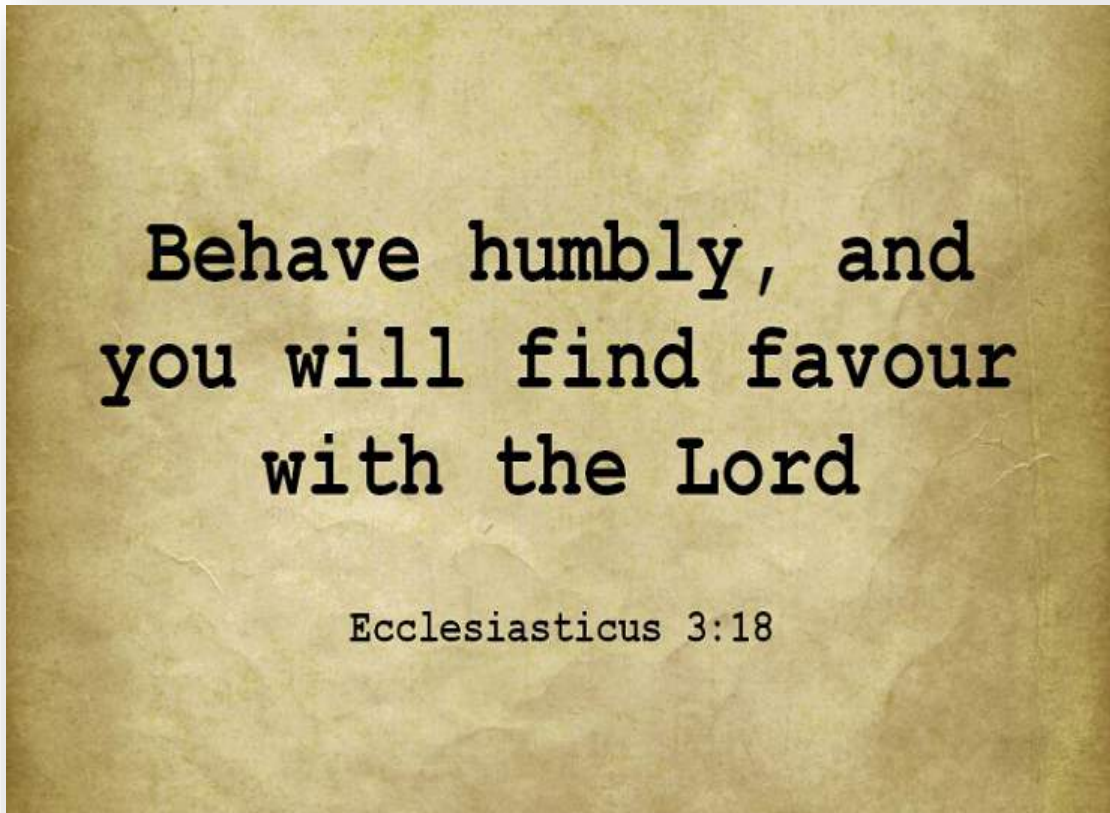


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NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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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

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Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

1st Thursdays 7pm

or by appointment

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 5, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4

4:00 pm Edward Somodi
(Terry Stahlhut)

Sunday, November 5

9:00 am Carole Myers Rookey
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)
11:00 am Raymond Durborow
(William & Linda Patullo)

Monday, November 6

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 am Loretta Zrebiec (Husband Tom)

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 am Paul Emposimato, Jr
(Maralla Family)

Thursday, November 9

9:00 am Carol Kemp (Carle Family)

Saturday, November 11

4:00 pm Father Alfred Sokol
(Bea & Joe Spiech)

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am The Cassai Family
(Mary & Victor Tardio)
11:00 am Vincent Reeves (Adamski 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 Duniak, 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 Kislak, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Eileen Hmielewski

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 – NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During November we remember our beloved deceased who have completed their pilgrimage of faith. You are invited to inscribe their names in the Book of Remembrance on the table near the altar. We will pray for all the names in the book throughout the month.

