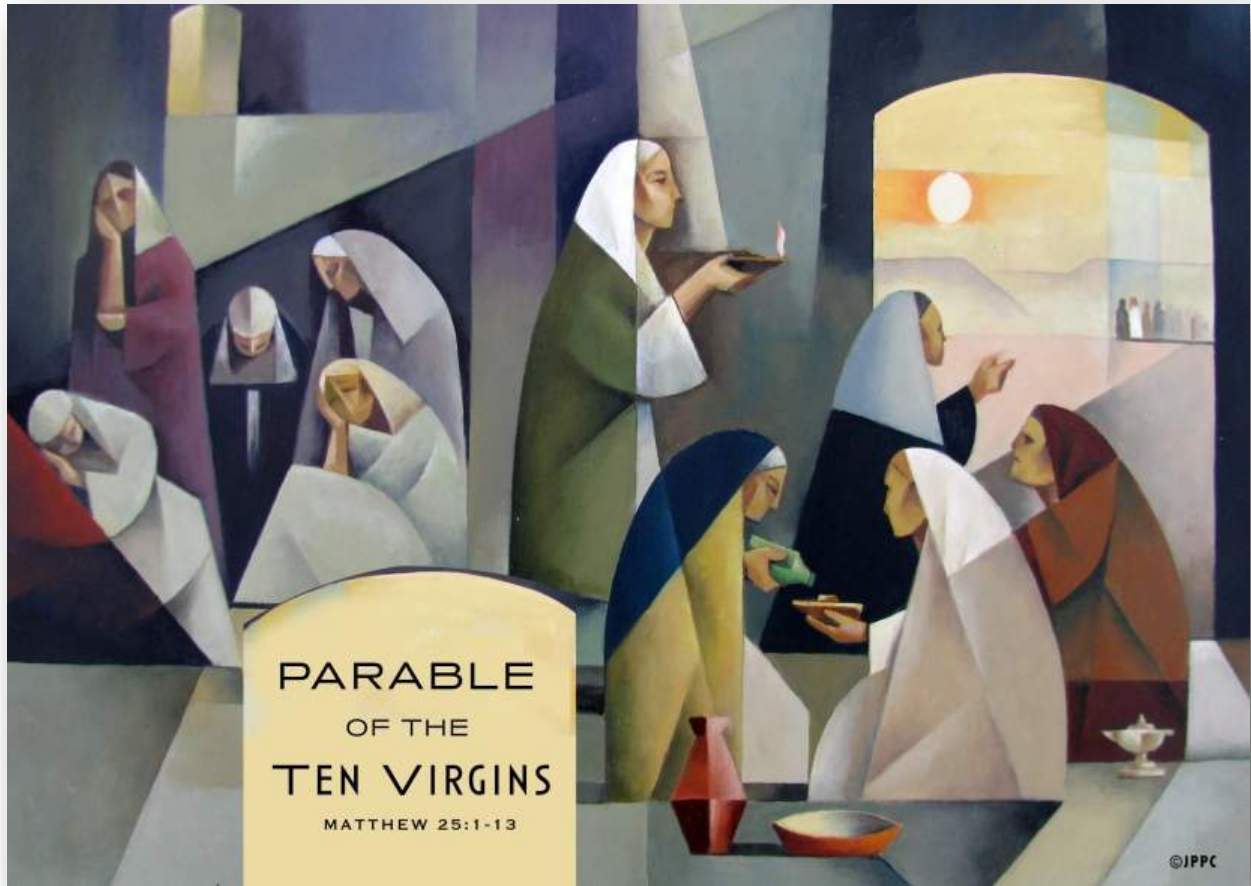


CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



NOVEMBER 12, 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.

Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

1st Thursdays 7pm

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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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 12, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, November 13

9:00 am Pat Ketchie
(Hedderman Family)

Tuesday, November 14

9:00 am Barbara M Zappulla 10th Anniversary
(Arlene Toth)

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 am Jean Alexander
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

Thursday, November 16

9:00 am John Healy (Dee & Denis Balint)

Saturday, November 18

4:00 pm Sylvester Cascio & Joseph Anzalone
(Anzalone Family)

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am Richard Wollaver
(Ronald & Kathleen Pascocello)

11:00 am Jim Scott (Kate Scott)

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, 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 12, 2023

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8;

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

WE HEAR YOU

Thank You to our Adult Choir for their donations toward the purchase of a new amplifier for our church sound system. Not only will the Choir sound better, but so will the whole sound system, including sound from the priest's microphone, the altar mic, and the ambo mic.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
OCTOBER 23 - 29, 2023**

Total \$5,054.45
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World Mission Sunday Collection \$488.00

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, children, grandchildren, co-workers, friends, and 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: Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

PLEASE NOTE

Reminder: Christmas Youth Choir practice is Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

On November 18th & 19th our Finance Committee will present the Financial Report to Parish at all Masses.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for a special intention requested by Marie Gould



WOMEN OF ST. MONICA SEEK NEW MEMBERS

Who are the Women of St Monica?

We are parishioners dedicated to our Catholic faith, our families, and our Church.

We are planners who meet monthly to plan future activities like fundraisers for our parish needs or for other worthy organizations.

We are adult learners about our faith, arranging for informative speakers on topics of interest. And occasionally we join in "just for fun" activities!

We invite new members to join us, and welcome you to attend our meetings held the 1st Sunday of the month at 12 p.m. in "Little Church," located across the hall from the parish office.

