2015 (EASTER SUNDAY)

NO INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:



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

Anthony T. Piazza

May his soul and the souls of all our beloved
dead rest in peace.



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

APRIL: Easter visits to Sodality members who are home bound or in nursing homes.
Eileen Breglia, Sunshine Committee Chairperson

Spring Bakery Sale after all the Masses the weekend of April 18th and 19th. Angie Rizzo, Chairperson

MAY: Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:30 Mass, May 3rd

JUNE: Annual Sodality Brunch

COMING IN SEPTEMBER: Annual Craft Fair,
Angela Medici, Chairperson

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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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In case you missed it in last week's Bulletin, we'll be REPEATING the 10 sessions of SYMBOLON Part 1 every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 at the St. Lucy School House, from April 15 through June 17. These sessions will cover the CREED, what we believe as Catholics.

For information or to register, call:

Kathy Garon 978-683-1193 ext. 119 or
Rachel Voiland 978-683-8138.



SAINT MONICA SCHOOL NEWS



St. Monica Catholic School Board dreams about the school's future and launches a planning process to make it come true


With spring in reach and a season of reflection upon us, the St. Monica School Board in Methuen met March 10, 2015 and officially launched the process for the creation of their Strategic Plan for 2016-2021. Following the recent Disciples in Mission and Accreditation Plan, the board welcomed Dr. Regina Haney from the NCEA, located in Washington D.C., to assist in kicking off the planning process. Dr. Haney brought her strategic expertise and guidance and introduced the five areas for study that will move the board in the right direction. With a clear focus in all areas - Catholic Identity, Governance, Academic Excellence, Finances

and Facilities, Marketing and Enrollment Management - the members will map out a plan that sets the direction of the school and supports the needs of the surrounding community.

Dr. Haney has challenged the team to think about the strengths and limitations of the school and create a clear vision for its future. Keeping in mind the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Elementary and Secondary Schools, the strategic planning sessions will discover where the school is going, how it is getting there and concrete metrics to prove its success. With the 60th anniversary of St. Monica School approaching in 2018, the staff will be executing on the results of the plan and will be eager to share it with the returning alumni during planned celebrations.

Members of the School Board are Msgr. William Fay, Pastor and Chairperson, Fr. Bill Lohan, Chaplain, Sr. Suzanne Fondini, MFIC, Principal, Rachel Voiland, Chairperson of the Planning Process, and members Elaine Frangente, Rob Fabino, Ryan Shea, James Nyette, Lynn Sullivan, Jen Bower and Christine Sierra.

By Christine Sierra
St. Monica School Board



The second grade children from St. Monica School will be acting out the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. Please join us in the church on Wednesday, April 1 at 1:00 to watch this simple, but beautiful presentation. It should last about 15 minutes. The seventh grade will be enacting the Living Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday morning, April 2 at 8:20 in the school hall. All parents are invited



NEW! Tea & Treasure for YOUNG MOMS!

We have been offering Tea & Treasure for women for several years now at St. Monica Parish. It consists of a light lunch, a short spiritual reading, and then we pray the Holy Rosary together. Up until now, most of the ladies who attend are senior citizens. Recently some moms with young children have expressed an interest in having a group where they can meet other women in their age group. So, we are offering the first luncheon for them on Friday, April 10th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the cream colored house directly across the parking lot from St. Monica Church. If you are interested in attending, or for further information, please call Kathy Garon at 978-683-1193 ext. 119. Please leave your name and phone number.

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