ST. MONICA CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHIOR

Youth Choir

If you signed up to be in our Choir, the first practice is this Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm in the Church. Please make every effort to attend the practices.

YOUTH GROUP ORNAMENT SALE

Count down to Christmas with these Beautiful Wooden Advent & Christmas Ornaments!

Promote kindness each day of Advent with wooden tokens etched with positive words and phrases. Pick one token daily during Advent and spread kindness! Great for families, grandchildren & you!



This charming wooden Nativity ornament is etched with the name of our parish. You will love the stunning silhouette effect! This product is in short supply.

The Youth Group will be selling these beautiful wooden ornaments after each Mass beginning Nov. 4. This sale will be available while supplies last, so stop by the table at the back of the church after Mass to purchase yours. All proceeds will benefit the youth group and our church. For more info Contact Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
OCTOBER 16 - 22, 2023**

Total \$4,228.00

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



Goal: \$18,000.00
Pledged: \$18,325.00 (101% of Goal)
Paid: \$17,558.33 (97% of Goal)
Total Donors: 95
Total Gifts: 111
Average Gift: \$165.09

The final outreach for the 2023 Annual Appeal arrived in homes last week. Thank you to those who have made a gift to get our parish to 97 percent of goal in “Paid” Pledges! If you would like to make a gift to help our parish reach goal in “Paid” Pledges, please respond to the mailing or fill out a pledge card found at the church entrances - every gift helps! Plus, when we reach our goal, we receive 15% of funds received to goal, and 50% of funds received over goal back for parish needs. This additional support enhances our services, programs, and facilities. Thank you for your consideration!

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for “a special intention”



requested by Marie Gould.

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 4

- 10:00 am Altar Server Training (Church)
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 5

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:00 pm Women of St. Monica (Little Church)
- 1:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church)
- 6:30 pm Small Study Groups (Church)

Monday, November 6

- 9:00 am Mass
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
- 4:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, November 7

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm Rel. Ed. Gr. 8 Parent-Student Mtg.
- 7:00 pm Youth Christmas Choir (Church)

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

- 9:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm K of C Deceased Brothers Mass

Friday, November 10

Parish Office Closed for Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:15 pm Grief Support (LC)
- 6:30 pm Small Study Groups (Church)

Monday, November 13

- 9:00 am Mass
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
- 4:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, November 14

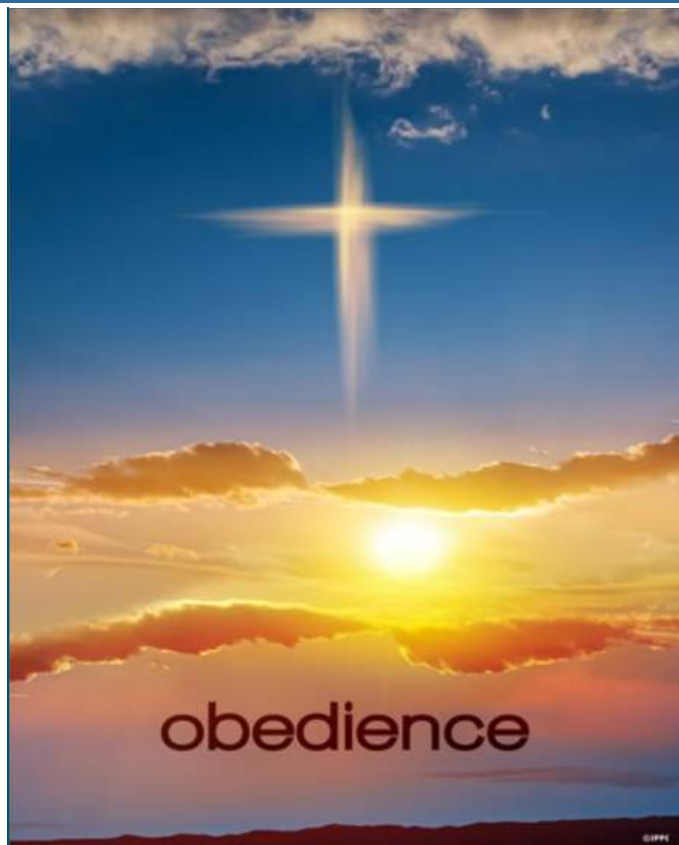
- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 7:00 pm Youth Christmas Choir (Church)

