

Saint Lucy Parish
Methuen, MA

7th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2015

Bless the

LORD,

my soul,

all my being,

bless his

holy name!

Psalm 103:1

From Your Pastor

Making Our Pilgrim Way to God ~ Processing towards Communion

Every year I enjoy the large number of processions that the Church gives us to mark our entry into the Season of Easter. On Passion (Palm) Sunday we relive the Lord's last entrance into Jerusalem by processing into church with blessed palm branches.



On Holy Thursday evening we conclude the Mass of the Lord's Supper by accompanying the Blessed Sacrament from the church to the altar of repose. On Good Friday the Lord's Cross is brought into the church by procession during the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. Then, each of us present joins in a procession to approach the Crucifix and to venerate it reverently with a kiss. On Holy Saturday night, we begin the Easter Vigil, the solemn celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, by processing into the church with candles lighted from the great Paschal Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ.

Processing during Sacred Liturgies is not an accidental affair. The Bishops' Secretariat for Divine Worship reminds us: "The Church understands ... every procession in liturgy as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. All our lives we who believe in Christ are moving in time toward that moment when we will be taken by death from this world and enter into the joy of the Lord for us.... When we move in procession, particularly the procession to receive the body and blood of Christ in Communion, we are a sign, a symbol of that pilgrim Church 'on the way'" (USCCB, 2002).

Most of our liturgies involve a procession from the back of the church down the center aisle. The Procession begins with the altar servers who carry incense, cross and candles, followed by the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the lectors, the deacon, other priests and the celebrant.

The Communion Procession has a special importance for Catholics: "The Communion Procession is an action of the Body of Christ. At Christ's invitation, extended by the priest acting in Christ's person:

Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb, the members of the community Move forward to share in the sacred meal, to receive the body and blood of Christ which is the sign and the source of their unity. In fact, Each time we move forward

together to receive the body and blood of the Lord, we join the countless ranks of all the baptized who have gone before us, our loved ones, the canonized and uncanonized saints down through the ages, who at their time in history formed a part of this mighty stream of believers" (USCCB, 2002).

How do I receive properly? In order to be able to receive Communion, you should not be conscious of grave sin (which requires the Sacrament of Penance); and you need to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before the time of Holy Communion. As you process to receive, there are three simple things that should be remembered.

First, the act of reverence one makes before receiving the body or the blood of Christ is a bow. This can be done as the person before you is receiving. Second, when the minister distributing Communion says "*The Body of Christ,*" the person receiving says "*Amen.*" Since the "*Amen*" is a necessary act of faith that this is indeed the body of Christ, no other response like "Thank you" or greeting like "Happy Easter" is ever appropriate. Third, Communion may be received on the tongue or in the hand. If you receive on the tongue, please be sure to extend your tongue forward. If you receive in the hand, please be sure your hands are clean and that all sleeves are pulled clear of your palms. Then, resting one hand on the other (palms up) as if making a "throne" for Christ, the host will be laid in the palm of one hand so that the other hand can bring the Body of Christ to the mouth. Notice something important here: Holy Communion is a *gift* to be *received*; it is, therefore, never appropriate to reach out to take the host from the minister. We always receive the Lord humbly, unworthily.

God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

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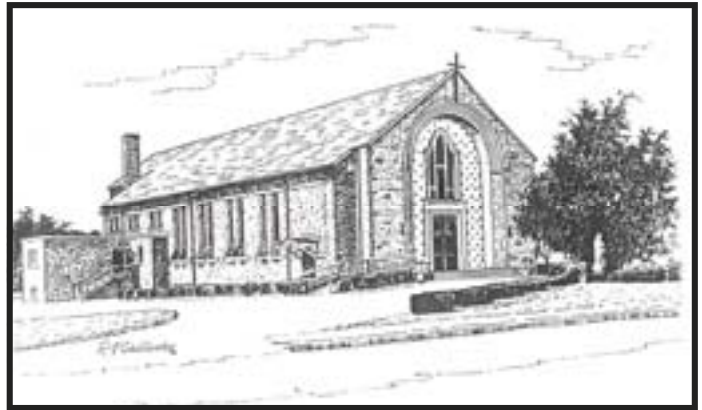
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~

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 or pick up a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.




Collection for W/E 5/3/15

Offertory: \$5,702.00

Collection for Nepal: \$2,234.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.



BAPTIZED THIS PAST WEEK:

Mason Joseph Hager

CONGRATULATIONS!



Hotdog and family movie night



Save the date and join us. On May 29th St. Lucy Parish will be hosting hotdog and a movie night. There will be hotdogs with all the fix'ens, chips and a drink for \$5.00, each additional dog will be \$2.00. It'll start at 5:30 with the movie starting at 6:30. Watch the Bulletin for more details.



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.



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.

CFC Annual Pilgrimage to Canada
 (5 days, 4 nights) Cost: \$510.00
 July 27 - July 31, 2015

***Passports are required for all who enter Canada by Bus**
****Itinerary may be subject to change****

Depart: St. Monica's Parking Lot - July 27 @ 7:15am
Return: July 31st Approximately 6:30 pm

Stay at the Madonna House @ Cape de la Madeleine-Quebec

Visit the Shrines of:
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 Daily Mass, rosary, religious movies, taxes/some tips
 *(Minimum 35 people required to make trip run)
 *Single rooms add on an additional \$150.00

Please contact Linda Kramer 978-685-2974

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



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.



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"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."

Bertram Wills Jr.
Ellen (Shirley) Benedict

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 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.

Tickets cost \$10, and everyone should bring their own munchies and soda.

Proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry Program.



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.

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.

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

Adoration is held every Friday at St. Monica Parish in the church chapel from 7:30am (after 7am Mass) until 7:30pm with benediction. 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.



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Sunday, April 17, 2015



Vacation Bible School

Sponsored by St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes


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Ages 4-11

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

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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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