

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

"WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY"



Second Sunday of Advent

Our Parish is Served by:

Reverend Alex Enriquez
Deacon Michael Principato
Deacon Christian Knoebel
Deacon Gene Moir

We invite you to celebrate with us

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For the times of Masses and location of the nearest Catholic Church within the U.S. www.dioceseoftrenton.org

The Eucharist - St Monica

Masses & Reconciliation

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Days As Noted

Reconciliation 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 - Friday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Baptisms

Celebrated during 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.

Youth Group

Meets twice each month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please see parish calendar.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Visit our website: www.kofc11529.org

St Vincent de Paul Society

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

Bereavement Support Group

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms are available at the entrances to the Church or may be downloaded at www.saintmonica.com. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For those seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

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 K-8. Registration is held annually at the end of March. Classes are held Monday and Tuesday, Sept. thru May at St Monica.

Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education
732-928-4038 or stmonicaccd@yahoo.com

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 4, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

4:00 pm Rocky Mauro (Liz Mauro)

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am Mom, Peggy & Michael Coady (Coady Family)

11:00 am Coletta Spuhler (Family)

Monday, December 5

9:00 am Janet & John Golonka (Family)

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 am Rose DiPiero (David & Marie Gould)

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 am Jeanette Rabaglia

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Rev Francis Zalewski (St Monica)

7:00 pm John Jack Clarke (Bereavement Ministry)

Saturday, December 10

4:00 pm Ernie Rees (Mary Ann Rees)

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am Fiore Rotundo (Children)

11:00 am Margaret & John Piacentino (Family)

*Intentions followed by the names of those making the offering.
To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



Jackie Wilson, William Cole, Jr., Diane Black, Frank Colbert, Matthew Strout, Bob Wilson, Micki Smith, Annette Petercsak, Joyce Picon, Bob Wythoff, Peter Laudati, Scott Samu, Joseph Mays, Michael Bocchicchio, Carl Bocchicchio, Betty Cole, Dianne Smith, Clark, Joanne Baldachino, Ryan Connell, Vera Dzumyk, Sal and Anna Morrello, Matthew Wolansky, Myron Wolansky, Frank Potenza, Karen Bressi, Kathleen Lucchese, Gloria Trachtenberg, Ann Marie James, Walter C Vonah, Frances Panicola, Cathy Jetter, Tom O'Prandy, Michael Nagy, Carol Atherton, Larry St Laurent, Zesis Schelest, Ryan Walters, Marilyn Mays, Amado Enriquez, Wayne Herrnkind, Beth Kujawski, Jennifer Green, Rich Sassano, Dcn Gene Moir, Barbara Vonah, Mark Brower, Cassandra Hrelja, Monica Buono, Mary Green, Sue Bocchicchio, Margarita Ulloa and the O'Loughlin Family, Beatty Family, Paul Gallo, Arlene Toth, Meghan Badach, Michael Seiler, Josephine Brennan, Michael Warchal, Frances Duhamel, Joseph Belluardo

Call 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 19 - 20, 2016

Weekly Collection \$2,835.10

Online Giving (41) \$989.50

Total \$3,824.60

Thank you for helping to support our Parish

To Diocese - Assessment Collection \$ 395.75

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 4, 2016

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11



The Parish Community of Saint Monica prayerfully welcomes the following new parishioners:

The Bowes, Fortunato and Zalewski Families

Jennifer Burst

Jonathan Burst

Kyle Newell

Frank and Joyce Scellato

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Intentions for living and deceased will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses. Intention envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. Envelopes may be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.

**ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
DECEMBER 6**

Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Please join us at the Advent Penance Service Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. In addition to Fr Alex, we will have an outside priest hearing confessions.

**DIocese OF TRENTON YOUNG ADULT MASS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 7:00 PM**

Home is where you go to find solace from the chaos that is life. Home is where you find love within. No matter how long you've been away, you can always come home. Come Home. Come to the Holy Mass. It's Time. Cathedral of St Mary, 149 North Warren Street, Trenton. Fellowship to follow afterwards. www.dioceseoftrenton.org/yam

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
& BENEDICTION DECEMBER 7**

On the first Wednesday of each month, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction take place 9:30 am.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
DECEMBER 8**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Mass times are 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

**ST MONICA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

The Knights are selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and grave blankets. Proceeds benefit St Jude's Children's Hospital, as well as local charitable organizations. Please contact Jim Scatigna at 732-763-1767 with any questions.

