

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Our Parish is Served by:

Reverend Alex Enriquez, Pastor
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Deacon John L. White

We invite you to celebrate with us

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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

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/ParishofStMonica/

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway
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MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, November 27

9:00 am F. Joseph Carragher
(Marie Gould)

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 am John Acconzo (Robert D'Anna)

Wednesday, November 29

9:00 am Steve Johnson
(Chris & John Pascucci)

Thursday, November 30

9:00 am Harold Hubers (Mary Boyd)

Saturday, December 2

4:00 pm Edward & Joseph Hromiko,
Mitrofan Klebanovich &
Anthony Kleb
(Bette & Diane Hromiko)

Sunday, December 3

9:00 am Ernest John Rookey
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

11:00 am Ammirata Family
(Tommy & Carol Ammirata)

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 26, 2023

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

**Church of St. Monica
2023 Advent/Christmas/New Year
Schedule of Services**

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Advent Parish Penance Service
Wednesday, December 6
7:00 pm

Adoration/Benediction/Confession
Thursday, December 7
7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Mass
Friday, December 8 (Holy Day)
9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Daily Masses:
Monday – Thursday
9:00 am (through December 21)

Simbang Gabi – Christmas Novena Rosary & Masses
Saturday, December 16
Rosary 6:30 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday Obligation)
Saturday, December 23 - 4:00 pm
Sunday, December 24 - 9:00 & 11:00 am

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Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24 (Holy Day)
4:00 and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25 (Holy Day)
9:00 am and 11:00 am

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31
9:00 and 11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary - Monday, January 1
(not a Holy Day this year)
Liturgy of the Word with Communion
9:00 am

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CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Intentions for the living and deceased will be remembered at all Christmas Masses. Intention envelopes were mailed in our Christmas mailing. Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to the church and from the Parish Office. Intentions may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office no later than Dec 18.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
NOVEMBER 6 - 12, 2023**

Total	\$4,674.55
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Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: DECORATIONS

We're looking for volunteers to assist with decorating our Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17 at 12 noon. See signup sheet at the back of the Church, call Liz Hills in the Parish Office 732-928-0279 or email stmonicanj@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Goal: \$18,000.00
Pledged: \$18,350.00 (102% of Goal)
Paid: \$17,916.66 (99.5% of Goal)
Total Donors: 95
Total Gifts: 112

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps St Monica be ready with programs, services and ministries for families in our community and the maintenance of our facilities. Your recurring gifts help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries through the year. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up: Visit our website www.saintmonica.com

- Scan the QR code below or
- Contact Liz Hills in the parish office 732-928-0279 or stmonicanj@yahoo.com



Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

This Christmas, along with our local families from Jackson, St Monica will be providing help for the Open Door Pregnancy Center located in Toms River.

Their needs are as follows:

- Baby formula-Enfamil yellow or blue
- Jars of baby food
- Baby cereal
- Baby wash
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- Baby wipes
- Baby powder
- Diaper rash cream
- Diapers, size 6


Please return to Little Church by Thursday, December 14.

Thank you for your generous donations.
God bless all of the parishioners
of St Monica!

Diocesan Festival Choir
Joined by the Choir of St. Anthony of Padua Parish
AND the Orchestra of the Society of St. Cecilia
presents...

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Messiah
by George Frederick Handel



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 • 3:30PM
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\$20 for Adults, \$15 for Seniors and Children,
Children under 8 Free

TO PURCHASE TICKETS GO TO:
dioceseoftrenton.org/diocesan-festival-choir

For additional information contact the Office of Worship
Worship@DioceseofTrenton.org or 609-403-7171

Central Jersey Choral Society Presents
A Community Singing Event:
The Messiah
by George Frederick Handel

Join our choir singing the classic Christmas masterwork
(or just come to listen)
Sheet music provided for those wishing to sing

Sunday, December 10,
2023, 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel
Roman Catholic Church
137 West Upper Ferry Rd.
Ewing, NJ

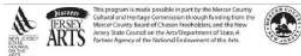


Suggested Donation: \$10

For more information visit cjchoralsociety.org

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**Congratulations to our own
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.,
the newly named Chairman-Elect
of the Committee on Catholic
Education for the USCCB. 🇺🇸**



You have our prayers and support as you bring your more than 40 years
of ministerial experience in Catholic education to this national post.

