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John 15:12



MAY 5, 2024

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Deacon John L. White

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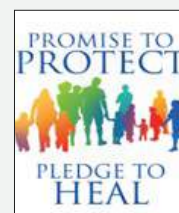
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Masses
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Saturday 4 pm
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The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 5, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4

4:00 pm Raymond Humphrey
(Carol & Andy Sabine)

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)
11:00 am Jean Alexander
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

Monday, May 6

9:00 am William McHenery (Marie Gould)

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 am Melody Sorge (James Sorge)

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 am Margaret Piacentino
(Piacentino Family)

Thursday, May 9

9:00 am Jason Dewyea (Siwec Family)

Saturday, May 11

4:00 pm Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 12

9:00 am Mother's Day Intentions
11:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

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, Dianne Smith, Frank Diolosa, Theodore Dunyak, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Marie Gould, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, 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, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Irene Kislan, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Bob Dushanek, Laura Stoyer, Ruth Biele

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 - May 5, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024 Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9, 2024 Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23

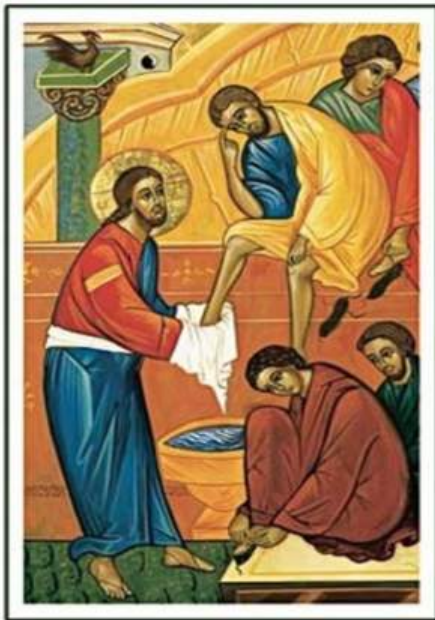
Friday, May 10, 2024 Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 11, 2024 Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 12, 2024 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11b-19



Deacon Christian,
 may God bless you abundantly
 for your generous
 and devoted service



on the anniversary of
 your ordination as a
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May 10, 2014 - May 10, 2024



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2024 MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

Once again members of St. Monica's Youth Group will be offering for sale beautiful 10" hanging baskets and potted plants on Mother's Day Weekend. Come on out and enjoy these beautiful plants that are suitable for all your gift giving needs! There will be lots of colors and arrangements to choose from after and between all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 12.

Cash and checks made payable to St. Monica will be accepted. For info or any questions, please contact Theresa Calsetta at 732-299-0261.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES

Mass Remembrance envelopes for Mother's Day are on the table at the entrances to the church. Anyone wishing to honor their Mothers (living or deceased) may do so by filling out the intention envelope.

To ensure your intentions will be published in our bulletin on Mother's Day, please return your offering by placing it in the collection basket no later than May 5.

WOMEN OF ST. MONICA SPRING AHEAD

The Women of St. Monica will hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, May 5th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in Little Church.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 5, 2024



May is the Month of Mary!

As the **Mother of God**, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.



CALENDAR

Saturday, May 4

10:00 am 1ST Communion
 1:00 pm Baptism
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Women of St. Monica Mtg. (LC)

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Religious Education
 7:00 pm Adult Choir
 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, May 9

9:00 am Mass
 The Ascension of the Lord is May 11 & 12

Saturday, May 11

3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 12

Ascension of Our Lord
 Mother's Day
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 1:30 pm Wedding

Monday, May 13

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 14

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Adult Choir
 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, May 16

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

Saturday, May 18

10:00 am Diaconate Ordination, Cathedral
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass



**Public Square
 Rosary Crusade**

The Feast

Our Lady of Fatima

St. Monica's Parish is participating in a Praying a Public Rosary for America.

When: Saturday,

May 11th at 12 pm

Where: Outside in front of St. Monica's

You are invited to join us in a Public Rosary Rally. This Public Square Rosary will be combined with our Knights of Columbus Novena for Life.

Please join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for America.

