

# SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH



## *Our Parish is Served by:*

Reverend Alex Enriquez, Pastor  
Deacon Christian Knoebel  
Deacon John White

*We invite you to celebrate with us*

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*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.*

## Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

**679 W. Veterans Highway  
Jackson, NJ 08527**



## Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - JUNE 4, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, June 3

4:00 pm Rosemarie McNab &  
Frank Giblock  
(Frank & Marylou Falesto)

#### Sunday, June 4

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone  
(Gerarda Fallone)  
11:00 am Judith Alexander Reed  
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

#### Monday, June 5

9:00 am Kappler Family  
(Piacentino Family)

#### Tuesday, June 6

9:00 am Joseph Lipari (Family)

#### Wednesday, June 7

9:00 am Deacon William M Carragher  
(Marie Gould)

#### Thursday, June 8

9:00 am Loretta Zrebiec (Husband, Tom)

#### Saturday, June 10

4:00 pm Rosemarie McNab  
(St Monica Religious Ed)

#### Sunday, June 11

9:00 am Lawrence Finnerty  
(Patricia, Mike & Mark)  
11:00 am Mickey Kilrain  
(Goldner Family)

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

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian Scott, Dianne Smith, Frank Diolosa, Theodore Dunyak, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Baby Tripp Ravenfeld, Marie Gould, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, John Jennings, Arlene Toth, Deborah MacInnes, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Tina Sherry, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Eileen Morello, Elaine Stemmler, Rose Thompson, Tom Martin, Sarah Thomas, Christos Lambrou, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Cathy Sedano, Jennie D'Angelo, Jake Higgins, Paul Hetteroth, John C Purfield, Cheryl Vega, Taylor Dlugosz, Cameron Dlugosz, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislak, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, Maria Lambros, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler, Kevin Fitzpatrick

*Contact 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.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK – JUNE 4, 2023

**Monday:** Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17;  
Jn 6:51-58

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
will be held on  
Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  
following the morning Mass

**GIRL SCOUTS FAITH FORMATION BADGE**

On Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Little Church at St. Monica Church, in Little Church, we will offer an introduction to the Faith Affirmation Badge sponsored through the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore and the Diocese of Trenton.

This badge is an exploration of the Catholic faith and the Bible. Girls will be discussing Bible verses and how the Bible and their faith impact their everyday life. The goal is to help them make moral and faith based decisions in their everyday challenges.

This is an informational meeting and all the details of the program will be discussed at the meeting. The program is offered to all our Catholic Girl Scouts of any age and level. For more information or any questions please contact Theresa Calsetta at 732-299-0261.

**BISHOP’S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING OCT. 8**

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O’Connell’s Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 3 pm. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing) or call the parish office (732-928-0279). The **registration deadline** is **September 30**.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS  
MAY 15 - 21, 2023**

Total \$4,476.25

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

**2023 Annual Catholic Appeal  
Update**

**Goal: \$18,000.00**  
**Pledged: \$15,320.00 (85% of Goal)**  
**Paid: \$14,250.00 (79% of Goal)**  
**Total Donors: 82**  
**Total Gifts: 90**  
**Average Gift: \$170.22**

**FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY**

It has come to our attention that there are individuals trespassing on church property in our area asking for money. **Please do not contribute to these individuals.**

**These groups are organized and, regardless of any hardships they claim, their business is to get your cash.**

To protect our parishioners from this type of fraudulent activity, ALL groups requesting donations must be authorized.

If you are approached by anyone on church property who asks for a donation to a cause which does not appear in our bulletin or in an announcement from the pulpit, please report it to Fr. Alex, one of our deacons, or contact the parish office. Again, **please do not contribute to these individuals.**

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**FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES**

Mass Remembrance envelopes for Father's Day are on the table at the entrances to the church and included in your envelope mailing (if you receive them). Anyone wishing to honor their Fathers (living or deceased) may do so by filling out the intention envelope. To ensure your intentions will be published in our bulletin on Father's Day, please return your offering by placing it in the collection basket **no later than June 11.**

**"Come & See"  
Priestly Discernment BBQ**

*Thursday, June 29th*  
5:30 - 8:30 PM

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POPE FRANCIS

**Intercessions for Life**

June 4, 2023

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May we more deeply respect  
the gift of each person,  
who is created  
and called to holiness  
by the gracious action  
of the Trinity.  
Lord hear our prayer.



