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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 23 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22

4:00 pm Teresa Debiak (St Monica)

Sunday, July 23

9:00 am Silvana Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

11:00 am For the Safety of USS Nimitz Crew
(Herceg Family)

Monday, July 24

9:00 am Nicholas DeLuca
(Donna & Chris Ferreri)

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 am William Boyd
(Mary Boyd)

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 am Catherine Magauran
(Marie Gould)

Thursday, July 27

9:00 am Intentions of David Gould, Jr
(Marie Gould)

Saturday, July 29

4:00 pm Ann Ciriello
(Marie Gould)

Sunday, July 30

9:00 am Ulysses Starr Alexander
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

11:00 am Teresita Dionaldo
(Alfonso & Ida Dionaldo)

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, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Eileen Morello, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Sarah Thomas, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislán, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola

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 – JULY 23, 2023

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

This weekend, July 22 - 23, there will be a second collection for the **Retired, Elderly, and Infirm Priests Fund**. Please plan for two collections, and please be generous.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
JULY 3 - 9, 2023**

Total \$4,351.00

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

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP FORMING

There is a new men's prayer group being organized in our parish to address spiritual growth. The program is designed to help men build a more intentional and deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

The prayer group will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Church. The first meeting will be on 20 July.

Contact: Deacon John White or Dennis Gibson-732-814-0851



Please do not park in areas designated as Fire Lanes.

PARISH FESTIVAL 2023

Our Annual Saint Monica Parish Festival honoring our Patron Saint on her feast day, Sunday, August 27, will begin with the 11 a.m. Outdoor Mass. The annual Parish Picnic will follow.

Members of the parish and community are invited to come share a day of fun and celebration with family and friends. DJ, Barbecue, and other activities are provided.

As is our tradition, you are invited to bring your favorite salad or dessert to share.

Adults \$10, Children under 12 are \$2. Wristbands are available after Mass or from the Parish Office. Volunteers are needed to help with the day's events. Please see sign-up sheets at the back of church.

Call Alice Stephens 732-299-4408 or Liz Hills in the Parish Office 732-928-0279 for more information.



The Blessing of Long Life

God of mercy,
Who has given the gift of long life
to Your children,
grant them Your blessing;
let them feel the sweetness and strength of Your
presence:
Turning back to the past
let them rejoice in Your mercy
and looking to the future
Let them persevere in the hope
that does not die.
Praise and glory to You for ever and ever.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

This traveling exhibit was created to assist those who will experience it to affirm belief in the Real Presence of the Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based upon the website created by **Blessed Carlo Acutis** to catalogue all of the eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide. Acutis was a young man who lived in Italy. In his short life he was especially interested in web design and computer technology. He died at age 15 in 2006, and was beatified in 2020.

Acutis's exhibit is circular and is divided into seven sections or rooms. In the first six rooms, information about the Eucharistic miracles is displayed. Each panel names a miracle, recounts the story of its occurrence and the country where it took place. The panels are arranged in chronological order from the early Third Century to 2013. Be sure to notice the date on the timeline and some of the world events that will help you to place the miracle within an historical era.

All of the rooms point to the center of the exhibit. This is to intentionally remind us that the historical miracles we are learning about on the walls of the exhibit are all pointing to the miracle in front of us ☐ Jesus, present in the Most Holy Eucharist! In the seventh room, the Eucharist is clearly visible in the monstrance and a place has been prepared for you to rest a while in His presence.

As the exhibit travels through our diocese you are encouraged to make a visit:

July 22 - August 7, 2023

Our Lady of Good Counsel, West Trenton, NJ

Aug. 12 - Aug. 26, 2023

St. Pius X Church, Forked River, NJ

More Information:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/eucharistic-miracles-exhibit>



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

☐ *In exposition, adoration, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we have the contemplative extension or prolongation of the Eucharistic sacrifice itself.* ☐

Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia, O.P.

Archbishop Di Noia is an American Dominican currently serving at the Vatican as Adjunct Secretary of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith

Intercessions for Life

July 23, 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May married couples
embrace their call
to total, faithful, and fruitful love
with openness to new life.
Lord hear our prayer.



CALENDAR

Saturday, July 22

- 12:00 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 23

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 2:30 pm Baptism

Monday, July 24

- 9:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Rel. Ed. Prep (Kitchen)
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Tuesday, July 25

- 9:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
- 8:00 pm K of C Officer Mtg. (LC)

Wednesday, July 26

- 9:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Rel. Ed. Prep (Little Church)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (Church)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Little Church)

Thursday, July 27

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

(Friday, July 28 Parish Office Closed)**Saturday, July 29**

- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 30

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 31

- 9:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Rel. Ed. Prep (Kitchen)
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

- 9:00 am Mass
- 9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:00 am Rel. Ed. Prep (Little Church)

Thursday, August 3

- 9:00 am Mass

(Friday, August 4 Parish Office Closed)

- 6:00 pm Youth Group Mtg. (LC)

Saturday, August 5

- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 6

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

SHORT TERM COUNSELING

Parishioners have access to short term professional counseling at locations throughout the Diocese of Trenton through **Parish Counseling Services** developed by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals will be available to help parishioners, through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement, or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Short term counseling is not appropriate treatment for severe or persistent mental illness.

Referrals to Parish Counseling Services can only be made by pastors and parish priests, by emailing a completed referral form to Parish Counseling Services. A coordinator will contact the parishioner to arrange for counseling after the request has been received.

