



“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” – Matthew 28:18-19

From Your Pastor

Join Us next Sunday, June 7, for Our Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Next Sunday, June 7, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The Eucharist is the “Sacrament of sacraments,” because in it Christ himself is contained (CCC, 1324). In the Eucharist Christ the Lord is truly present – body and blood, soul and divinity – in the visible signs of the consecrated bread and wine.



The great Solemnity of Corpus Christi has a very beautiful and interesting history. The Feast owes its origin to a woman named Juliana of Liège, Belgium (1193-1258). As a young nun, Juliana had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and desired to have a feast established in its honor. She wrote about her desire to Robert de Thorete, the Bishop of Liège, to the Dominican Hugh of St. Cher who later became the cardinal

St. Juliana of Liège

legate in the Netherlands, and to Jacques Panaléon, the Archdeacon of Liège, who later became Pope Urban IV. In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete ordered that the Feast of Corpus Christi be celebrated in Liège. Juliana of Liège was canonized a saint by Pope Pius IX in 1869.

In 1263, an interesting miracle took place in the city of Bolsena, Italy.* The artist Raphael made this miracle famous in a well-known fresco that decorates the Vatican Palace. A German priest named Peter of Prague was on pilgrimage to Rome when he stopped at Bolsena. Though a pious man, Peter struggled to accept that Christ could actually be present in the

consecrated host. One day when he was celebrating

Mass, Peter spoke the words of consecration and immediately Blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands and onto the linen cloth covering the altar. At first, the priest tried to hide the Blood, but eventually he interrupted



the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided.

The Bishop of Bolsena & the Bloodstained Corporal with P. Urban IV

Once Pope Urban heard Peter’s story, he sent emissaries to investigate. When the facts were ascertained, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of Blood to him. The linen bearing the spots of Blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

According to tradition, Pope Urban IV commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) to compose prayers and hymns, including the *Pange Lingua*, to celebrate the Most Holy Body of the Lord (Corpus Christi). In 1264, the pope established the Feast of Corpus Christi by means of the papal bull *Transiturus*. It became a mandatory feast in the Roman Church in 1312 under Pope Clement V.

God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

* Cf., http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/english_pdf/Bolsena1.pdf

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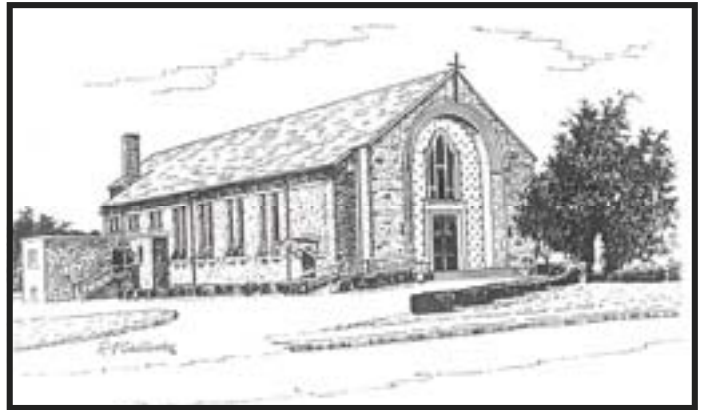
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~

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.

Reception for Msgr. Fay

We will have a **reception to honor and thank Monsignor Fay** for his years of ministry at St Lucy Parish and to wish him well as he begins his new ministry. All are invited to gather in the Church Hall **after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June, 14th**. Coffee and pastries will be served. If you can't make it that day, know that St Monica Parish will have a similar good bye the prior Sunday, June 7th, at St. Monica School Hall after the 11:30am mass.



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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.



BAPTIZED THIS PAST WEEK:

Jaxson Paul Ayan

Madison Ryan Dispensa

Sienna Jane Stannard

Sebastian William Vasquez

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30, 2015 -

8:00AM Margaret and Leo Beaudoin Memorial

4:00PM Matthew Chiara Memorial

Sunday, May 31, 2015

8:00 AM Augusto & Giovanni Pelliccione Memorial

9:30 AM Anthony Piazza Memorial

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:

Kristen McLaughlin Memorial

Fred Leocata Memorial

Maria Caserta and Pietro Galizia Memorial

Giuseppe Sangiorgio Birthday Memorial

Monday, June 1, 2015

8:00 AM Robert M. Mullin III Memorial

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

8:00 AM Robert M. Mullin III Memorial

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

8:00 AM Robert M. Mullin III Memorial

Thursday, June 4, 2015

8:00 AM

Friday, June 5, 2015

8:00AM

Saturday, June 6, 2015

8:00AM Stephen & Josephine Catalano Memorial

4:00PM Filippo (Phil) J. Chiara Memorial

Sunday, June 7, 2015

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

9:30 AM Salvatore Boragine Jr. 1st Anniversary

11:00 AM Community Intentions Mass:

Dec'd. Members of the Kopec and Sarna Families Memorial

Cecilia DelliColli Anniversary



"It is good and holy to pray for the dead."

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



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION This year, the Methuen Catholic Collaborative will celebrate The Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 7th, with Mass followed by a Procession at 11:30am at ST. MONICA'S CHURCH. The Sodality has been asked to donate some baked goods for the reception following the Mass and the Procession. If you can help with this, please drop off your donations at the St. Monica School cafeteria prior to the 11:30 Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



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.

No Money at this Time



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.



To order tickets, please contact Larry Giordano at 978-360-9256

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.



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.



Tickets for the SVdP " Fifties Dance into Summer" to be held in the St. Monica school hall on June 13 th will be available after Masses on the weekend of June 6-7th, or to request tickets Email mrgsharrock@gmail.com. \$25 includes a picnic buffet supper and lots of fun dancing to our favorite DJ Father Bill. We will also have raffle prizes, root beer floats and lots of the 50's candies we loved as kids! Get ready for the hula hoop contest! All proceeds will benefit those we serve in our Community. We had a blast last year and raised \$3300please help us beat that!!

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.



Vacation Bible School

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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:

Attn: VBS

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 Jeremiah 31:15-17



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