

Saint Lucy Parish
Methuen, MA

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12, 2015



Jesus, I Trust In You

The following message was given
by Pope Francis on Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 7, 2013



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Sunday which brings the Octave of Easter to a close I renew to everyone my good wishes for Easter in the very words of the Risen Jesus: "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:19, 21, 26). This is not a greeting or even a simple good wish: it is a gift, indeed, the precious gift that Christ offered his disciples after he had passed through death and hell.

He gives peace, as he had promised: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you" (Jn 14:27). This peace is the fruit of the victory of God's love over evil, it is the fruit of forgiveness. And it really is like this: true peace, that profound peace, comes from experiencing God's mercy. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, as John Paul II - who closed his eyes to the world on the eve of this very day - wanted it to be.

John's Gospel tells us that Jesus appeared twice to the Apostles enclosed in the Upper Room: the first time on the evening of the Resurrection itself and on that occasion Thomas, who said unless I see and touch I will not believe, was absent. The second time, eight days later, Thomas was there as well. And Jesus said, speaking directly to him, I invite you to look at my wounds, to touch them; then Thomas exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). So Jesus said: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (v. 29); and who were those who believed without seeing? Other disciples, other men and women of Jerusalem, who, on the

testimony of the Apostles and the women, believed, even though they had not met the Risen Jesus. This

is a very important word about faith, we can call it the beatitude of faith. Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed: this is the beatitude of faith! In every epoch and in every place blessed are those who, on the strength of the word of God proclaimed in the Church and witnessed by Christians, believe that

Jesus Christ is the love of God incarnate, Mercy incarnate. And this applies for each one of us!

As well as his peace Jesus gave the Apostles the Holy Spirit so that they could spread the forgiveness of sins in the world, that forgiveness which only God can give and which came at the price of the Blood of the Son (cf. Jn 20:21-23). The Church is sent by the Risen Christ to pass on to men and women the forgiveness of sins and there by make the Kingdom of love grow, to sow peace in hearts so that they may also be strengthened in relationships, in every society, in institutions.

And the Spirit of the Risen Christ drove out fear from the Apostles' hearts and impelled them to leave the Upper Room in order to spread the Gospel. Let us too have greater courage in witnessing to our faith in the Risen Christ! We must not be afraid of being Christian and living as Christians! We must have this courage to go and proclaim the Risen Christ, for he is our peace, he made peace with his love, with his forgiveness, with his Blood and with his mercy.

Dear friends, ... let us pray the Virgin Mary that she help us, Bishop and People, to walk in faith and charity, ever trusting in the Lord's mercy: he always

God bless each of you.

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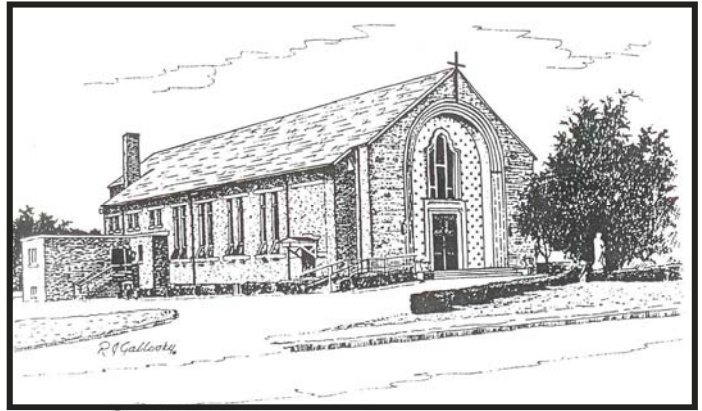
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Mass Schedule

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
978-794-0383

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The countdown is on...Symbolon begins on Wed., April 15, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the St. Lucy School house.

"Thank you for bringing Symbolon to the parishes. The sessions have been wonderful." (Michelle M.)

Please join us for coffee after the 8:00 Mass. Sessions begin at 9:00 o'clock sharp.

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

Adoration on Fridays 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. Also see our website, 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.



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 4/05/15

Good Friday: \$876.00

Easter Collection: \$8,477.00

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The Easter Collection - Our Easter collection last Sunday was for our 628 active and senior priests. Thank you for remembering the priests who have made a meaningful difference in your life. _Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving God and the Catholic faithful here in the Archdiocese of Boston, and this offering is our opportunity to help and to care for them in their time of need. _If you were not able to make a contribution last weekend, you can make it any time by means of the envelopes at the doors of the church or online at clergyfunds.org. _Thank you for your prayers and support of this critical effort.

