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*"Lord, help me." And Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, **GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!** Let it be done for you as you desire." Mt. 15:25-28*

Masses

MON. TO THURS. 9 am
SATURDAY 4 pm
SUNDAY 9 am & 11 am
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to 3:45 pm
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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

* Indicates Live-Streamed Mass

Saturday, August 15

4:00 pm Michael Smith (St Monica)

Sunday, August 16

9:00 am Gloria Stephens (Barbara Poli)

*11:00 am Rosario Grasso (Debbie Kruse)

August 17 - 20

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/
Communion (No Mass)

Saturday, August 22

4:00 pm Cory Yglesias (Carle Family)

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am Dcn Gene Moir (Campbell &
Maralla Families)

*11:00 am Rosario Grasso (Debra Kruse)

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, Baryt Schone, Victor Mota, Fran DeLuca, Nick DeLuca, Dorothy Palumbo, Theodore Duniak, Theresa Debiak, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Frank Diolosa, Sr. Barbara Holst, Baby Tripp Ravenfeld, Marie Gould, Cindy Andolora, Christopher Diolosa and Frank Diolosa

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

August 20th is the feast day of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux who was consulted by popes and kings, battled heresies, and supported the Second Crusade. *Pray for us, St. Bernard!*

Readings for the Week – August 16, 2020

Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Deut 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Deut 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

UPDATE FROM BISHOP O'CONNELL

Given all current public health and safety reports, I am extending the dispensation from Sunday obligation to attend Mass beyond the aforementioned September 7 date listed in our Diocesan Directives “until further notice.”

The faithful are certainly encouraged but not required to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes whenever possible or to participate in outdoor or live-streamed parish Masses offered online until the dispensation ceases “to keep holy, the Lord’s Day.”

Please continue to remember one another in prayer, especially the sick, the departed and all those providing care for them at this time.

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell

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Weekly Collection	\$2,565.57
Building Maintenance	\$ 215.00
Online Giving	<u>\$2,019.00</u>
Total	\$4,799.57

Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Blessings and congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, August 8

Luciano Alessi

Julianna Bernstein

Emily Burdge

Ella Conde

Andrew Craig

Jacob Ferrer

Mila Gentile

Abigail Herrmann



Anthony Kane

Dylan Lance

Savannah Morell

Mason Reeves

Juan Sanchez

Haylee Stadick

Jaxson Stadick

Taylor Vedutis

We wish to acknowledge and thank all our Religious Education teachers, volunteers and Karen Badach for your commitment to our children in learning their faith.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2020

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.



Parish Office Summer Hours
Mon - Thu 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Fri 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

ONLINE GIVING

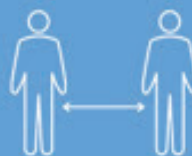
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Feel free to contact the Parish Office with any questions 732-928-0279.

FIVE THINGS to REMEMBER about In-Church Masses ...

- 1 **Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation** remains in effect for all Catholics of the Diocese.
- 2 **Diocesan Directives** posted to DioceseofTrenton.org/coronavirus remain in effect.
- 3 **Masks** (properly worn) are required.
- 4 **Social distancing** must be observed.
- 5 **Occupancy limits** will be enforced.



Information published by the Diocese of Trenton

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 16

- 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 parking lot

Monday, August 17

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (limit 25 people)
- 6:00 pm Meeting Little Church (Fr Alex)

Tuesday, August 18

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (limit 25 people)

Wednesday, August 19

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (limit 25 people)

Thursday, August 20

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (limit 25 people)
- 9:30 am Rosary in the Sanctuary

Friday, August 21

- 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 22

- 1:00 pm Wedding (Julian-Tiangco)
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass (limit 100 people)

Sunday, August 23

- 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 parking lot

Monday, August 24

- 9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)
- 6:00 pm Confessions for Confirmandi

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)
- 4:30 pm Confirmation Practice

Wednesday, August 26

- 9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)
- 4:00 pm Confirmation
- 5:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, August 27

- 9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)
- 9:30 am Rosary in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Wedding (Dauncy/Mason)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES EVENT



Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope

Virtual Charity Event
September 30, 2020 @6-7:30 p.m.
Registration online: <https://one.bidpal.net/gaboh2020/welcome>

IN LOVING MEMORY

The parish of St. Monica extends condolences to the family and friends of parishioner Patricia Howe who passed away on July 17, 2020. May she rest in the peace of the everlasting Lord.



The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 16-22, 2020

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

–IS 56:1

Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award Nominations

Do you know a young faith-filled Catholic between the ages of 18-40 who has demonstrated leadership against poverty and injustice in the United States? Nominate them today for the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award!

Nominations are open until Sunday, Aug. 30th.

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/cardinal-bernardin-new-leadership-award.cfm>

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We praise and thank you!

You anoint us to
bring glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives
recover sight for the blind
free the oppressed
and build communities in keeping
with God's vision of justice.

Show us how to be
light of the world
salt of the earth
seeds that sprout love
and leaven that infuses humanity
with the desire to promote
human dignity and solidarity.

Help us to listen so that
those in poverty can lead our efforts to
proclaim a more hopeful vision
liberate captives from injustice
heal the blindness of the powerful
free us all from self-centeredness
and build community to overcome poverty.

Amen.



