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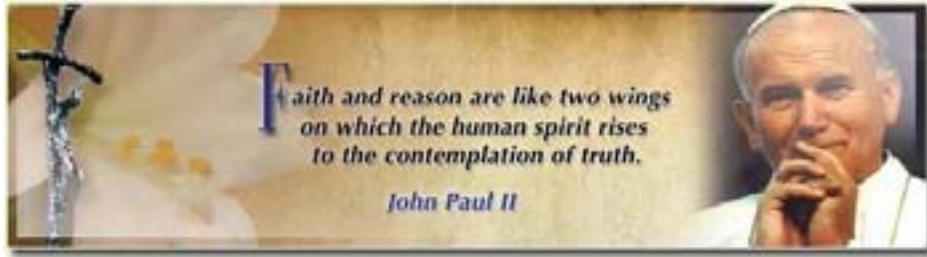
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## *From Your Pastor*

### *Faith, Reason, and Our Future*

Faith and reason are perfectly compatible. In the opening line of his 1998 Encyclical, *Fides et Ratio* (*Faith and Reason*), Pope John Paul II speaks of



faith and reason as “two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” When faith – expressed in theology – is rooted in a proper recognition and acceptance of truths revealed by God, its work cannot and should not contradict the truths of reason. When reason – whether it is philosophy, mathematics or any field of science – is rooted in a proper recognition and acceptance of the truths of nature, its work cannot and should not contradict the truths of faith. How can we be so sure of this? The answer is simple: God is the author of both faith and reason. If faith and reason can be in contradiction, then God can contradict himself, which is impossible.

This truth about the essential relationship of faith and reason is important for us to think about in our world today, because faith and current reasoning are at odds on issues of great consequence. For example, faith teaches that human life is to be revered and protected from conception to natural death. Yet we live in a society in which people argue that abortion and euthanasia are now acceptable. Interestingly, this new doctrine of acceptability contradicts not only faith, but also the inherited wisdom of reason. Until the middle of the last century proscriptions against abortion and euthanasia, as enshrined in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century BC Hippocratic oath, shaped social attitudes towards the inviolability of human life as well as the ethical practice of medicine. This, of course, begs the question: What enlightenment did we gain in the 1960s that allowed us to put aside our moral tradition and to say that it was now OK for us to kill our children in the womb and to euthanize our elderly?

Another place where faith and current reasoning collide is in the contemporary discussion about marriage. Faith teaches that marriage is a God-given gift. It is a faithful, exclusive, lifelong and loving union of a man and a woman who, as one, become the foundation of the family unit, the bedrock of society and culture. Yet we live in a society today in which people argue that

marriage defies such a definition. Marriage, they say, cannot and should not be framed in terms of the gender of the persons who wish to contract it.

Society, they claim, needs to be more accepting of “non-traditional” marriages, marriages in which persons of the same sex make nuptial commitments.

This new doctrine of acceptability regarding marriage contradicts not only faith but also the inherited wisdom of reason. Until late in the last century there was a common understanding and language with respect to marriage. In fact, recorded history bears out that if there is any relationship in society worthy of a state’s protection and support, that relationship is marriage as traditionally understood.

The shift in societal attitudes on issues like abortion, euthanasia and marriage during the last several decades is not only interesting and noteworthy; it calls for our attention. The change in thinking that has taken place represents a sea change in the way in which we look at one another.

Once understood as the indispensable crown of God’s creation, the human person is becoming as disposable – at least in our beginning and end on this earth – as any other unnecessary thing in the world. Where marriage once exemplified what is best in human relations and was understood as given to found new familial and societal bonds, it is now threatened with extinction as it moves towards becoming nothing more than a license for license among consenting adults.

If society is to move forward with necessary deliberation and thoughtfulness, we need to reflect honestly and judiciously upon the factors that have brought us to where we are. For we surely are on a new path. What caused us to take the turn we have taken? Why have we put aside our inherited wisdom? Was it convenience or economics or tolerance or privacy, or a combination of these and more? There is a lot at stake here. The way in which we address and answer these questions will tell us a lot about whether our future will be marked by a fall into self-absorption or an ascent towards the contemplation of the truth.

God bless each of you.

