

# SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## *Our Parish is Served by:*

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## Masses

MON. TO THURS. 9 am

SATURDAY 4 pm

SUNDAY 9 am & 11 am

11 am also live-streamed @

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## Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

or

by appointment

The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 26, 2020**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

\*Indicates Live-Streamed Mass

**Saturday, July 25**

4:00 pm Gladys Calsetta (Borrello Family)

**Sunday, July 26**

9:00 am Ludwik Pitera (Religious Ed)

\*11:00 am Catherine Magauran  
(Marie & David Gould)

**Monday, July 27**

9:00 am David H Gould, Jr.  
(David & Marie Gould)

**Tuesday, July 28**

9:00 am Fusco Family  
(Campbell & Maralla Families)

**Thursday, July 30**

9:00 am Keith Carragher  
(Marie & David Gould)

**Saturday, August 1**

4:00 pm Francis A McEnery  
(Marie & David Gould)

**Sunday, August 2**

9:00 am Arthur DaPalma Cabrita  
(Rodriguez & Ambos Families)

\*11:00 am Thomas J Carragher  
(Marie & David Gould)

*To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.*

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Jackie Wilson, William Cole, Jr, Diane Black, Micki Smith, Annette Petercsak, Joyce Picon, Peter Laudati, Joanne Baldachino, Vera Dzumyk, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Paul Gallo, Anna and Sal Morrello, Rosemarie McNab, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian Scott, Dan Sweeney, Frank Trimboli, Sr. Theresa Colbert, Dianne Smith, Douglas Merwin, Gail Reale, Kathleen Gillespie, Cheryl Bottega, James Picon, Stephen Trimboli, Tony Catapano, Bert Bumbera, Maria Covino, Paul Wilson, Jr., Joann DiCapua, Evelyn Manvell, Joan Myhal, Carol Spezzano, Carol Sabine, Baryt Schone, Victor Mota, Fran DeLuca, Nick DeLuca, Dorothy Palumbo, Christopher and Frank Diolosa, Theodore Duniak, Theresa Debiak, Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Frank Diolosa, Sr, Barbara Holst

*Call the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we way include them or, if they can be removed.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK – JULY 26, 2020**

**Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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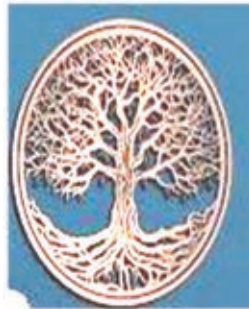
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Feel free to contact the Parish Office with any questions 732-928-0279.

**TREE OF FAITH MEMORIALS**

Our beautiful "Tree of Faith" which adorns our foyer is a wonderful symbol of our family in faith. What a great way to honor a loved one, living or deceased, than to have them remembered on our "Tree of Faith". The tree will continue to grow as our parish family grows. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP  
COLLECTIONS JULY 6 - 12, 2020**

Weekly Collection	\$2,825.00
Online Giving	<u>\$1,703.00</u>
Total	\$4,528.00

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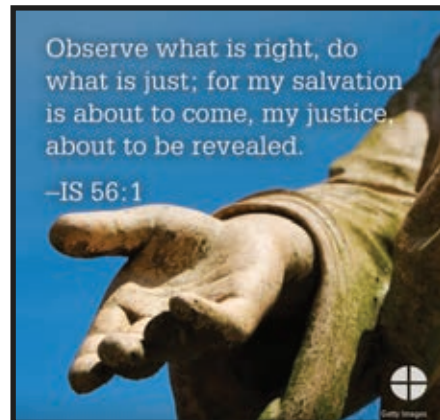
The Parish of St. Monica sends our best wishes to Bishop David O'Connell on the 10th Anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton. May God Continue to bless you, Bishop O'Connell!



Parishioners Ernest & Barbara Rookey represented our parish at the 2010 Ordination, and snapped the new Bishop's megawatt smile!

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice about to be revealed.

-IS 56:1



# Knights of Columbus Council #11529 Presents

## The 2020



## Deacon Mike Principato Scholarship Contest

*Please read the directions and questions very carefully before answering them. Your essay will be evaluated by many people. Scoring will be based on your answering the questions and then formulating your values in the form of an essay.*

In order to participate in the scholarship contest the applicant must: (1) be graduating HS and be attending college for their first semester in the Fall of 2020 or Spring 2021, (2) be a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church or the child of a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church.

**Before you write your essays please answer these several questions about your faith. Answer the questions to the best of your ability.**

- 1) *There were three (3) individuals who were born without original sin. In any order, who are they?*
- 2) *Adam and Eve fell from God's Graces in the Garden of Eden. As a result, we are all born with their original sin. How are we able to be forgiven this original sin?*
- 3) *Our Blessed Mother was Assumed into Heaven. Hence, we celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation, **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, August 15<sup>th</sup> each year. **Ascension Thursday** is a Holy Day of Obligation and occurs forty (40) days after Easter Sunday. Why was Mary Assumed into Heaven and did not Ascend into Heaven the way her son Jesus was?*
- 4) *Explain the difference between the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth. These are major beliefs in our Faith as Roman Catholics.*

Now choose **only one**, either topic A **or** B and show how the life principles mentioned inspire guidelines for your life:

- A) One of Jesus' sermons gave us the Beatitudes. As Catholics we believe there are eight (8) of them. Focusing on the eight, which one do you identify the most with and why? If you were able to change as you grow in our Faith, which of the other seven (7) would you like to aspire to emulate and why?
- B) You are a Roman Catholic. What does it mean to you to be a "Good" Catholic or Practicing Catholic? There are certain things/items (obligations) required of you as a Catholic. What are our obligations to the Catholic Faith? What are you doing to profess your faith? What changes do you need to make in your life to fulfill all of these obligations and be a better person and better Catholic?

