

SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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
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Confessions

Saturdays
3:15 pm
to 3:45 pm
or
by appointment

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - JUNE 11, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, June 12

9:00 am Cullen Family
(Piacentino Family)

Tuesday, June 13

9:00 am Intentions of Zylar D Gould
(Marie Gould)

Wednesday, June 14

9:00 am John Piacentino
(Piacentino Family)

Thursday, June 15

9:00 am Intentions of David & June Gould
(Marie Gould)

Saturday, June 17

4:00 pm Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, June 18

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

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, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislán, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, Maria Lambros, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Shannon Hubert

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 11, 2023

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Ministers are needed to serve at Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on August 15, 2023, a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be two Masses on Aug. 15 for this Holy Day, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Needed for each Mass time are: Greeters, Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you able and willing to serve, please sign up in the back of church, or let the parish office know: 732-928-0279.

Bring Dad to Mass Next Week for a Special Blessing**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.**

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
MAY 22 - 28, 2023**

Total \$4,354.32

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

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 or call the parish office (732-928-0279). The **registration deadline is September 30.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.
JN 6:51



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - JUNE 11, 2023

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.**

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

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

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ST. JUSTIN MARTYR, FIRST APOLOGY, 66
THE MEMORIAL OF ST. JUSTIN MARTYR IS
CELEBRATED ON JUNE 1ST

Intercessions for Life

June 11, 2023

**The Solemnity of
the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

May the worthy reception
of Christ in the Eucharist
strengthen us
in our commitment
to protect and cherish
the gift of human life
from conception to natural death.
Lord hear our prayer.



CALENDAR

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

Monday, June 19

- Juneteenth Parish Offices Closed
No 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 21

- 9:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 22

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

(Friday, June 23 Parish Office Closed)

Saturday, June 24

- 3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 25

- 9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Pastoral Patterns



This weekend, we come together to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, conscious of the fact that Jesus gave us his Body and Blood to sustain us and nourish us as we continue to carry out his mission.

The manna that God provided to the Chosen People in the desert was literally 'bread from heaven.' It was a food they did not recognize; in fact, a food they did not even recognize as food, a food unknown to their ancestors. Moses had to explain: it is food, it is indeed the bread God had promised, and unless the people eat it, they will starve to death in the desert.

It is food and drink that sustain us as humans, a fact especially obvious to someone who is starving and thirsty. In the desert, God sustained the Chosen People with a food—manna—they had never seen before. The Eucharist, however, is also unique, for it is Christ's own Body and Blood. St. Paul points out that consuming it means that we participate in Christ's sacrifice. Jesus himself says it is essential to truly have life within you.

The words we hear Jesus proclaim in the Gospel come right after the starving crowd of thousands has been fed with just five loaves and two fish. These people also do not recognize Jesus' flesh as food, and obviously this too is a food unknown to their ancestors. Like Moses, Jesus has to explain: his flesh is true food, and unless the people eat it, they will not have eternal life within them.

Jesus is the living bread come down from heaven for us, the bread that is the flesh he gave for the life of the world, the bread that leads us all to eternal life. Let us give thanks to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—for the unique and priceless gift of the Eucharist, *to which we are invited every day.*



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The Real Presence

Since the Middle Ages, the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ has been called "transubstantiation." This means that the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. The appearances of bread and wine remain (color, shape, weight, chemical composition), but the underlying reality—that is, the substance—is now the Body and Blood of Christ.

With the passage of time, reverent reflection led the Church to enrich its Eucharistic devotion. Faith that Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament led believers to worship Christ dwelling with us permanently in the Sacrament. Wherever the Sacrament is, there is Christ, who is our Lord and our God. Such worship is expressed in many ways: in genuflection, in adoration of the Eucharist, and in the many forms of Eucharistic devotion that faith has nourished.

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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification.
Body of Christ, be my salvation.
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins.
Water of Christ's side, wash out
my stains.
Passion of Christ, my comfort be.
O good Jesu, listen to me,
In Thy wounds I fain would hide,
Ne'er to be parted from Thy side,
Guard me, should the foe assail me.
Call me when my life shall fail me.
Bid me come to Thee above,
With Thy saints to sing Thy love,
World without end. Amen.