Location/Hours:

Glory's Market – corner of Routes 527 & 526
Weekdays: 11:00 am – 8:30 pm

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

Remaining practice schedule -- Mondays at 7:30 pm in the Church on the following dates:

- Dec 5
- Dec 12
- Dec 19



*Advent/Christmas/New Year
Schedule of Parish Services*



*Advent Parish Penance Service
Tuesday, December 6
7:30 pm*

*Immaculate Conception Mass
Thursday, December 8
9:00 am and 7:00 pm*

Masses:

Daily

(through December 22)

*Monday – Thursday
9:00 am*

*Simbang Gabi – Christmas Novena Rosary &
Mass*

*Thursday, December 15
Rosary 7:00 pm
Mass 7:30 pm*

*Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24
4:00 pm and 10:00 pm*

*Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25
9:00 am and 11:00 am*

*New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31
4:00 pm*

*Solemnity of Mary
Sunday, January 1
9:00 am and 11:00 am*

**HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR
ST MONICA
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT?**

Our newest youth group, The Little Disciples, are selling ornaments for \$10 each. All proceeds benefit The Little Disciples Youth Group. Ornaments have a picture of St Monica as pictured, available for purchase after our weekend Masses.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Karen Badach, Religious Education
732-928-4038 or stmonicccd@yahoo.com

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Monday, December 5

4:15 pm CCD Class
6:00 pm CCD Class

Tuesday, December 6

4:15 pm Class
6:00 pm 8th Grade Class

Monday, December 12

4:15 pm CCD Class
6:00 pm CCD Class

Tuesday, December 13

4:15 pm Class
6:00 pm 8th Grade Class

THANK YOU

The Little Disciples would like to THANK Fr. Alex and Jeffrey Uchida for taking the time to teach us how to play ping pong at our event on November 18. Nineteen children attended and fun was had by



all. We also thank everyone who attended and assisted in making the night such a huge success including members of the Knights of Columbus and WOSM. Fr. Alex officially won 3 out of the 5 games. We were all so proud and loved watching his big smiles all night! We're already planning the next demonstration---stay tuned for details!

WOSM (WOMEN OF ST MONICA)

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, December 4

12:00 pm Meeting (Little Church)

Sunday, December 18

12:00 pm Decorate Church for Christmas

Sunday, January 8

12:00 pm Meeting

We welcome all women of the parish to join us. If you would like more information about our group, please contact Eleanore Althaver 732-691-5463 or Mary Ann Tvaroha 732-740-4785.



We wish to thank the following individuals for helping out our parish by cleaning the gutters, and raking the grounds: The Althaver

Family, Theresa and Shannon Calsetta and David Gould.

We also thank our parishioners for their donations and assistance with helping to feed the needy for Thanksgiving. Each family received food baskets for a wonderful meal.

Thank you to the Women of St Monica for putting together "New Parishioner Sunday", providing handout information and all the refreshments.

LITTLE DISCIPLES OF ST MONICA NEWS:

Who are The Little Disciples? We are the youngest members of St Monica Church who have come together to have fun and make new friendships while also helping the Church and our community. Since its inception in September, The Little Disciples have: held a successful painting party, attended the Jackson Fall Forestry Event, beaded rosaries and made homemade Christmas cards to ship overseas to our military men and women (thank you Mary Rose from WOSM for supervising this), made prayer boxes, assisted in raking the leaves at the Church, and enjoyed learning to play ping pong with Fr. Alex. Our next event -- the children will return the favor and teach Fr. Alex how to roller skate. Our group meets the First Friday of each month at the Church from 6:00-7:30 pm. It is open to any child between Communion and Confirmation age. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church. If you have any questions please contact Theresa Calsetta at 732-961-7161 or email dakota16@optonline.net.

SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR

EVENTS

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Adult RCIA (Little Church)
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm WOSM Meeting (Little Church)
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Monday, December 5

9:00 am Mass
 4:15 pm CCD
 6:00 pm CCD
 7:30 pm Youth Christmas Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Tuesday Social (Parish Hall)
 4:15 pm CCD
 6:00 pm CCD – 8th Grade
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)
 7:30 pm Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Thursday Rosary (Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm Mass

Friday, December 9

6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Little Church)
 7:00 pm BLD Friday Worship (Church)

Saturday, December 10

3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Adult RCIA (Little Church)
 11:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Monday, December 12

9:00 am Mass
 4:15 pm CCD
 6:00 pm CCD

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Tuesday Social (Parish Hall)
 4:15 pm CCD
 6:00 pm CCD – 8th Grade
 7:30 pm Youth Christmas Choir Practice

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception
9:00 am

Reader: Arlene Toth
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Marie Gould, Jim Mastrian
 Altar Server: Michael Seiler
 Ushers: Needed
 Greeter: Needed

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception
7:00 pm

Readers: Cathy Sedano, Alice Stephens
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Theresa Calsetta, Needed
 Altar Server: A Azzollini
 Ushers: Needed
 Greeter: Needed