Easter Vigil Celebration

Congratulations to the twenty one who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigils. May we offer hearty prayers for our fully initiated brothers and sisters and a hearty thanks to all who helped to guide them, especially the RCIA team, sponsors, family and friends.

St Monica Parish- Justin White, Tanya Bourassa, Samuel DiFiore, Ashley English, Dennis Deschamp, Christopher Millette, Denise Voutour, Dialihn Lima, Na'Blahge Ovaes, Amanda Morin, Shawna Simms, and Paloma Moreta-Abreu

St Lucy Parish- Shawna DiMattia, Juan Guillermo, Toni Lynn Lavin, Jennie Liranzo, Eric Mailot, Irma Rosario, Sandra White, Alysia Wlodyka and Joseph Coco.

Mass Intentions

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, Anniversary
 Angelo, Lucia, Bernadette and Santa Saracusa, Memorial
 Rea Feole & Maria Dagati, Memorial
 Dec'd Members of the Kopec & Sarna Families Memorial

Monday, April 13, 2015

8:00 AM

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 15 2015

8:00 AM

Thursday, April 16, 2015

8:00 AM

Friday, April 17, 2015

8:00AM Gloria Colizzi Memorial

Saturday, April 18, 2015

8:00AM

4:00PM Michaelangelo Iuvara Birthday Memorial


Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:00 AM Josephine Costanza Memorial

9:30 AM Katherine Ruggiero 1st Anniversary

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:

Alfio Rosetto and Vito Cunsolo Memorial
 Francesco Maria Galvagno Memorial
 Sebastiano and Tina Consoli Memorial
 Gina and Roland Thibeault 25th Anniversary



“It is good and holy to pray for the dead.”
 Dianne Farelli
 Jacqueline Crowell

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



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS

"FINALLY SPRING" BAKERY SALE

The Sodality will be hosting a bakery sale after all the Masses the weekend of April 18th and 19th. Please stop by our tables at the main entrance of the church and take home some "goodies" to celebrate that it's "FINALLY SPRING". We will gratefully be accepting baked goods and candy from all parishioners SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, BETWEEN 10AM AND 3PM, IN THE CHURCH HALL. Please attach a note if nuts are in your recipe or if your bakery is sugar free. For further information, please contact Angie Rizzo, 978-241-4957.

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OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING!

Over 120 women attended the Sodality's spirit filled and affirming MORNING OF REFLECTION. Thank you to Msg. Fay for celebrating the uplifting opening Mass, to Sharon Waning and the choir for their beautiful music, and to all the Sodality members who helped make this MORNING OF REFLECTION such a wonderful way to enter into Holy Week.

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UPCOMING EVENTS.....

May: Crowning of the Blessed Mother at the 9:30am Mass, May 3rd. Sodality Meeting following the Mass and the praying of the Rosary. You are always welcome! Please join us!

June: Annual Sodality Brunch

September: Annual Craft Fair, Angela Medici, Chairperson

COMING IN SEPTEMBER: Annual CRAFT FAIR, Angela Medici, Chairperson

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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.

"DeColores Cursillistas!

On Thursday, May 7th @ 7:00 PM all parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parish families who have lived their Cursillo are invited to gather together at St. Lucy's CCD building in planning a monthly Ultreya for both parishes. Ultreya is faith sharing by praising God thru the Word, song, and prayer. Please set aside the time to attend and join in on helping to further our amazing spiritual experience of Cursillo through Ultreya. "



50's Sock Hop- Save the date! Guest DJ's Fr. Bill Lohan and Larry Giordano will spin tunes (if you can still say spin in 2015!) at 50's sock hop on the

evening of Saturday, June 6th at the St. Lucy Parish Hall. Proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry Program. Save he date and bring a cherry Coke!



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**FOOD COLLECTION
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Sunday, April 19, 2015**



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



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Mass and Healing Service

Father Albert MacPherson, O.S.A., of the Augustinian Healing Ministry located at Our Mother of Consolation Friary, Lawrence, MA, will be conducting a Mass and Healing session at Saint Monica Parish on Thursday, January April 23rd beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome!

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