*Mrs. Fay*

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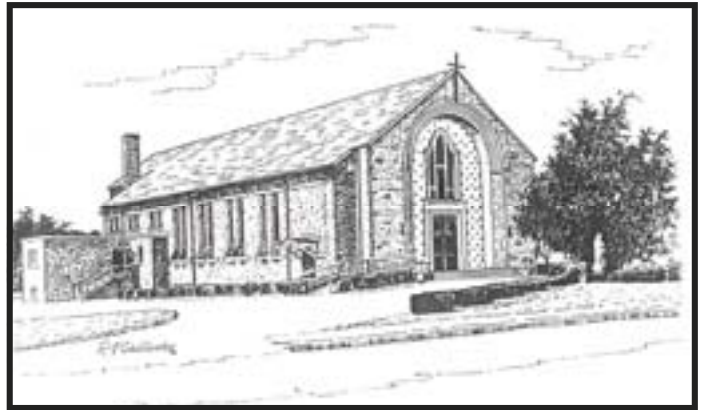
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### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~**

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



The 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at St. Lucy Parish. So far, 195 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised \$26,760 toward our parish goal of \$33,006. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at St. Lucy. With \$6,246 left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in the 2015 Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you very much.

### *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 this Sunday, June 7th, at St. Monica School Hall after the 11:30am mass and Corpus Christi Procession.

### Meeting to present and discuss the Pastoral Plan for the Collaborating Parishes

All are invited to a Parish "Town Meeting" to discuss the proposed draft of our Collaborative Pastoral Plan. This plan will be our blueprint going forward for the next three years in our attempt to strengthen our parishes and our school. The same presentation will be given twice, once at each parish. Any parishioner is welcome to attend at either parish. The Pastoral Plan Writing Team's presentations will occur on:

Monday, June 29, 2015 at 7pm at St. Monica School Hall.

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7pm at the St. Lucy Church Hall.

We pray many will come to learn about the details of the plan and give input toward our final draft which will be submitted to Cardinal O'Malley.



**Collection for W/E 5/31/15**

**Offertory: \$5,627.00**

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### **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

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**978-685-2974**



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.

# Mass Intentions

**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

Cecilia DelliColli

Memorial  
Anniversary

**Monday, June 8, 2015**

**8:00 AM** Rev. Daniel Cronin Memorial

**Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

**8:00 AM** Barbara Beckwith Memorial

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

**8:00 AM** Richard T. Muraco 1st Anniversary

**Thursday, June 11, 2015**

**8:00 AM** Eno Eubani Memorial

**Friday, June 12, 2015**

**8:00AM**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

**8:00AM** Fred Leocata Memorial

**4:00PM** Paul V. Meli Sr. Memorial


**Sunday, June 14, 2015**

**8:00 AM** Stephen & Josephine Catalano Memorial

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

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

John Cartelli and Rosaria Sapienza Memorial



“It is good and holy to pray for the dead.”

Richard A. Kirsch Jr.  
Louise R. Fichera  
John R. Lefebre  
Mary Parolisi  
Rudolph Neve

May their souls and those 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.



## 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




**FOOD COLLECTION**  
**Neighbors in Need**  
**Next collection:**  
**Sunday, June 21, 2015**

**Installation Mass** ~ Father Bill Lohan will be formally installed as pastor at St Lucy Parish at the 4pm mass on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Bishop Robert Hennessey, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston for the Merrimack Region, will be here to install him. After the Mass get your early bird dinner and come back at 7pm for the youth ministry "50's sock hop" fundraiser DJ'd by our newly installed pastor and Larry Giordano. Father Bill will be installed the following morning at St Monica Parish at their 9:30am Mass.



**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**



**NOTE:** Tickets for the Soc hop dance will be sold after the masses on June 13th and 14th at St. Lucy's.



**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



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](mailto: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 \$3300 ...please help us beat that!!

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

**Please Note: Adoration Chapel will be closed on Friday, July 3.**

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, especially from 3:30-4:30pm.** Please prayerfully consider and call me! Contact information: Bonnie Doherty, 978-270-3366 or [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com). Also see our website, [www.methuencatholic.org/adoration](http://www.methuencatholic.org/adoration), for information about adoration in other parishes and an updated newsletter

**Vacation Bible School**

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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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 Jeremiah 31:15-17



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