We are so very proud of you!

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 25

Christmas Trees at Glorys Begins

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

5:00 pm Prayer Service

6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Little Church)

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Thursday, November 30

9:00 pm Mass

Friday, December 1

6:00 pm Youth Group Mtg. (LC)

Saturday, December 2

11:00 am Baptism

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Women of St. Monica Mtg. (LC)

12:30pm BLD Trenton Prayer/Worship
(Church/Parish Hall)**Monday, December 4**

9:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

4:30 pm Religious Education

6:15 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Rel. Ed. Class

7:00 pm Youth Christmas Choir (Church)

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Adoration

7:00 pm Advent Parish Penance Service

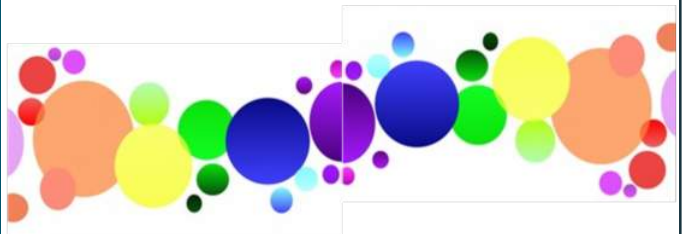
Thursday, December 7

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Adoration/Benediction/Confessions

Happy Birthday *Father!*

*For being the wonderful
and caring priest you are,
May God's blessings
and kindness surround you,
on your Birthday
and all the days of your life.
In celebration of your Birthday,
and for your devoted and faithful
service, may God bless you,
with happiness and peace.*





Announcements On The Eucharistic Revival

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice, what flowed from his side.” – St. Augustine of Hippo

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “To partake of the holy body and blood of Christ is good and beneficial; for he says quite plainly, ‘He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.’ Who can doubt that to share continually in life is the same thing as having life abundantly?” – St. Basil the Great

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: The parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church focusing on the Eucharist are in paragraphs 1322 to 1419 which start at <https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/336/#zoom=z>



◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ **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





Heart of the Revival

The early Church understood the mystery of the Eucharist as underlying the expression 'peace'. 'Peace' very quickly became one of the names for the Eucharistic sacrament, for it is there that God does in fact come to meet us, that he sets us free, that, although we are debtors, guilty in his sight, he takes us in his arms, gives himself to us. And by leading us to himself, introducing us into the communion of his Body, by introducing us into the same sphere of his love, by feeding us with the same Bread, he also gives us to one another as brothers and sisters. The Eucharist is peace from the Lord.

—Pope Benedict XVI

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus of St Monica Council 11529 are once again holding our 23rd Christmas Tree Fundraiser sale at Glory's Market, 584 Cedar Swamp Rd, Jackson. Each year all the profits from the sale of trees, wreaths and grave blankets are donated to support St Jude's Children's Hospital and other charities. Over the years this fundraiser has generated over \$200,000 in direct support of St Jude's. Sale of trees begins Nov 24 at 10 am and continue until the trees are sold out. Hours: Mon - Fri 1 pm to 9 pm and Sat and Sun from 10 am to 9 pm, for questions contact Chris Vega at 917-575-0551.



Don't Forget to Get Your
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BLESSED SALT SALE

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

Central Jersey Choral Society Presents

Lauda Sion
by Felix Mendelssohn
Requiem
by Gabriel Fauré

Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:30 pm



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Roman Catholic Church
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Ewing, NJ

Tickets: cjchoralsociety.org
\$20 adv. \$25 at door

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This program is made possible in part by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission through funding from the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Division Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.