For addl info contact Belinda Azzollini 718-954-5149 or email bmazzollini@gmail.com



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National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Events

in the  **Diocese of Trenton**

3 Day Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our Diocese
with Talks, Adoration & Worship, Mass and Processions

Day 1:

**Cathedral St. Mary
of the Assumption**

151 N Warren St.
Trenton NJ 08608

May 28, 2024

5:00 pm

Celebrations in Spanish

Day 2:

**Saint Mary of
the Pines Church**

100 Bishop Ln,
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

May 29, 2024

10:00 am & 6:30 pm

**Evening mass celebrated by
Bishop O'Connell**

Day 3:

**Mary Mother of
the Church Parish**

45 Crosswicks St,
Bordentown, NJ 08505

May 30, 2024

9:00am

**½ mile Procession to
Bordentown Hilltop Park**

**Mass will be offered by Bishop David M.
O'Connell C.M all Three Days.**

On **Day 3** we invite you to process with us over the **Lower Trenton
Bridge** to send off the perpetual pilgrims to the Diocese of Philadelphia



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Meet the Pilgrims!

While everyone is invited to walk with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage for short distances, only a few young adults will make the full journey to Indianapolis. We call them **Perpetual Pilgrims**.

This small, dedicated group will travel full-time from May until July 2024, accompanying Jesus as he draws near to countless communities across the nation on his way to the [10th National Eucharistic Congress](#).

Learn more about each Perpetual Pilgrim below, and be sure to keep them in your prayers as they prepare to accompany Jesus on the road!

We are the Seton Route - [Click here to read their bios:](#)



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 5, 2024

CAPITAL SINGERS OF TRENTON
PRESENTS

Shout for Joy

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 4:00 PM
Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ

Featured Selections:
Let God Arise - George Frideric Händel
Great Day - Marques L. A. Garrett
Trinity Te Deum - Ēriks Ešēnvalds
Shout for Joy - Adolphus Hailstork

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CAPITAL SINGERS OF TRENTON WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

THE ELEMENTS

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 4:00 PM
Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ

Featuring:
Day of Fire and Sun - Kate Crellin
May Wind (Set Me Free) - Jacob Narverud
After the Rain - Sarah Quartel
Earth Song - Frank Ticheli



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The Eucharist - St Monica**Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Days As NotedReconciliation Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
or by appt.**Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction**

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 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

Did you know that the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney, was also a heck of a ballplayer. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including Connie Mac Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio. Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older can join online. Use Promo Code BlessedMcGivney for one year of free membership. Our local Council is #11529.

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 ParishionersWelcome 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 EducationChildren 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 stmonicacd@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 conducting fundraisers throughout the year and enhancing 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 Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024

REMAIN IN MY LOVE

This week's Gospel picks up where last week's left off, and we hear Jesus continuing to teach us the metaphor of the vine and the branches. And like last week, the First Reading is an example in the early Church of what happens when we remain on the vine.

While this week is certainly a deepening of last week's themes, there is at least one new dimension. In the First Reading, we see another Pentecost take place when Peter preaches the Gospel to the first Gentiles. We see Peter's life bearing much fruit in all of these new believers, but we also see Peter as the head of the Church discerning God's will in that moment. Because Peter, and thus the Church, was attached to the vine, he was able to perceive the new movement of the Holy Spirit to welcome Gentiles into the new covenant.

The Catholic Church plays a vital role in our ability to remain on the vine throughout all of history. As new circumstances arise, God has given us the gift of the Church to help us recognize where his love is so that we can remain with him. We know that God does not ask anything from us without giving us the grace to respond, and that grace always flows through his Church so that we can be assured that we are truly following him in all truth.

PRAYER

Return to the Gospel for today. Jesus continues teaching us the metaphor of the vine and the branches, emphasizing that he is telling us these things so that our joy will be complete. He knows how he made us and that we are destined to be in perfect communion with God and one another, and he offers it to us freely if we will only remain in his love!

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase "I have told you everything I have heard from my Father" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is Jesus encouraging you that it is indeed him speaking through the Church through the ages, even now, to tell you all that he has heard from the Father?

RESOLUTION

This week we realize an even deeper dimension of the metaphor of remaining on the vine. Jesus has given us the gift of his Church so that we can be assured that we are remaining with him in all truth. To live out our lives of faith attached to the Church is to remain with Jesus. The Catechism teaches us that 'The Church' is the People that God gathers in the whole world. She exists in local communities and is made real as a liturgical and a Eucharistic assembly. She draws her life from the word and the Body of Christ and so herself becomes Christ's Body. Here we see that to remain with the Church is to, above all, remain with the Eucharist. This is the spiritual food that attaches us to the vine. As the branch is one with the vine, so we become one with Christ in his gift of the Eucharist that unites us as one Church. How can you live a more Eucharistic life this week? | [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)



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