

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



JANUARY 21, 2024

Masses

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

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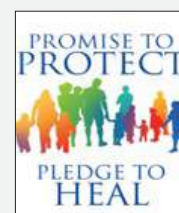
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The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.

Confessions

Saturdays
3:15 pm
to 3:45 pm
1st Thursdays 7pm
or by appointment

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 21, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20

4:00 pm Douglas Merwin
(Debiak Family)

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am Edward Coyle
(Carol & Tommy Ammirata)
11:00 am Paul Harris
(Kate Scott)

Monday, January 22 -

Wednesday, January 25

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion

Thursday, January 26

No Liturgy of the Word/Communion

Saturday, January 27

4:00 pm Lori Rubessa (Herceg Family)

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Judi Reed (Ernie & Barbara Rookey)
11:00 am Vincent, Anna, Frank &
Lynda Ammirata
(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, 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, 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 – JANUARY 21, 2024

Monday, January 22, 2024 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25, 2024 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26, 2024 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27, 2024 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 28, 2024 Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

9:00 am daily Mass resumes January 29.

Rejoice!

It's "Donut Sunday" next week!

January 27 and 28.

The Knights of Columbus invite you to stay after Mass and enjoy coffee and donuts.

WOMEN OF ST. MONICA

~This Sunday~



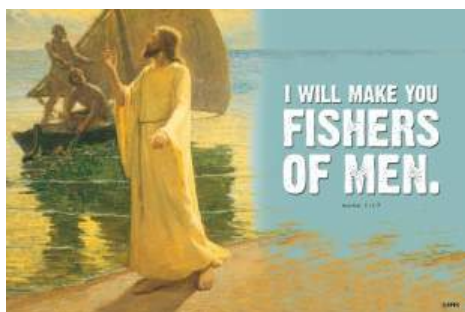
Winter Wonderland, Around the World

Please join us as we celebrate our St. Monica family with fellowship, food & fun on Sunday, January 21st from 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. The Women of St. Monica invite everyone to this celebration, a "FUN raiser!!"

We'll have serving tables set up with foods from different countries: Italy, Poland, Ireland, the Philippines, Mexico, and so forth.

Please see the sign-up sheets in the back of the Church & bring your specialty (start a new table! & celebrate your heritage) or just come to sample.

We hope to see you on Sunday, Jan. 21!
Any questions, call Janet at 732-814-4501.



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP JAN 1 - 7, 2024
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Total \$6,688.18

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

2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

If you wish to receive a report of your contributions, please complete a request form located at the entrances to the Church or email: parishoffice@saintmonica.com or phone: 732-928-0279.

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
- parishoffice@saintmonica.com



Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

WOMEN OF ST. MONICA



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For Questions contact Mary Ann
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HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep, and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms.

It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child, and friends of the mother.

You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends.

For more information, contact Judy

Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2024 Weekend Retreat: Feb. 16-18, 2024



Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on.

Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program will be held Feb. 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



CALENDAR

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church)
- 2:00 pm Winter Wonderland Around the World (Parish Hall)

Monday, January 22

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- 4:30 pm Religious Education
- 6:15 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- 5:30 om Religious Education
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

Wednesday, January 24

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- 6:00 pm 2nd Grade Parent Mtg. (Church)

Thursday, January 25

- 9:00 am No Liturgy of the Word with Communion Today
- 7:00 pm K of C Mtg. (Parish Hall)

Saturday, January 27

- (Donut Sunday after Mass)
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 28

- (Donut Sunday after Masses)
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:00 pm Baptism
- 12:15 pm Grief Support (LC)
- 1:00 pm Mary Queen of Peace of Holy Child

Monday, January 29

- 9:00 am Mass
- 4:30 pm Religious Education
- 6:15 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, January 30

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm Religious Education
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Kitchen)
- 7:30 pm K of C Mtg. (Little Church)

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OVERVIEW

The mission of the National Eucharistic Revival is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This revival movement is in answer to a call by the Holy Spirit, and all the fruits belong to him.

The revival is an unprecedented movement of Catholics across the United States—healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—sent out on mission “for the life of the world.”

The Eucharistic Revival is not a step-by-step plan or a series of meetings. Rather, the revival is a grassroots call and a challenge for every Catholic across the United States to rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us - that is all He asks.” – St. Therese of Lisieux

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “Since Christ Himself has said ‘This is My Body,’ who shall dare to doubt that It is His Body?” – St. Cyril of Jerusalem



If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus.

We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist.

Mother Teresa



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INSPIRED BY THE EUCHARIST



Eucharistic Encounters with Fr. Rocky

Join Fr. Francis J. Hoffman, aka “Fr. Rocky,” as he recounts inspiring stories of Eucharistic Encounters that he witnessed personally or that were shared with him. These are stories of faith, hope, and love fostered by encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist. Fr. Rocky is the Executive Director and CEO of Relevant Radio. This is part of an ongoing series of Eucharistic Encounter stories, produced by Relevant Radio. New videos are released each week! Watch all the stories here: <https://relevantradio.com/>

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“This Is My Body”

THE SHOCKING TRUTH

Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” This teaching was so shocking that many of his followers left at that moment! Jesus did not call them back to clarify, because he knew they understood correctly. He was actually telling them to eat his flesh and drink his blood.

As Catholics, we believe Jesus’ words literally, not symbolically. The substance of the bread and wine transform into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ at every Mass. We call this miracle the Eucharist.



Scan to explore Church teaching on the Eucharist!

eucharisticrevival.org

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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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

Reflections on Readings for the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time — January 21, 2024

THIS IS THE TIME

When we are young, time can seem almost non-existent. It goes so slowly that it can feel like we'll always be alive and young. But as we get older, time seems to speed up. Every year passes more quickly than the last, and the way time seemed to stretch to infinity in our youth seems like an illusion.

Think back to the summers when you were young and you'll remember that illusion. We often find ourselves in that same kind of illusion as Christians. Time still seems to never pass in the sense that we forget to look for the coming of Christ. Every day of our life can blend into the next with no sense of urgency to truly follow Jesus and live the Gospel.

Our readings for today challenge that illusion. Though it can be easy for us to live our days as though Christ hasn't come, he has. And when he came, he fundamentally changed our world and *redeemed* it. His kingdom has come, and as Christians we are called to shake ourselves from the illusion of this world and to be witnesses to the presence of God that is all around us.

PRAYER

Let's reflect on these words from the Gospel reading about the urgency of Jesus's call to follow him. Ask Jesus what they mean in your own life. In what ways are you not responding to his call? What can you do better to follow him with the same immediacy as these Apostles?

Take a word that comes to mind and reflect for a moment on what it means to you personally. For example, you might have been attracted to the words, "they abandoned their nets and followed him." Ask yourself what they mean in your own life. What "nets" in your life keep you from responding to Jesus with urgency? How can you abandon them and follow Jesus?

RESOLUTION

G.K. Chesterton once said, "A dead thing can go *with* the stream, but only a living thing can go *against* it." When we truly live in Christ and follow him, we have to swim against the stream of this world and its empty promises. Ask the Lord to give you the grace to let go of anything holding you back from him. What practical thing can you do this week to cast aside your nets and follow Jesus more closely? | [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

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