Please note that Short Term Counseling is defined as a maximum of six sessions. The fee is \$90/per session. If financial assistance is needed, The Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services will assist with a grant of \$65/per session. However, the co-pay of \$25/per session is the responsibility of the individual and is paid to the counselor at the end of each session. At the parishioner's request, their insurance can be accessed for these counseling services as long as the coverage for the service is available under his/her health plan and the counselor is on that plan.

To request to be referred for Parish Counseling Services, please speak with your Pastor.



World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26).

**The theme for the 2023 celebration selected by the pope is
"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50).**



Lippi, Filippino: *The Meeting of Joachim and Anne Outside the Golden Gate of Jerusalem*

Saints Anne and Joachim, (flourished 1st century BCE, Palestine; Western feast day July 26, Eastern feast day July 25), the parents of the [Virgin Mary](#), according to tradition derived from certain [apocryphal](#) writings. St. Anne is one of the [patron saints](#) of [Brittany](#) and [Canada](#) and of women in [labour](#). As the grandparents of [Jesus](#), Saints Anne and Joachim are also considered the patron saints of grandparents.



On World Day for **Grandparents** and the **Elderly 2023 ...**

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers through a gift to the second annual

Diocesan Retired, Elderly AND Infirm Priests FUND

Collection to be held in all parishes of the Diocese of Trenton

July 22-23, 2023



This year, there are 85 retired priests of the Diocese. Please remember them in your prayers and be as generous as your circumstances allow.

2023 DIOCESE of TRENTON

BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50⁺ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2023 calendar year

Ocean & Monmouth Counties
Oct. 8, 2023
3pm Mass

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE



or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2023



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Stress in your Marriage?

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2023**



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challenges you face in marriage.**

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RICH COLASUONNO @ 732-236-0671,
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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 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. 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

Reflection for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time □ July 23, 2023

FAITH AND PATIENCE

This week we read three of Jesus's most famous parables: the sower and the seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast in the three measures of flour. What do all of these have in common? You might say they are stories about faith and how it grows and develops. This is correct, but they also have something else in common: the theme of patience.

The farmer who sows the seed has to wait until both the wheat and the weeds mature before he can begin to sort them out. If he uproots the plants too early, he risks destroying his crop along with the weeds. The mustard seed, which is miniscule, eventually becomes a huge bush. But patience is required for the seed to take root and reach maturity. Finally, the woman who kneads the yeast into the flour has to wait for the bread to rise before she can bake it.

In all three cases, it's necessary to wait until you see the final result. You may know that there will be a crop of wheat, a large bush, and loaves of bread, but it takes time and patient waiting before you can see them. You have to trust in the process.

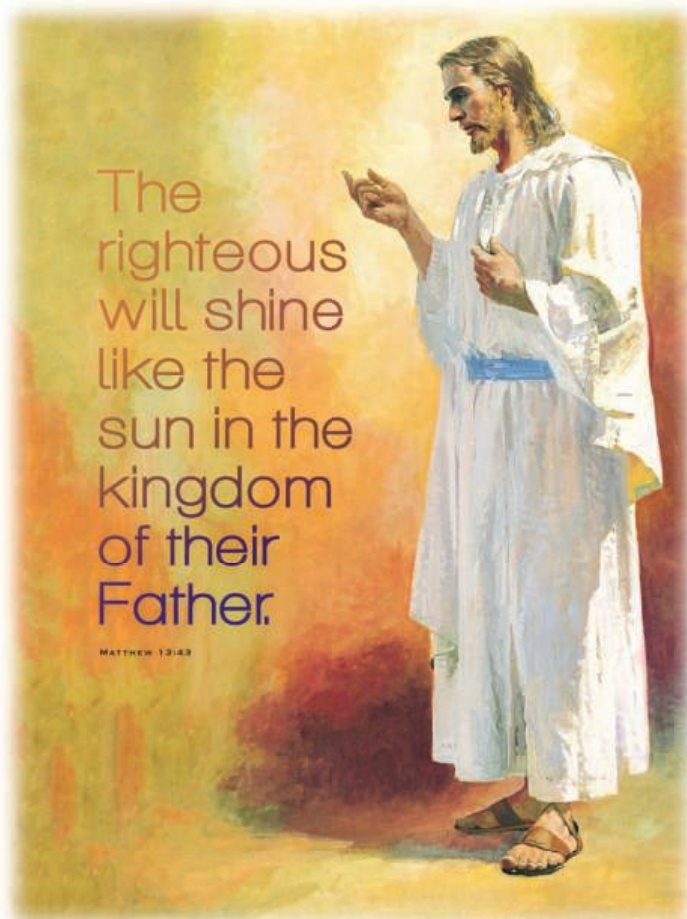
The same is often true with our desire to share the Faith. We want people to embrace the Gospel right away; we want an immediate, enthusiastic response to the Good News of salvation. It didn't work like that in the time of Jesus, and it doesn't today. Most of the time (there are always exceptions), we have to sow the seed or mix in the yeast first and then sit back and wait. No matter how much we might want to rush things, we need patience as we wait for faith to develop ... from tiny seeds and grains of yeast.

PRAYER

Picture yourself in a kitchen. There is a large bowl of flour on the counter and a measure of yeast. Mix the yeast into the flour. Now imagine Jesus says to you, "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast." What thought comes to mind? Is there a question you would like to ask Jesus about this? What does he say?

RESOLUTION

Think of at least two ways you might be "yeast" for the Kingdom in your family or your work. How important is it to you to be that yeast?



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