Safety First in a Covid World

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Directives for In-Church Masses

Media reports have indicated significant spikes in coronavirus cases in 34 states that have re-opened or relaxed restrictions since limited in-church public masses began in mid-June. Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M. reminds the faithful of several key points from the established diocesan directives. Please review them here:

1. COVID-19 is still extremely contagious, especially indoors or in closed settings;
2. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day Masses remains in effect until further notice so that all Catholic faithful, in good conscience, are not required to be physically present in church; live-streamed Masses will continue in most parishes;
3. Anyone who is sick or at risk should not come to church; that is not punitive but, rather, common sense and an act of charity toward your neighbors;
4. All parishes are expected to abide strictly by occupancy limits/restrictions and other regulations of the Diocese with care;
5. Masks must be worn (no exceptions), physical contact of any kind must be avoided, social distancing must be practiced, proper sanitation must be observed at all public in-church Masses;
6. Before attending public, in-church Masses, the Catholic faithful are asked to consider any possible health and safety risks involved.

To view the full set of directives, please visit:

[DioceseofTrenton.org/coronavirus](https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus) A report by The Monitor on how parishioners responded to the first in-church Masses is available here:

<https://bit.ly/2zU6LiR>

The Diocese’s Department of Multimedia Production has produced an instructional video on key precautionary measures to know before you attend in-church Masses. To view the video:

Click here for English https://youtu.be/v8PRxVJ3Z_Y

Click here for Spanish <https://youtu.be/KjINPnpEvCI>



BISHOP'S CORNER

Excerpt from:

IN THE LORD JESUS, WE WALK IN TRUTH

Truth is not true because we believe it.
Truth is true whether we believe it or not.

Truth is not true today and false tomorrow.
Truth is not the object of whims; it is not the subject of opinion polls or majority votes; it is not the “stuff” of arbitrary decisions based upon what is easiest or most convenient to follow or what “feels good” at any particular point in time. Truth is the Lord Jesus dwelling among us in the Church he established. Truth is what the Church teaches based upon his revelation, unfolding in tradition from generation to generation. Truth is “Peter” upon whom the Lord Jesus built his Church so that, as he said, “what is bound on earth is so bound in heaven (Matthew 18: 18).”

On the night before he died for us, the Lord Jesus gathered his Apostles together and prayed to his Father for them, “Consecrate them in the truth. Your Word is Truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world ... I pray not only for them but also for those who will believe in me through their word (John 17:17-20).”

We live in confusing times, in times of doubt, in times of bitter division in virtually every sphere of human endeavor. I believe that every once in a while it is important to remind ourselves that there is a truth that is greater than the opinions and agendas that seem to drive the divide that separates us from one another. The truth is the Lord Jesus and his Gospel. The mission of our Church is to share that truth with the world.

Read the complete article here:

<https://bit.ly/3a7tOVc>

LATEST ISSUE OF THE MONITOR MAGAZINE COVERS RETURN TO CHURCH, SCHOOL

Cautious optimism has been the description used for the gradual and careful return to in-church Masses across the Diocese’s four counties. At the same time, our Catholic school leadership is diligently working, along with their public school counterparts, to get ready for September and all that it will bring.

These are complicated times, and the array of coverage in the **August issue of The Monitor Magazine** aims to bring clarity and hope to our readers.

Because The Monitor Magazine cannot be distributed in our churches at this time, we are providing free and open digital access to all members of our diocesan community and visitors to our websites.

You can view a digital copy here: <https://bit.ly/3ipTzmt>

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 16, 2020

GREAT FAITH AND PRAYER

In this week's Gospel, Jesus goes into Gentile (non-Jewish) territory and encounters there a Canaanite whose daughter is ill. She learns he is there and goes to him, begging for help. At first Jesus doesn't answer her, but she continues to beg for his help.

Even when he tells her that it isn't right to give the food of the children to the dogs, she retorts by saying that even the dogs get crumbs. Jesus is so impressed by her boldness that he heals her daughter, saying, "Oh woman, great is your faith!"

From this story, we learn two important points. The first is that persistent prayer backed by unwavering faith will receive an answer from the Lord. We don't always receive the answers in the way we want or expect to, but if we pray persistently, we will see our hearts open up to the good thing God wants for us.

The second is that we who live 2,000 years after Christ can still receive his healing and blessing. He healed the woman's daughter from a distance and he can still heal us today. Time and space are no barriers to the Lord of all time and all space. Since many of us have had the experience of praying when it seems as if our prayers are battering against a brick wall, this Gospel story of the persistent woman serves to increase our faith in the love and mercy of the Lord for each one of us.

PRAYER:

What is the deepest prayer on your heart? Imagine that you are with the woman in today's Gospel. You hear her banter with Jesus and you see her joy at being granted her request. Now you come before Jesus with your desire, your prayer. Picture yourself presenting that petition to him. Do you truly believe that he will answer your prayer? Are you willing to persevere in making this request if it is not answered right away? Are you open to having your heart conform to his will if he should respond to your prayer in a way other than what you request?"

RESOLUTION:

Make a "Prayer List." Write down what you are praying for and then record the response: Yes, No, or Wait. Keep the journal for at least a month and pay attention to how God is responding to your requests. Also trust that God wants what is best for you and sometimes answers our prayers in unexpected ways that are truly for the best for us.

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#WHATSMYNAME

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