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.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

Catholic Men coming together selflessly for others through Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Visit our Website at www.kofc11529.org.

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 dcjohnw@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 for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 26, 2023

YOU DID IT TO ME

The end of time both scares and fascinates us, so it's little wonder that movies about the end of the world are a Hollywood staple. While many of them are quite creative, none talk about what is actually going to happen, as described in today's Gospel.

When the world ends, we are told that God is going to focus on one thing: How did we care for the poor, the sick, the suffering? Nothing else will matter. Just how we treated those whom Jesus called "the least" among us. The world at large has the final judgment wrong, but so do many Christians. Sometimes we tend to think that God will ask us how much we prayed, how much we read about the faith, how often we had fellowship and community with others, how often we received the sacraments. All of these things are important—that's true—but the bottom line for God is going to be how we treated others because, as Jesus says, the way we treat others is ultimately the way we treat him.

As we reach the end of the Church year, we are reminded of the great responsibility God has entrusted to us to care for the people in our lives...until the end of our lives, for the extent that we serve others is the extent that we serve Christ, the King.

PRAYER

Picture yourself standing before the throne of God. Jesus asks you the following questions that are based on today's Gospel readings. As you hear them, answer them honestly in your heart.

Did you give me food when I was hungry?

Did you give me drink when I was thirsty?

When I was a stranger, did you welcome me?

When I was naked, did you clothe me?

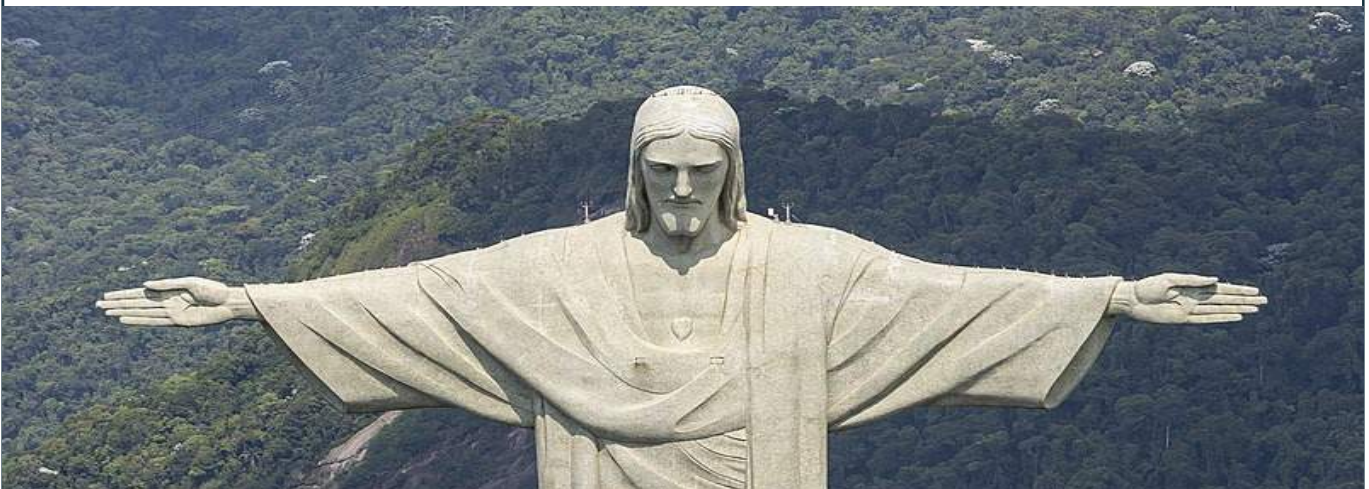
When I was sick did you care for me?

Did you visit me when I was imprisoned?

What did you do for the least of those in your life?

RESOLUTION

As we approach the beginning of a new church year, make a resolution to live out the Church commands of Matthew 25 to the best of your ability next year. Choose one of the commands to focus on particularly in the next month. | formed.org



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