

Saint Lucy Parish
Methuen, MA

5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015

I AM THE VINE



*“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear
much fruit and become my disciples.”*

~John 15:8

From Your Pastor

"Collaboration or Merger?" ~ by Susan Abbott of Our Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Office

An interesting conversation came up at a recent training session for pastors of Phase III collaboratives: If we -- parishes in the collaborative -- will be doing so many things together, why is this called collaboration and not merger? Good question.



Of the 71 parishes currently in collaboratives, some have combined faith formation programs, many offered one Lenten Mission for all parishes in the collaborative, and still more have centralized parish offices and staff to one location. As one pastor commented, "We have one confirmation and one triduum, that sounds like a merger." It may, but it isn't.

The archdiocese has had parish mergers. In past years, parishes, usually two, joined together to form one worshipping community of faith. Like some modern marriages, there are instances where the two merged parishes take on the hyphenated name of both parishes. The analogy to marriage is reinforced by Merriam-Webster's definition of merge: "to cause (two or more things...) to come together and become one thing: to join or unite (one thing) with another." St. X Parish and St. Y Parish become St. X-St. Y Parish (singular, not parishes, plural) and liturgies take place at the former St. Y church.

Merriam-Webster dictionary gives the first definition of collaborate as: "to work with another person or group in order to achieve or do something." This definition describes well what the pastoral plan, Disciples in Mission, is all about. A review of Disciples in Mission goals might be helpful here. The plan is working toward making every collaborative a center of the new evangelization -- a place where people encounter Jesus Christ in word and sacrament, and through the parish community. With a strong pastor, committed collaborative leadership team, energized parishioners, and support from archdiocesan offices, the parishes in the collaborative will become stronger, more stable, more intentional in their efforts

to bring back those who have fallen away, and more effective in assisting people to grow spiritually. When this happens, the Church will grow too, and from that will flow a richness of vocations. In a nutshell, the pastoral plan, with God's grace, will allow parishes in the collaborative to "stabilize in order to evangelize." Collaboration calls for a new model of leadership but, as a Phase I pastor noted, our beliefs have not changed -- our dogma and doctrine, Scripture and Tradition -- are the same. We still proclaim Jesus Christ -- yesterday, today, and forever.

In light of the hard, exhausting work and the detours, potholes, and bumps in the road of pastoral planning, it may sound like pie in the sky to think this right now, but if the archdiocese and the collaboratives can achieve these goals, most especially encouraging vocations to the priesthood, eventually the collaboratives will dissolve and each parish will return to being a single parish with its own pastor. To some this prospect sounds beyond ridiculous because stories of struggles and difficulties spread much more quickly than stories of renewal and success. And this won't happen tomorrow, or next year, but, maybe, in 30 years. The plan has immediate goals, but also takes the long view. Our Church is two millennia old. There's no denying, it has been very rough going in some places, but a careful reading of the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters to the early Church clearly shows that 2,000 years ago fewer did more with less. Twelve men and devoted disciples spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to most of the then-known world with no technology or efficient modes of transportation. Prayer and hard work, hope and joy, can bear good fruit.

Two things we hear over and over in Scripture: "With God all things are possible," and "Do not be afraid." As the Archdiocese of Boston navigates the uncharted waters of collaboration, we take heart in these words of blessed assurance.

God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

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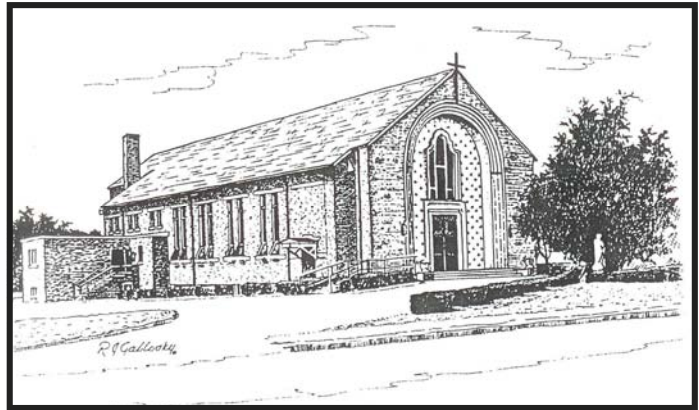
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~

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.

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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MSGR. WILLIAM FAY NAMED DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY AND DIRECTOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DEACONS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

April 21, 2015

Cardinal Seán O'Malley has appointed Msgr. William Fay, pastor of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes in Methuen, director of campus ministry and director of continuing education for deacons in the Archdiocese of Boston.

In making this appointment, Cardinal Seán said, "As Disciples in Mission, our Archdiocesan pastoral plan, takes firm root in our parishes, it is important for us to ensure that the mission of evangelization is also strong in other areas of our life as a Church. Two vital areas that deserve our immediate attention are campus ministry and the ongoing formation of our deacons."

