

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

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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.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 19, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 19

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

11:00 am Jim Scott (Kate Scott)

Monday, November 20

9:00 am Carole Rookey
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am Mieko Clapp (Kate Scott)

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 am Camila Cupano Hanson
(Dcn John & Caroline White)

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving

9:00 am Our Parishioners & Families

Saturday, November 25

4:00 pm Michael Bergamo (Carle Family)

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am Michael Bergamo (Kaba Family)
11:00 am Paul Emposimato, Jr.
(Maralla 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, 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 19, 2023

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

PLEASE NOTE

Reminder: Christmas Youth Choir practice is Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

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

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

BLESSED SALT SALE

Jesus said to the Disciples, "We are the salt of the earth," in Matthew 5:13. Salt can be used to create a spiritual barrier in your home to ward off evil spirits; bless those in your charge; sprinkled on your threshold or foundation; as food, or spiritual protection while traveling. Salt bottles are available for purchase after Mass for \$10. AFTER its purchase, Fr Alex or the Deacons will BLESS it. This is a fundraiser to assist in church maintenance. A great gift for just about anyone!



For questions, contact Ron Borrello 732-713-8841

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
 OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

Total \$6,106.25

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser in Support of St. Jude's Children's Hospital and other local charities at Glory's Deli beginning on November 24th. Hours of operation are from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. Please come support this Christmas tradition with the purchase of a hardy Christmas Tree, Wreath or Grave Blanket, and know the proceeds from your purchase will be going to help the sick, needy and less fortunate during the Christmas Season. For additional information contact Chris Vega at 917-575-0551.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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.

YOUTH GROUP ORNAMENT SALE

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

This has completely sold out. We thank you for your support of our Youth Group!



WELCOME

St Monica extends a warm welcome to all visitors and hope you enjoy being part of our liturgical celebration. If you are new to the parish and would like to register, you can fill out a parish registration form located at the entrances to the church and place in the collection basket. You can also complete a registration form available on our website at www.saintmonica.com or stop in at the parish office Mon - Fri 9 am - 3:30 pm.

GROW YOUR FAITH

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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!*

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 18

- Little Church Unavailable (Social Concerns)
 9:00 am Rel Ed Svc project (Parish Hall)
 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 K of C Mtg. (Parish Hall)
 8:00 pm Clergy/Music Ministry Mtg. (LC)

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:00 am Mass
 1:30 pm Girl Scout Affirmation (LC)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving

- 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass
 Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 24

- Parish Office Closed
 KofC Christmas Tree Sale Begins @ Glory's

Saturday, November 25

- 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 26

- 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes.
 7:00 pm Youth Christmas Choir (Church)
 7:30 pm K of C Officer Mtg (LC)

Wednesday, November 29

- 9:00 am Mass
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Affirmation (LC)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)



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. 11

St. Jude Church, Blairstown, NJ (*Diocese of Metuchen*)

More Information:

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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Announcements On The Eucharistic Revival

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift — however precious — among so many others, but as the gift par excellence, for it is the gift of himself, of his person in his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of his saving work.” – Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, April 17, 2003

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “The Eucharist educates us to this love in a deeper way; it shows us, in fact, what value each person, our brother or sister, has in God’s eyes, if Christ offers Himself equally to each one, under the species of bread and wine. If our Eucharistic worship is authentic, it must make us grow in awareness of the dignity of each person.” – Pope St. John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenaе*, Feb. 24, 1980

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God: The Father is your table, the Son is your food, and the Holy Spirit waits on you and then makes His dwelling in you.” – St. Catherine of Siena

Eucharistic Revival: Kids



Color the Quote:

“Our Creator
gave us life,
and the
Eucharist
to sustain
our life.”

