

Saint Lucy Parish  
Methuen, MA

Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2015

HE IS RISEN  
*Hallelujah!*

*Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb  
first, and he saw and believed.*

John 20:8 (NAB)

## From Your Pastor

Resurrexit Sicut Dixit ~ He Is Risen, Just As He Said ~ Alleluia! Alleluia!

Human words have never been able to express adequately the mystery of the Lord's Resurrection. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, like the mystery of the Trinity, defies explanation and is beyond our human grasp. In the light of Christ's Resurrection we can only stand in wonder and awe, as did the first disciples of the Lord. If we speak at all, nothing will issue forth except the kind of praise we find expressed in the Easter Proclamation.



What a disappointing and fruitless way to live! Life without Christ is not only unsatisfying. Because that kind of living ignores or refuses Christ, who is the incarnation of God's love in our midst, it will always remain empty and sterile. We were born to live in Christ, because we were created to live in God's love.

*This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.  
Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been redeemed.  
O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!  
O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!  
O happy fault that earned  
so great, so glorious a Redeemer!*

(From the Exultet of the Easter Vigil)

The Lord's Resurrection has touched each of us who are baptized. In fact, we have already received a share in it. In the waters of baptism we died and rose with Christ. In that moment, sin was forgiven in us; we were given a new life of grace in Christ, which reconciled us to God; and we received the promise of eternal life in the community of love of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our life now is one in which we wait for the coming of the Lord Jesus who will call every human being judged worthy, the dead and the living, to experience the fullness of life in a resurrected body like his. We need only, with God's grace, to choose to live in Christ for that promise to be fulfilled.

For many of us, the life we have in the Risen Christ is like an inheritance we never spend. We have received a great gift, but we do nothing with it.

Life in Christ has changed us radically and the possibilities now open to us are extraordinary. But we have to seize them. In Christ, for example, we no longer need to fear death. Oh, our human nature still reels at the thought of death; but when we choose to live in Christ the fear dissolves. If you have ever been in the company of a person who is with Christ as they approach death, you know what I mean. When I am with Christ, death is a gift and not a threat. If life with Christ can do that to death, imagine what else can be transformed when we choose Christ.

St. Luke tells us that on the evening of the Lord's Resurrection two of his disciples left Jerusalem in discouragement. They knew that Jesus had died. They had also heard reports of his Resurrection, but they did not believe them. They felt alone and afraid. But they were not alone. As they traveled along the road, the Risen Lord joined them. They did not ignore him or reject him. But they did not recognize him. In the end, their eyes were opened and they knew that the Risen Lord had rescued them from their emptiness and fear. (Lk 24:13-35)

Easter reminds us that the Risen Lord is always with us. Jesus Christ is the lamb sacrificed for our sins. He is risen from the dead and lives in triumph among us. Easter also reminds us of the free will that God gave us when he created us. Life is a choice: for us to live with God in Eternity, we need to choose today and every day of our lives. Let us thank God for that gift of freedom. Let us thank God for the Risen Christ who helps us to choose

God bless each of you.

*Mrs. Fay*

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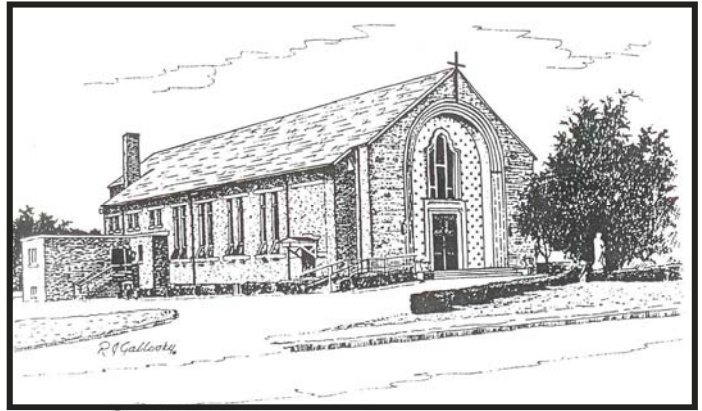
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## Mass Schedule

*Saturday Vigil*

*4pm*

*Sundays*

*8, 9:30, 11 AM*

*Daily*

*8 AM*

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  
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Still thinking about it? Here's what our winter participants had to say: "I am thoroughly enjoying *Symbolon*. I am pleased to have this program to increase my knowledge of my faith and to meet new people." (Laurie B.) "For me, *Symbolon* was CCD for adults. It answered so many questions and explained in simple factual terms things that often confused me." (Ray C.)

**Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. beginning  
April 15, 2015.**

**Join us for coffee after the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
at the St. Lucy Schoolhouse.**

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

**Please Note: Adoration returns on Friday,  
April 10 beginning at 7:30am (after 7:00am  
Mass and ending at 7:30pm with benediction.**

Adoration is held every Friday at St. Monica Parish in the church chapel. There is a great need for more committed adorers. Please prayerfully consider and call me!

Contact information:

Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366

or [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com). Also see our website, [www.methuencatholic.org/adoration](http://www.methuencatholic.org/adoration), for information about adoration in other parishes.

**An Important adoration meeting is  
scheduled for Saturday, May 16, after 8:00am  
Mass in St. Monica School hall.**



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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.

# Mass Intentions

**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:**

**Monday, April 6, 2015**

8:00 AM John Fitzgerald & Sally Bradley  
Birthday Memorial

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

8:00 AM Michael Kenny Jr. Birthday Memorial

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

8:00 AM David Bedrosian & Angela Battiato  
Memorial

**Thursday, April 9, 2015**

8:00 AM Anthony Mercury Memorial

**Friday, April 10, 2015**

8:00AM

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

8:00AM No Morning Mass

First Communions—9AM and 11AM

4:00PM Angela Iannuccilli and Battistina and  
Antonio Iannuccilli Memorial

**Sunday, April 12, 2015**

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

9:30 AM Living & Deceased. Members of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

11:00 AM **Community Intentions Mass:**

Robert Martin, Angelo, Lucia, Bernadette and Santa  
Saracusa, Rea Feole, Maria Dagati, and Deceased  
Members of the Kopec and Sarna Families



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

John D. Sapienza

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



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



### 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.



### **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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### **PRAYER FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

During these difficult times, we remember those family members and friends in far away places. Let us lift in prayer the many women and men serving overseas in our Armed Forces. May they know of our respect and gratitude and be kept safe in the Lord's love. Amen



**TUESDAY APRIL 7TH  
the Padre Pio Prayer  
Group will meet at ST.  
MONICA PARISH, ME-  
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212 LAWRENCE ST.  
in the chapel at 6:30pm**

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