Cardinal Seán has asked Msgr. Fay to work closely with those engaged in the works of campus ministry and the diaconate to explore ways in which the principles of Disciples in Mission can strengthen the mission of evangelization on our college campuses and in the various ministries exercised by our deacons. Msgr. Fay will also assist the rector of St. John Seminary in the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization. In addition to his experience as an administrator and pastor, Msgr. Fay brings to this multifaceted assignment both his longtime work as a member of the faculty of St. John's Seminary and his service on the Pastoral Planning Commission that assisted Cardinal Seán in the development of Disciples in Mission. His appointment is effective June 15, 2015.

Pastoral Council Minutes – The Pastoral Council Minutes of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes for March are posted on our website, methuencatholic.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2, 2015 - 8:00AM

4:00PM Perry, Clara, Steven and Beverly Autiello
Memorial

Sunday, May 3, 2015

8:00 AM Gloria Marcoux Memorial

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

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:

Marilyn McCarthy	Months Mind
Francis R. Covey Sr.	Memorial
Joseph J. Novello	1st Anniversary
Debra Vlahos	Memorial
Diane Farelli	Memorial

Monday, May 4, 2015

8:00 AM Kruno Maricic Birthday Memorial

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

8:00 AM Thursday Girardi Memorial

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

8:00 AM Leonard Theberge Memorial

Thursday, May 7, 2015

8:00 AM Rita Finnis Memorial

Friday, May 8, 2015

8:00AM Barbara G. Novak Memorial

Saturday, May 9, 2015

8:00AM Chandler Noyes Memorial

4:00PM Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, May 10, 2015

8:00 AM Joseph and Emma Tringali Memorial

9:30 AM For all Mothers in the Parish

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:

Dec'd Members of the Kopec & Sarna Families Memorial



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS
CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, AT THE 9:30 MASS. ALL SODALITY MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO MEET AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS SO THAT WE MAY PROCESS IN TOGETHER.

RECOMMITMENT CEREMONY AND JUNE BRUNCH

On Sunday, June 14th, at the 9:30 Mass, the members of the Sodality will recommit to the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the Mass there will be a short meeting followed by Brunch at Jules by the Water in Methuen. The total cost is \$25 and will be collected at the short June meeting.

AGAIN, WE ASK ALL SODALITY MEMBERS TO MEET AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS SO THAT WE MAY PROCESS IN TOGETHER.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH: ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR, ANGELA MEDICI, CHAIRPERSON.....

NEXT SODALITY MEETING, SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH, AFTER THE 9:30 MASS AND RECOMMITMENT CEREMONY.

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



"CPR Training will be conducted in the Saint Monica school hall on Tuesday Evening, June 9, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. The session includes Training, a CPR handbook, and a 2 Year Certification. Contact Bob Beaudry at 978-685-4746 or email him at ERBeaudry@aol.com to learn more about the course and the registration fee"



"It is good and holy to pray for the dead."
Dennis L. Metayer
May their souls and the souls of all our beloved dead rest in peace. Amen.



Save the Date!!!
Second annual SVdP fundraiser.
June 13. 6-10 at St. Monica School
Fr. Lohan returning as our DJ!
Fabulous Fifties!



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 have started offering the luncheons for them. The next luncheons will take place on Friday, May 15th and Friday, June 12th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the cream colored house directly across the parking lot from St. Monica Church. So far we have 7 people who have signed up. 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. Please be sure to RSVP so we can plan the amount of food needed.

NOTE: Rosary Instruction Pamphlets will be passed out at the luncheon for anyone who would like one.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!!

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 20th at the

St. Lucy Parish Hall. Proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry Program. Save the date and bring a cherry Coke!



Stuebenville East Retreat



Join teens from around the country for music, talks, and prayer. July 17-19 at UMass Lowell. The conference is open to teens who are presently in 9th-12th grade. (Rising freshmen and graduating seniors are eligible to attend!) It is going to be a great experience! You don't want to miss it. Contact Sammie Moore to sign up or for more information at cymc.stmonica@gmail.com.



DeColores Cursillistas!

On Thursday, May 7 @ 7:00 PM all parishioners of St. Monica's and St. Lucy's 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 with words, 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. '

2015 Saint Monica Knights of Columbus Council Memorial Scholarship:

Applications for the 2015 Saint Monica Knights of Columbus Council Memorial Scholarship are now available online at www.kofc14725.org/scholarship. Applications for the one-time \$500 scholarship are open to all students who meet the following three criteria: (1) graduating from the 8th grade in May/June 2015, (2) attending a Catholic high school in September 2015, and (3) who are either graduating from St. Monica School, a parishioner of St. Lucy or St. Monica Parishes, or enrolled in the Saint Lucy or St. Monica Religious Education Programs.

All applications must be received in the parish offices by Friday, 22 May 2015. Please address envelopes as noted within the application form for anonymous essay judging.

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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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