**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, June 3**

3:15 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 4**

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass

**Monday, June 5**

9:00 am Mass  
1:00 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

**Tuesday, June 6**

9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

**Wednesday, June 7**

9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:00 pm Girl Scout Faith Badge (LC)

**Thursday, June 8**

9:00 am Mass  
7:30 pm K of C Mtg. (Parish Hall)

**Friday, June 9 Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday, June 10**

3:15 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 11**

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Women of St. Monica Mtg. (LC)

**Monday, June 12**

9:00 am Mass  
1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

**Tuesday, June 13**

9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

**Wednesday, June 14**

9:00 am Mass

**Thursday, June 15**

9:00 am Mass

**Friday, June 16 Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday, June 17**

Father's Day  
3:15 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 18**

Father's Day  
9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass

**Pastoral Patterns**



“The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God,” which we hear in the first reading, are not the words of Moses or of any other person, but God’s own words to Moses. From the great and wonderful things God did for the Chosen People, to sending the Son to save us all, to bestowing the Spirit to be with us always, God has constantly treated us with infinite mercy and grace.

When God comes down from the heavens and speaks to Moses, the words God uses are relational: “merciful, gracious, slow to anger, rich in kindness and fidelity.” (Exodus 34:6). God is relational. Moses would not have realized it at that time, but even then God was relational, not only with all creation, but also with the Son and the Holy Spirit. God has always been in relationship, for God has always been three persons in one God.

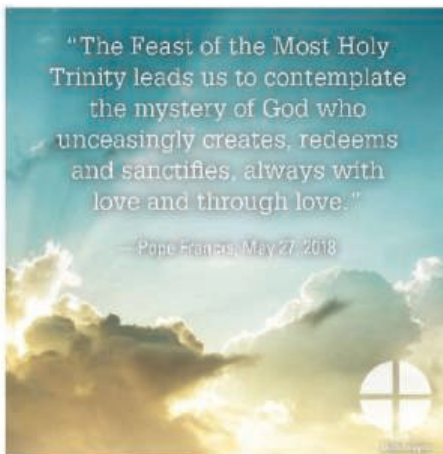
Our God is a forgiving God. We see this again in the New Testament, in the way that Jesus treats sinners in the Gospels, leading to his willingness to sacrifice his life for sinners. His forgiveness is not distant or impersonal. He gets to know sinners intimately, which leads to him loving us more deeply, which leads to forgiveness that is true and real. We would do well to strive to do the same. The clearest and most illuminating acclamation of the Trinitarian God is this familiar phrase:

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with all of you.*

## Most Holy Trinity Sunday

"The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems and sanctifies, always with love and through love."

—Pope Francis, May 27, 2018



**The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. God reveals himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity includes three truths of faith.**

**First, the Trinity is One. We do not speak of three gods but of one God. Each of the Persons is fully God. They are a unity of Persons in one divine nature.**

**Second, the Divine Persons are distinct from each other. Father, Son, and Spirit are not three appearances or modes of God, but three identifiable persons, each fully God in a way distinct from the others.**

**Third, the Divine Persons are in relation to each other. The distinction of each is understood only in reference**

**to the others. The Father cannot be the Father without the Son, nor can the Son be the Son without the Father. The Holy Spirit is related to the Father and the Son who both send him forth.**

**All Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity illumines all the other mysteries of faith.**

### Saint of the Week

**Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church**  
c. 306–373 | FEAST DAY JUNE 9

Known to Syrian Christians as "the harp of the Holy Ghost," this Mesopotamian from Nisibia was baptized at 18 and may have accompanied his bishop to the Council of Nicaea in 325. He served as head of the cathedral school and left Nisibia only after it became Persian. In 363 he moved to a cave overlooking Edessa but preached frequently in the city and wrote many poems, hymns and biblical commentaries; he organized a choir of women to sing his hymns during liturgies. About 370 he visited St. Basil in Caesarea. The winter before his death, he earned praise for managing relief supplies during a severe famine in Edessa. Ephraem is the only Syrian father declared a doctor of the church.



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# Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power and love created me,  
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,  
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me  
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

Amen.



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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 2023 or Spring 2024, (2) be a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church or the child of a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church or the child of a member of St. Monica's Knights of Columbus.

Your essay will be based on your ability to answer the following question about your faith. The answers to the question do not have to be included in your essay but must be attached in your email or displayed as the preliminary basis for your essay. IT MUST BE ANSWERED. The answers will be evaluated, scored and included as a percentage of your grade in the event of a tie breaker.

Please answer this twofold question to the best of your ability:

- (1) How many gifts do we receive from the Holy Spirit?
- (2) Name all of the gifts you think we receive from the Holy Spirit.

Now choose only one of the gifts and show how its life principle inspires the guidelines for your life.

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 July 9, 2023. - First place award \$500 - Second place award \$300 - Third place award \$200. GOOD LUCK!