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Saint of the Week

Vn. Carlo Acutis
May 3, 1991- October 12, 2006
Declared Venerable July 5, 2018

Venerable Carlo Acutis was a tech-savvy teenager, known for his love for others and his devotion to the Eucharist. He used his talents to build a website to share information about known Eucharistic miracles, and created videos sharing aspects of the Catholic faith with his internet audience. His faith extended beyond the internet as well, and he was known to befriend the poor, homeless, and migrant populations on the streets of his native city of Milan. In 2006, he died of leukemia at the age of 15. He was declared Venerable by Pope Francis in 2018. His cause for sainthood is ongoing.

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Join us as we RALLY FOR LIFE

SATURDAY – June 24, 2023

Celebration of the Landmark Decision of the U.S. Supreme Court
To Overturn Roe vs. Wade

State House Annex (Outside)
145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

RALLY FOR LIFE AT 11:00am

**A March will immediately follow led by Rev. Cienard Childress
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Pro-Life Leaders, Elected Officials and Clergy Expected to Address Rally.
Check our website, www.NJRTL.org, for information regarding weather and last-minute updates.



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Please e-mail NJRTL if you plan to attend at feedback@njrtl.org, or call
us at 732-562-0562 for more information.

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton
Invites You to a

Mass for Life

On the 1st Anniversary of the Overturn of Roe v Wade



Saturday June 24, 2023 at 9:30am

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ

Mass will conclude in time to walk to the 11 am Rally for Life at the
Statehouse Annex, 145 West State Street.

The Rally for Life is sponsored by



Please direct all questions regarding the Mass to the Cathedral Rectory Office, 609-396-8447
Please direct all questions regarding the Rally for Life to NJRTL 732-562-0562

EMBRACING THE DIVINE GIFT OF FREEDOM: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK 2023



**From Cardinal Dolan
via Bishop O'Connell**

“Religious Freedom Week 2023: Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom” takes place from June 22 to 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More, includes the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, and ends with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul.

During Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom. The Pray-Reflect-Act series aims to help Catholics build solidarity with people of faith who are persecuted abroad and find strength to carry out the mission of the Church here in the United States.

Here's the link to USCCB for the Pray-Reflect-Act series:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>



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The 2023 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 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 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
tinman1017@optonline.net

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.

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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 jlwhite2271@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. 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

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

Reflections for The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ —June 11, 2023

TAKE AND EAT

When we receive Holy Communion, we hear the words, “This is my Body” and “This is my Blood,” to which we dutifully answer, “Amen.” But have you ever considered exactly what those words mean?

Today’s Gospel asks us to examine Jesus’s statement in a new way, because when we really look at them, his words are as shocking now as they were two thousand years ago. Jesus is telling us to eat his flesh and drink his blood! Little wonder people thought he was suggesting cannibalism when they first heard this teaching.

As Catholics we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ each time we receive the Eucharist. But do we really believe that? It’s a question worth examining because in the Mass, Jesus is truly made present under the appearance of bread and wine.

Each time we attend Mass, we celebrate the fact our God loves us so much that he nourishes us with himself so that we can become saints. It is both the greatest gift—and greatest mystery—of our faith. Ultimately, it is also the principal reason to be a Catholic—in order to receive the Lord in Holy Communion, just as he commanded the Jews of his day...and invites us to do today.



PRAYER:

Picture yourself listening to Jesus. You hear him say that “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” For a moment put aside what you know about the Eucharist and imagine what might go through your mind when you hear those words. Are you shocked? Horrified? Curious? If you could ask Jesus a question at that moment, what would you ask? Now imagine yourself attending Mass. It’s time to receive the Eucharist, and as you approach the altar, think about Jesus’s words. How does this change the way you receive the Eucharist?

RESOLUTION

The next time you receive Communion, really think about the fact that you are receiving the actual Body and Blood of the Lord, under the species (or appearance) of bread and wine. Make sure that you are in a worthy state (no serious sin) before you receive.

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