Saturday, December 10 - 4:00 pm

Reader: Theresa Calsetta
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Jim Mastrian, Michael Seiler
 Altar Servers: S Calsetta, J Debiak
 Ushers: Michael Debiak, Bob Maras, Guy Okulewicz,
 Needed
 Greeter: Janel Tischler

Sunday, December 11 - 9:00 am

Readers: Cathy Sedano, Alice Stephens
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Sandy Biscaha, Sherry
 Rusbarsky
 Altar Servers: K Carlson, J Smink
 Ushers: Rob Guimaraes, Tom Kujawski, Ronald
 Serrano, Bob Vonah
 Greeter: Linda Siwec

Sunday, December 11 - 11:00 am

Reader: Liz Mauro
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Monica Principato, Barbara
 Rookey
 Altar Server: A Farias
 Ushers: Briten Alston, Christopher LaPorte, Bill Reed,
 Walt Stemmler
 Greeter: R Hutchison

YOU'RE INVITED!

GRAND MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE WITH FR ALEX

From Barcelona to the French Riviera, Italian
 Riviera, Stunning Greek Isles & Rome.
 September 9 - 20, 2017. Information is available
 at the tables near the entrances to the Church.

LEGION OF MARY

All parishioners, both male and female, are invited to join the Legion of Mary Ministry, a lay Catholic organization whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration of the many active parish ministries assisting Fr Alex to fulfill pastoral needs. Meetings are now on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at St Monica. "All Are Welcome". Please call Xenia Gallo 732-580-4456 or email xgallo22@aol.com.

JOIN MEMBERS OF YOUR DOMESTIC CHURCH MEDIA FAMILY ON A PILGRIMAGE TO EWTN IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Spend four days (March 27 -30) with your Domestic Church Media Family on a prayerful Lenten Pilgrimage to the holy sites of EWTN! We'll pray at Mother Angelica's tomb, be part of the "EWTN Live" television program with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, have a tour of the studios, and visit the Ave Maria Grotto with over one hundred mini replicas of various Catholic shrines! This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and grow spiritually, and we hope you will join us! The cost is \$1095 for double occupancy. Call or email: 800-653-0017/603-239-3221

COOKS FOR SAINT MARTHA THE PATRON SAINT OF COOKS

Do you know of someone in our Parish who is in the hospital or just home from the hospital? Is there someone laid up with a serious illness or injury or receiving chemotherapy? Do you know of a new mom just home from the hospital? Maybe you know of a family with someone in Hospice or someone who has just lost a loved one.

Saint Martha's Cooks wants to provide meals on a temporary basis for these individuals or families. We are many and wish only to serve. A fresh meal will be cooked for the whole family or a single person and delivered to their home ready to eat. If you know of someone or a family in our Parish who is in need of Saint Martha's Cooks for a temporary period of time, please call Gloria Carlon, 732-961-7535.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BIRTH PARENTS WHO PLACED BABIES FOR ADOPTION

New Jersey Adoption Law has changed. Beginning **Jan. 1, 2017**, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of an original birth certificate without a court order. Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **Dec. 31, 2016**. The form can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>. For further information or assistance, call a free HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

CATHOLIC FAITH

The small book rack and CD holder in the back of the Church contains the latest of our efforts to bring everybody up to date about our Catholic Faith! The books, booklets, and CDs are available for purchase on the Honor System--please pay for what you take. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and an anonymous donor for the materials from Lighthouse Catholic Media. The whole book rack should pay for itself with your cooperation, so materials can be updated as we go through the church year. Check it out and take home some cutting-edge Catholic ideas and information today! For further information, please contact Barbara Rookey 732-904-8152.

COME GROW WITH US!

The Jackson division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians had a successful launch last May. As the largest Irish Catholic organization in the world, our division members share in their exploration into our Irish heritage and culture. We meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bartley Road on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Patrick Jockel at 732-279-6488 or by email at patrickaoh@hotmail.com. Please also visit our website at www.aohmichaeldavitt.com.

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*St Monica
Ministries*

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| * <i>Adult Formation Programs (RCIA)</i> | * <i>Little Disciples</i> |
| * <i>Altar Server</i> | * <i>Music Ministry/Choir</i> |
| * <i>Baptismal Preparation</i> | * <i>New Evangelization Team</i> |
| * <i>Bereavement/Consolation Ministry</i> | * <i>Religious Education Program (CCD)</i> |
| * <i>Catechetical Ministry (CCD)</i> | * <i>Social Concerns & Food Pantry</i> |
| * <i>Choir</i> | * <i>St Martha's Cooks</i> |
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| * <i>Greeter</i> | * <i>Usher</i> |
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