

Saint Lucy Parish  
Methuen, MA

6th Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2015

Moved with pity,  
he stretched out his hand,



touched him, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.”  
The leprosy left him immediately,  
and he was made clean.

Mark 1:41-42

## From Your Pastor

### Happy Mothers Day, 2015! ~ Some Familiar Thoughts for This Great Day

*M... is for the million things she gave me;  
O... means only that she's growing old;  
T... is for the tears she shed to save me;  
H... is for her heart of purest gold;  
E... is for her eyes, with love-light shining;  
R... means right, and right she'll always be.  
Put them all together, they spell 'Mother,'  
a word that means the world to me.*



Most of us are familiar with this now century-old song by the American lyricist Howard Johnson (1887-1941). Did I

hear you humming the tune in your head as you were reading the words of this 1915 classic! The song has been a favorite over the years, because it turns our hearts to one of our heart's greatest loves, our dear mothers.

There are many other very beautiful expressions of tribute that have been written about mothers over the years, as well there should be. I am sure you are very familiar with some of these quotes.

*"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers" – Jewish proverb*

*"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." – George Washington (1732-1799)*

*"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness." – Honoré de Balzac (1799-1850)*

*"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." – Author Unknown*

*"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life ... All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." – Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)*

*"Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of Friendship fall: A mother's secret hope outlives them all." – Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)*

*"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." – Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)*

*"By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacation-less class." – Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1907-2001)*

During this Easter Season, your priests and deacon will baptize more than two dozen children and adults into the faith of the Church at St. Lucy and at St. Monica Parishes. What great moments these are for us as ordained ministers. What great gifts these newly baptized are for us in our parishes, especially in this grace-filled Season when we recommit ourselves to and celebrate our baptismal faith in the Crucified and Risen Lord. At the conclusion of the Rite of Baptism there is a beautiful prayer of blessing that is said for the mother of a newly baptized child. May the promise of this prayer bring blessing and hope and joy to each of you who have been called by God to be mothers:

*God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with her child in thanking God forever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

God bless each of you.

*Mrs. Fay*

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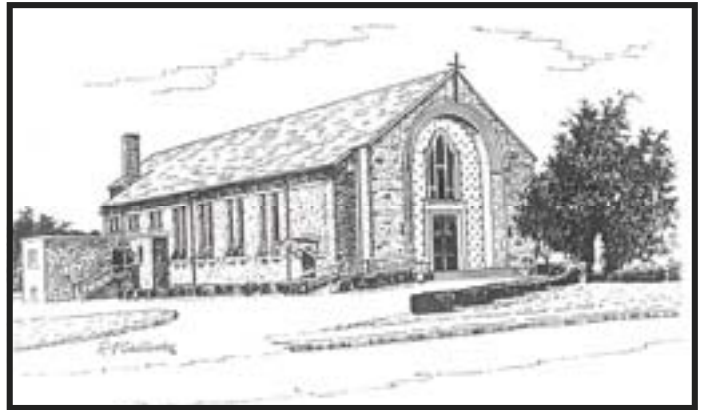
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### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~**

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  
978-794-0383



Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 *Catholic Appeal* campaign.

Your support is the most effective way our parish community can join together in the Church's universal work to care for our neighbors. If you have yet to participate in the 2015 Catholic Appeal, please visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) or pick up a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.



**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, May 28th beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome!



**We're Going Back to the Beautiful Holy Land**

*November 6th-17th, 2015*

*Via Deloroso—Way of the Cross*

Total Cost \$3,095.00 per person, double occupancy  
Our Spiritual Director will be Father Thomas Keyes, former Pastor at St. Lucy Parish and currently Pastor at Our Lady of Hope in Ipswich.

This will be the 3rd year in a row visiting the Birthplace of Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother; standing on the very grounds Our Lord lived and walking the actual Way of the Cross.

For more details contact Claude Langlois at 978-682-6012.

Sign up now so we know how many are interested.  
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Please pray for peace in the Holy Land and in the Middle East and especially for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.



**Collection for W/E 5/3/15**

**Offertory: \$6,655.00**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Annual Holy Communion and Confession of Grave Sins**

– As we celebrate the beauty of the Easter Season, we remind you that Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year and during the Easter Season. Since we are also obliged to confess our grave sins at least once a year, this is a good time to fulfill these obligations if they are outstanding.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

- Cardinal Seán has authorized a second collection for this weekend for the relief of those effected by the earthquake in Nepal. We all know from hearing the news reports that thousands of people have lost everything in this devastating earthquake so we ask that you be as generous as possible to this collection. On behalf of those you help, "Thank You".



This coming Thursday, May 14th is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule here at St. Lucy Parish is as follows:

Ascension Thursday, May 14th -  
8:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 5:30 PM

There is no Vigil Mass at St. Lucy's



**FOOD COLLECTION**  
**Neighbors in Need**  
**Next collection:**  
**Sunday, April 17, 2015**

# Mass Intentions

**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

Charles T. Torrissi Memorial

Emily Succo Memorial

**Monday, May 11, 2015**

**8:00 AM** Thomas Conlon Memorial

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

**8:00 AM**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

**8:00 AM**

**Thursday, May 14, 2015**

**8:00 AM** William Klier Memorial

**Friday, May 15, 2015**

**8:00AM**

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

**8:00AM** Mary Russo Memorial

**4:00PM** Karen M. Shea Memorial

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

**8:00 AM** Dianne Farelli Memorial

**9:30 AM** Mary A. Carito Memorial


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

Martin Chiara Memorial

Frank Cefalu 8th Anniversary

Joyce Sanguedolce Memorial

Fred Leocata Memorial



“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 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.


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

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

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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](mailto:ERBeaudry@aol.com) to learn more about the course and the registration fee"



**Save the Date!!!**  
 Second annual SVdP fundraiser.  
 June 13. 6-10 pm  
 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.



**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!**



**Steubenville 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](mailto:cymc.stmonica@gmail.com).

**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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**33 Days to Morning Glory**, a program written by Fr. Michael Gaitley, is being offered for those who would like to deepen their knowledge of Our Lady, and grow in holiness. We will meet for six consecutive Monday's at the cream colored house, beginning on May 11th, from 10:30 AM to Noon. We will watch a brief video, discuss what we have learned, and end with another video. On Saturday, June 13th, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary all who choose to, will consecrate themselves to Our Blessed Mother.

The book and workbook can be purchased for \$33.00. (Scholarships are available.). Please call Kathy Garon at 978-683-1193, ext 119, to register or for more information.

**Pre-registration is required.** Please call as soon as possible so that materials can be ordered.



Vacation Bible School

Sponsored by St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

Join us this summer for a week of fun, friends, and faith at our VBS. We will

meet in St. Lucy's Church. July 13-17th from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Ages 4-11


\$20/child, \$30/two children, \$40 max/family

There are registration forms in the back of both St. Lucy's and St. Monica's church. Please mail them to the offices at:

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*Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."*

Jeremiah 31:15-17



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