Ron Borrello, PGK  
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- Minor carpentry repairs
- Weather stripping and caulking
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- Change lightbulbs
- Change furnace and air conditioner filters
- Change storm windows and doors
- Install curtain and drapery hardware
- Perform seasonal outside jobs (based upon volunteer availability)



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TYPES OF PROJECTS **FIX IT** VOLUNTEERS TAKE ON

- Install grab bars and safety hand rails
- Repair minor electrical problems (such as faulty light switches)
- Do minor carpentry repairs
- Do minor plumbing (such as leaky faucets and running toilets)
- Change storm windows and doors
- Weather stripping and caulking
- Replace batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Change light bulbs
- Change furnace filters and air conditioner filters
- Install curtain and drapery hardware
- Fix small appliances
- Perform seasonal outside jobs (based upon volunteer availability)



**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 - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**Baptisms**

Celebrated outside of 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.

**Knights of Columbus Council #11529**

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**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

**Bereavement Ministry**

Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Grief Support**

For those grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment to support your journey from grieving to healing. For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or [dcnjohnw@gmail.com](mailto:dcnjohnw@gmail.com)

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

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

**Youth Group**

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms 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 and 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.

**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. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or [stmonicacd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicacd@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.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an Irish Catholic fraternity looking for members to bond in Brotherhood, Unity & Christian Charity. Contact Patrick Jockel (609) 489-9221 or at [patrickaoh@hotmail.com](mailto:patrickaoh@hotmail.com)

## REFLECTIONS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY—JUNE 4, 2023

### THREE PERSONS, ONE GOD

In our reading from Exodus, Moses has an incredible encounter with God. Moses didn't want an abstract knowledge of God, but wanted to know the Person of God, to see the face of God, to learn God's name. In response, God reveals his innermost name.

Why is this so important? When we know a person's name, we can enter into a relationship with them. So when Moses learns God's name, he begins to learn God's character as well.

Moses talks about God's rich, steadfast love, and those characteristics become a kind of mission statement: "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." In fact, this "mission statement" from Exodus 34 is the most quoted line of the Pentateuch. Throughout their history, the Israelites have held onto God's mercy and from that identity comes God's deeds — his mercy, his kindness, and his steadfast love.

Then in the Gospel of John, we get the famous line about God so loving the world, that he gave his only Son. This highlights two of the key actions of God: first his love, and second, his giving. Through this we learn that love is an action, not a feeling, and that love is expressed in giving.

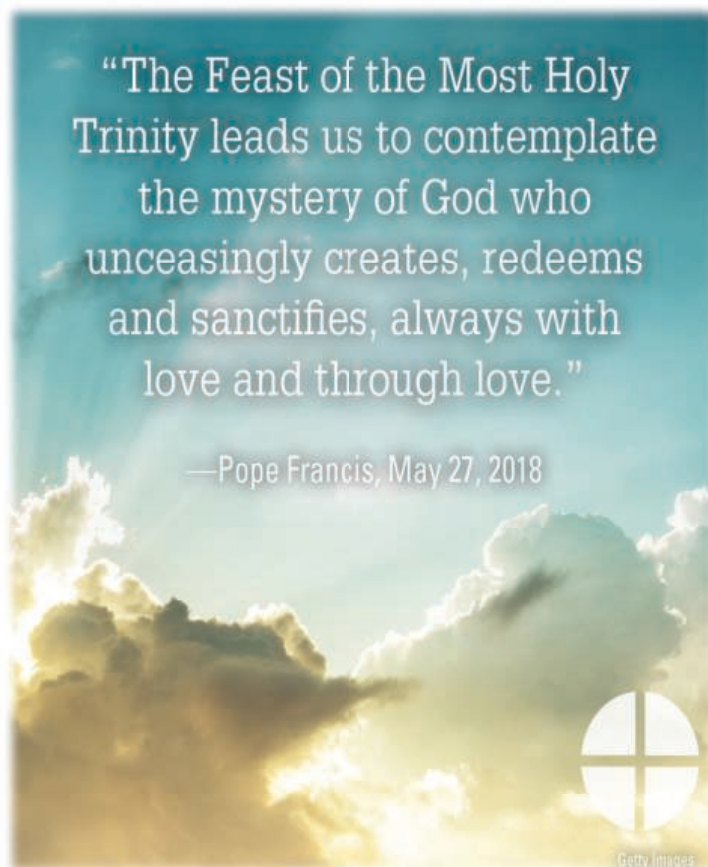
From all of this we come to realize that God is a loving God who wants to share his goodness with us, so he gives us the Son, who infinitely gives himself back to the Father. This love and mutual self-giving is the Person of the Holy Spirit, for God is love and his deeds are love. God is one God, with Three Persons united in love, and the Holy Spirit is the manifestation of that giving love.

### PRAYER

In the reading from Exodus, we are told that the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and rich in kindness and fidelity. Do you think God is merciful in your life? Slow to anger? In what ways have you experienced God's kindness and fidelity? How does this description of God's character help you grow in your relationship with God?

### RESOLUTION

Consider all the ways that God has been gracious, slow to anger, and kind to you. You may want to write down these things this week so that you remember them and can see how God is intimately involved in your life. [formed.com](http://formed.com)



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