Please submit all questions and essays by email to [tinman1017@optonline.net](mailto:tinman1017@optonline.net) as a Word Document. Please **do not** include your name on the essay or anything that may easily identify you but do include your name and contact information in the body of the email in which it's submitted. Submissions are due by August 15, 2020. - **First place award \$500 - Second place award \$300 - Third place award \$200.**

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 26**

9:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)  
 11:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)  
 and Live-streamed Mass @  
 saintmonica.com & Audio only  
 on Radio 87.9 FM in  
 Church parking lot

**Monday, July 27**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

**Tuesday, July 28**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

**Wednesday, July 29**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

**Thursday, July 30**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)  
 9:30 am Rosary in the Sanctuary

**Saturday, August 1**

11:00 am Memorial Mass (Cusson)  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass (limit 100 people)

**Sunday, August 2**

9:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)  
 11:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)  
 and Live-streamed Mass @  
 saintmonica.com & Audio only  
 on Radio 87.9 FM in  
 Church parking lot

**Monday, August 3**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

**Tuesday, August 4**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

**Wednesday, August 5**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)  
 9:30 am Expo. Of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, August 6**

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)  
 9:30 am Rosary in the Sanctuary

**Friday, August 7**

3:30 pm Wedding

**Saturday, August 8**

10:00 am First Communion  
 12:00 pm First Communion  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass (limit 100 people)  
 Church parking lot

**PLEASE NOTE**

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 9:00 a.m. daily Mass on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. It will not be live-streamed.



**PLEASE NOTE**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday this year, and is therefore **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation

**HELP WANTED**

Calling all Gardeners! Volunteers are needed to care for the flower beds around our parish property. If you like working outside and know the difference between a weed and a perennial, please call the parish office at 732-928-0279.



**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER!!**

Mr. Kevin M. Murphy

## Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

*Read the full version at  
[respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility](https://respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility).*

We often assume parenthood happens easily after “I do,” but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.

**God is with  
you, and  
His Church  
desires to  
walk with  
you.**

You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

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**“To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others.”**

**— Pope Saint John Paul II**

**Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility:**  
[www.goo.gl/qUXiGg](http://www.goo.gl/qUXiGg)



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### Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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The staff of the Franciscan House of Prayer invite you to consider attending some of their marvelous offerings this fall. Their Fall schedule from September to November 2020 includes:

Monthly Spiritual Exercises, Teilhard Reading Group, Spiritual Reading Group, and Living Contemplatively and more!

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for directions and for their other offerings!



### REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 14-16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## SISTERS OF LIFE

### HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).



**The Eucharist - St Monica****Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am  
 Saturday 4:00 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am  
 Holy Days As Noted  
 Reconciliation Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm  
 or by appt.

**Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction**

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**Baptisms**

Celebrated during Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation program. Please call the parish office to register.

**Visits to the Sick and Homebound**

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

**Youth Group**

Open to children between Communion and Confirmation age.

**Knights of Columbus Council #11529**

Visit our website: [www.kofc11529.org](http://www.kofc11529.org)

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

**Bereavement Ministry**

Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings**

Meetings take place Wednesdays 7:00—8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms are available at the entrances to the Church or may be downloaded at [www.saintmonica.com](http://www.saintmonica.com). Please contact the parish office for further information.

**Adult Faith Formation Core Team**

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

**Marriages**

The Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey requests a one year period of preparation for marriage in the church. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For those seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

**Religious Education**

Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in ongoing Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or [stmonicccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicccd@yahoo.com)

**Legion of Mary**

Members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick and assisting with pastoral needs.

**Women of St Monica**

Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community and conduct fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in a variety of ways.



*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 26, 2020*

## CHOOSING THE HIGHER GOODS

The Bible often challenges us to compare the good we find in the world with the good we find in God.

Today's Scriptures focus on comparing God's word, law, commands, and will with earthly goods and riches. Psalm 119 tells us that while gold and silver are valuable, God's wisdom is even more valuable. The relative good of precious metals pales in comparison with the good to be found in God.

The Gospel reading also asks us to make a comparison between the wealth of the world and the wealth of faith. Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is more valuable than anything in this world. Like the merchant searching for fine pearls or the man seeking a treasure buried in a field, we must be willing to give up all that we have in order to gain Heaven.

The fact is that the acquisition of Heaven comes at an incredible cost. If we are going to follow the Lord, we have to desire him more than anything the world offers: more than power, prestige, or wealth. If we are going to pursue God's way of wisdom, we must place everything in this world below our desire to become saints.

This leads us to the fundamental questions of life: What have you and I given up to become a follower of Christ? What are you and I willing to give up?

## PRAYER

King Solomon was a successful and powerful king. And yet he begged God for greater wisdom to guide his life and his leading of the people of Israel. He prayed, "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." Meditate on these words, and prayerfully consider areas in your life where you, like Solomon, need more wisdom from God to guide you. Ask the Lord to help you.

## RESOLUTION

What can you do this week to seek God's wisdom in a particular area where you sensed you needed his guidance more? Imitate Solomon's desire for wisdom and ask the Lord to help you pursue the true spiritual goods in life, not just the goods of this world.



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