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to 3:45 pm

or
by appointment

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Masses
Mon. to Thurs. 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

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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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 30, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, July 31

9:00 am Walter Heublien
(American Legion Post 504 Jackson)

Tuesday, August 1

9:00 am Frank Schifando
(Therese Stahlhut)

Wednesday, August 2

9:00 am Thomas J Carragher
(Marie Gould)

Thursday, August 3

9:00 am Brandon Canizares
(Frank & Lana Castellano)

Saturday, August 5

4:00 pm Mary Klepnow
(Mary Boyd)

Sunday, August 6

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

11:00 am Valerino Grandilli
(Debiak 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, 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, Ray Kijowski

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 30, 2023

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, August 2nd at 9:30 a.m. following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
JULY 10 - 16, 2023**

Total \$3,917.00

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

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



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.



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

☐ *The happiness
you have a right to enjoy
has a name and a face:
it is Jesus of Nazareth,
hidden in the Eucharist.* ☐

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Intercessions for Life

July 30, 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For women who are
unexpectedly pregnant:
May they be filled with trust
in God's providence
and supported
by those around them
to lovingly welcome
the gift of their child.
Lord hear our prayer.



CALENDAR

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)

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Rel. Ed. Prep (Little Church)

Thursday, August 10

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

(Friday, August 11 Parish Office Closed)**Saturday, August 12**

Mission Appeal
3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 13

Mission Appeal
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Mother
Parish Offices Closed
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Mass

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JOIN OUR MINISTRY AND PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

The ministry of the catechist is a crucial ministry in the pastoral life of every parish. The role of the catechist is to help pass on the faith of the Church by introducing students to the person of Jesus Christ. St. John Paul II taught that *catechesis is essentially an experience of encountering the person of Jesus within the community of faith which is the Church.*

Catechists/Teachers are needed for the Religious Education Program beginning the week of September 18, 2023, and ending the week of May 7, 2024. Teacher Guides and training will be provided.

The only Qualifications needed are:

- ☐ Someone who lives their faith, loves the Lord, and is willing to share it with others
- ☐ Enjoys working with children

Please contact Karen Badach if you wish to join this wonderful ministry at (732) 928-4038 to set up an appointment or email Karen at stmonicaccd@yahoo.com

Catechists/Teachers are needed for the following grades:

Monday 4:30 ☐ 5:45 Grades 1 and 6
Monday 6:15 ☐ 7:30 Grade 1
Tuesday 5:30 ☐ 7:00 Grade 7 (2 teachers)

Religious Education Volunteers are needed to:

- Help set up classes or breakdown
- Help with dismissal in the parking lot for the late session
- Be a classroom aide
- Substitute when a teacher is absent

REMINDER

If you have not re-registered your child/ children for class, please register now.

If you are new to our program, please call the Religious Education office (732-928-4038) to register YOUR CHILD. The Baptism certificate and any other certificates for sacraments received are needed at the time of registration. 732-928-4038

Mark your Calendars:

Wed. Sept 13 (6:00 pm) Parent Meeting for all Rel. Ed. Parents
Mon. Sept 18 Classes begin Grades 1-6
Tues. Sept 19 Classes begin Grades 7&8



Saint Martha | FIRST CENTURY FEAST DAY: JULY 29

Martha and her siblings, Mary and Lazarus, are Jesus' friends in Bethany. In Luke 10:38-42, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, Martha is busy serving. When she complains to Jesus, he says: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. ... Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Just before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44), Martha confesses: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." She is the patron of cooks and servers.



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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Stress in your Marriage?



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UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE
**WEEKEND FOR
COUPLES**

**AUGUST 18-20,
2023**

**Is your marriage going
down the right road . . .
or is it a little off track?**

**Life can be difficult, and so can the
challenges you face in marriage.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE A MERCHANT ON
THE LOOKOUT FOR CHOICE
PEARLS. WHEN HE
DISCOVERED A PEARL OF
GREAT VALUE, HE SOLD
EVERYTHING HE OWNED
AND BOUGHT IT!

Matthew 13:45-46



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE
TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD,
WHICH A MAN FOUND AND COVERED UP.
THEN IN HIS JOY HE GOES AND SELLS
ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

Matthew 13:44

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.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Reflections for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time □ July 30, 2023

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.

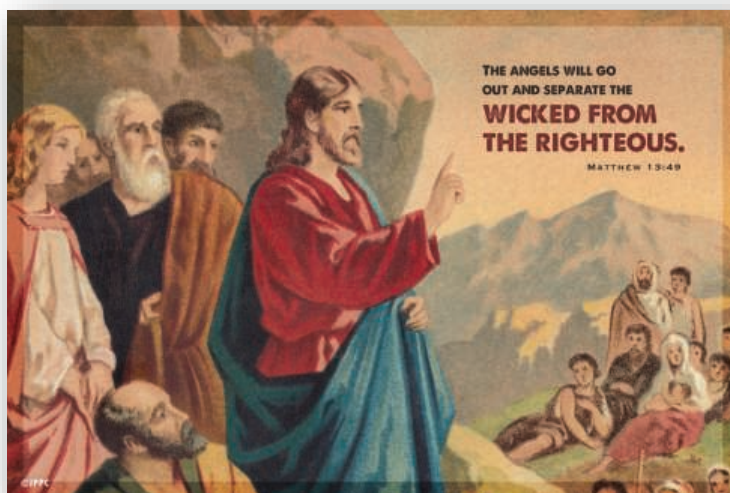
This leads us to the fundamental questions of life: What have you and I given up to become a follower of Christ? What are you and I willing to give up?

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. formed.org



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