~Servant of God Dorothy Day

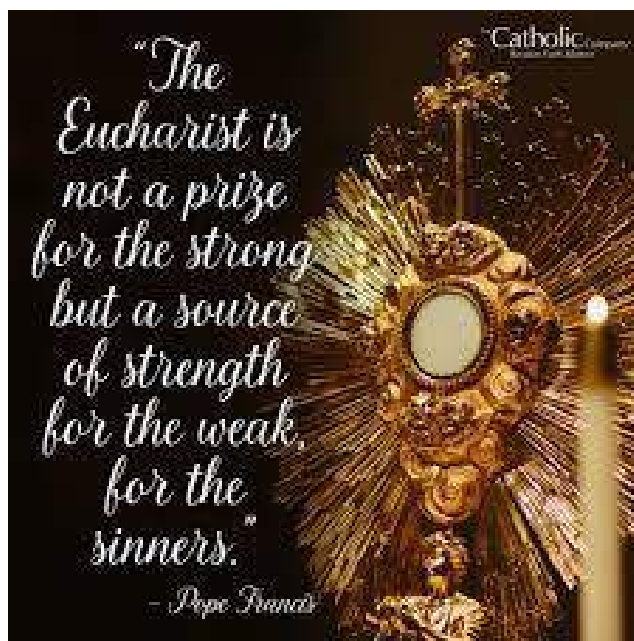
MARY: WOMAN OF THE EUCHARIST



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

In our diocese each November we honor Mary with torches that are sent out to parishes, in remembrance of our dearly departed for whom we pray, and for whom we ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to intercede with her Son, who we know will never deny her anything. The light from the torch reminds us that Our Lady is present in these moments of prayer and intercession.

You may have seen a torch representing the Ocean County Knights of Columbus in our church this past weekend. That torch has now moved on to another parish. On Saturday, December 2nd all the travelling torches will come together at a Mass and procession, joyful in knowing that we have prayed for all the dearly departed in this Month of Holy Souls. Anyone wishing to participate in the closing Mass and parade can contact Theresa Calsetta for details. 732-299-0261



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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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

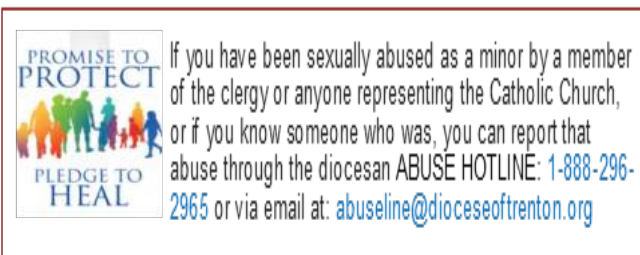
Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in ongoing Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or stmonicaccd@yahoo.com

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.



PROMISE TO PROTECT
PLEDGE TO HEAL

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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November, 19 2023***USING OUR TALENTS**

As we approach the final weeks of the Church year, we read the last parable Jesus taught. It's not only the final parable, but it is also one of the longest and most detailed. In it, Jesus tells the story of a wealthy man who gave each of his servants a substantial sum of money to take care of in his absence. When he returns, he is pleased at the two servants who have doubled his investment, but he is angry at the one who simply hid the money out of fear of losing it.

We can interpret this story on a purely financial level, talking about the need to shrewdly use our money, but the parable goes deeper than that. It also addresses the wise stewardship of the gifts and talents God has given us.

Clearly Jesus is telling us that we must put our abilities at the service of the Master, God our Father. But before we can do that, we have to discern what our gifts are. We all have been given special abilities by God. It's up to us to figure out what those abilities are and how we can best put them into practice so that at the end of our lives we will hear the words of the Master telling us, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

PRAYER

Think of yourself as one of the servants in the parable. Consider that a talent would be worth about \$300,000 in today's money. How many "talents" has the master given you? Look at them and then, honestly, decide what you would do if you were given responsibility for \$300,000, \$900,000 or \$3,000,000. Would you be excited about investing it, or would you be afraid to lose it? What would you do with that much money? Now focus on your own gifts and abilities. How are you using them? Are you afraid to "invest" them for fear of losing them?

RESOLUTION

Take a few minutes to write down some of the talents and gifts you possess. Make a decision to take at least one small step in implementing a neglected or undeveloped talent that you can put in the service of others this week. | formed.org

Join a Study Group
"Jesus and the Eucharist"
Sun., Nov. 19 @ 6:30 p.m.
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