For questions, contact Linda Thompson at 908-770-0681. *We look forward to meeting you!*

MUSIC AT ST. ANTHONY, RED BANK

The Society of St. Cecilia at St. Anthony of Padua presents "A Bridge to Naples" featuring the Pergolosi String Quartet and soloists Robin Lee & Mara Adler O'Kelly performing Italian Art Songs & Arias, Sacred Music and Selections from Broadway.

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 27 Oratory Way, Red Bank. (Use main entrance on Chestnut St.) Admission is a Free Will Offering. Church is handicapped accessible. For further information call (732) 747-0813.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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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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CALENDAR

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

4:30 pm Religious Education

6:15 pm Religious Education

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

5:30 pm 2nd Grade Parent Reconciliation Mtg.

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Thursday, November 16

9:00 pm Mass

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

Friday, November 17

Little Church Unavailable (Social Concerns)

Saturday, November 18

Little Church Unavailable (Social Concerns)

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 19

Little Church Unavailable (Social Concerns)

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

6:30 pm Small Study Groups (Church)

Monday, November 20

9:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

4:30 pm Religious Education

6:15 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Rel. Ed. Class

7:00 pm Youth Christmas Choir (Church)

8:00 pm KofC Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Thursday, November 23-Thanksgiving

9:00 am Mass

Parish Office Closed

EUCHARISTIC 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 area, you are encouraged to make a visit:

Nov. 6 to Nov. 20

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Maple Shade, NJ

Nov. 27 to Dec. 11St. Jude Church, Blairstown, NJ (*Diocese of Metuchen*)

More Information:

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

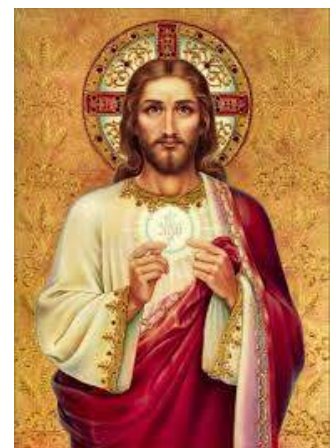
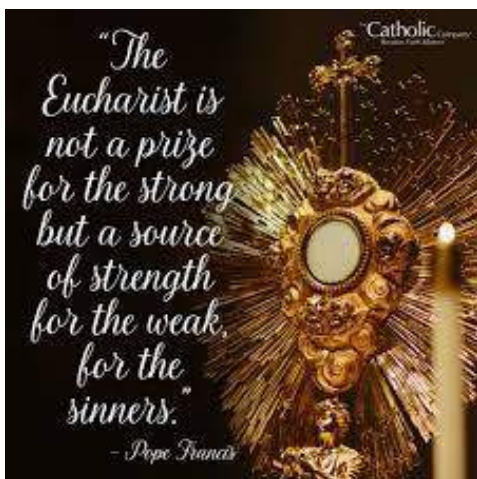


Announcements On The Eucharistic Revival

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?” – Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, April 17, 2003

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a ‘person,’ always alive and present with us! Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in Holy Mass, which renews the Sacrifice of the Cross. To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend.” - Pope St. John Paul II, Address to Italian youth, Nov. 8, 1978

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Eucharistic Revival – To sign up for weekly updates on the Eucharistic Revival, go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/> or use your smart phone camera and this QR Code:





“Are you Going?”

Parishes from every corner in our nation will gather at the feet of Jesus, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. Get your pass at <https://eucharisticcongress.org>
#NationalEucharisticCongress #EucharisticRevival

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought:

“Were we to disregard the Eucharist,
how could we overcome our own deficiency?”

– Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, April 17, 2003



Have You Heard?

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

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code 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



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Revival**

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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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

Reflections on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12, 2023

WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS

The story of the Foolish and the Wise Virgins can be difficult for us in the 21st century to fully appreciate. Not only do we not understand the wedding customs themselves, the actions of the Wise Virgins seem rather selfish: why wouldn't they just share with the Foolish Virgins and then everyone could go to the wedding and have a good time? If the point of the story was to encourage sharing, then that's probably how Jesus would have ended it. But the point is telling us that we must be patiently prepared for the coming of our bridegroom—Jesus himself.

The oil in the story represents the light of faith as it applies to good works and charity. And while there are many things we can do in pursuit of our spiritual life that we can share with others, there are certain things that we can do only for ourselves: things that build up the oil in our own lives—like reading the Scripture, attending Mass and offering up our daily sacrifices. No one can do those things for us...and we can't do them for anyone else.

As we read this week's Gospel, we are reminded that although we are all invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb, we must do our part by being ready at all times to meet the bridegroom, who will come like "a thief in the night." We must make sure that we have sufficient "oil" to light the lamps of our lives because no one can give us that "oil" at the last minute.

This wasn't an easy teaching to accept in Jesus' 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 that if we want to be elevated in the sight of God, we need to humble ourselves in the sight of men. 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

Imagine that you are one of the wise virgins who has brought extra oil (*remember: oil=good works & charity*). One of the foolish virgins comes up to you and asks that you share your oil with her. How does this request make you feel? Do you want to share your oil, or are you annoyed that she didn't plan ahead? You tell her that you can't share and send her to the merchant to buy some. How do you feel as you watch her leave? Is she angry with you? Do you feel guilty or vindicated? What do you resolve to do after this experience?

RESOLUTION

This week, redo the Prayer exercise, only this time, put yourself in the place of the foolish virgin. What might you do differently after *this* experience? | formed.org

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