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

- 9:00 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm Men's Prayer Group (Church)





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Announcements On The Eucharistic Revival

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “Bring to your encounter with Jesus, hidden in the Eucharist, all the enthusiasm of your age, all your hopes, all your desire to love.” — Pope St. John Paul II, *Mane nobiscum Domine*, Oct. 7, 2004

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation.” — Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, April 17, 2003

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope.” — Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, April 17, 2003

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.” — Pope St. John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenaee*, Feb. 24, 1980

JESUS IS CALLING US DEEPER

HE PROMISES TO RESTORE AND RENEW HIS PEOPLE

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Have You Heard?

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW—AND
HE IS CALLING **YOU** TO BE A PART OF IT!**

Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

Scan the code below to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!



eucharisticrevival.org



PATRONESS

Our Lady of Guadalupe

This was the first Marian apparition to bless our continent, and it very concretely changed the course of history in the Americas! Our Lady of Guadalupe is the official Patroness of the National Eucharistic Revival. Today, we ask her to lead America to a greater love for her Son in the Eucharist.

Pray for Revival

Join us in asking for the special intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Carlo Acutis upon the National Eucharistic Revival movement. Scan the QR code to join the movement!



eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved



NATIONAL
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OUR SPECIAL INTERCESSOR

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church. He lived his whole life consumed with love for the Eucharist until his death at age 15. His earthly legacy is a virtual museum of more than 100 Eucharistic miracles that have been approved by the Church! We ask for his special intercession upon this movement, especially in reaching young hearts.



The Eucharist - St Monica

Masses & Reconciliation

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm
 Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
 Holy Days As Noted
 Reconciliation -Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
 -1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm
 -or by appt.

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am
 1st Thursday of each month 7:00 pm with Confessions

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 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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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

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 stmonicaccd@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

Reflection on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 5, 2023

ONLY ONE FATHER

Today's Gospel has two parts that don't exactly seem to fit together. First, Jesus is condemning the Scribes and Pharisees for the "hard burdens" they put on the people, and then all of a sudden he says that we should not call anyone Father. What's going on here?

Despite the seeming disparity, there is a common connection. Jesus is telling the Jewish leaders that wanting to be seen as better than others, or wanting to elevate themselves above the "ordinary" people is not at all what God wants from any of us. God wants humility and servanthood; not pride or lording it over others. In addition, God doesn't want us to expect others to practice what we preach. We can't go around telling people what they should do when we aren't willing to do it ourselves.

It is in the midst of this teaching that Jesus says we should call no one father (or master or teacher). He is not saying we should deny biological or spiritual fatherhood, but what he is saying is that we shouldn't attach special importance to titles or positions. In God's sight, we are all brothers and sisters, and we should treat each other with equal love and respect.

This wasn't an easy teaching to accept in Jesus's day, and it's no easier today. We all have the tendency to want to be recognized, to be important, to be respected. But Jesus says if we want to be elevated in the sight of God, we need to humble ourselves in the sight of humans. It is only when we recognize hypocrisy in ourselves and take steps to root it out that we can begin to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, changing us and the world we live in.

PRAYER

Consider that Jesus approaches you and asks you the following questions. Listen to each question and then make an honest answer in your heart, even if the answer is embarrassing or painful:

Do you expect other people to do work that you wouldn't do?

Do you tell everyone about your accomplishments?

Do you complain that you are overworked or underpaid?

Do you like to be seen as an expert?

Do you expect the best of everything, such as service in restaurants?

Do you want people to recognize and praise you?

Do you seek fame? Fortune?

RESOLUTION

Choose the one question that struck closest to home and think of two practical ways that you can practice the opposite this week. | formed.org

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Sun., Nov. 5 @ 6:30 p.m.
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