

# CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

*"WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY"*



## Third 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](http://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.

### *Little Disciples*

Meet the First Friday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Open to children between Communion and Confirmation age.

### *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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11, 2016

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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)

#### Saturday, December 17

4:00 pm Nora Mastrian (Jim Mastrian)

#### Sunday, December 18

9:00 am Kristen Harmon (Harmon Family)

11:00 am Anne M Berardone (Arlene Toth)

#### Tuesday, December 20

9:00 am Colet Spuhler (Family)

#### Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Mass Remembrance Intentions

10:00 pm Christmas Mass Remembrance Intentions

#### Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

9:00 am Christmas Mass Remembrance Intentions

11:00 am Christmas Mass Remembrance Intentions

*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 24 AND 26 - 27, 2016

Weekly Collection	\$4148.37
Online Giving (40)	\$905.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,053.87</b>

*Thank you for helping to support our Parish*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

#### December 11, 2016

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### 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.

### 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.

**CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR**

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

- Dec 12
- Dec 19

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR NEEDY**

Social Concerns requests your assistance for needy families this Christmas. Donations of hams, turkeys, and adopt a family by providing a box of food. Please see sign up sheets at the back of the Church. If you picked a tag to purchase a gift, please return unwrapped gifts by December 16. For questions, please contact Dee Balint: 609-259-6913.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

The Knights of Columbus wish to invite you to a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 17 at 9:00 am here in the parish hall. There will be breakfast, activities, door prizes, gifts for the kids and of course, a photo op with Jolly Old St. Nick himself. All are welcome to attend.

**CHILDREN'S MASS DECEMBER 18**

Be a part of our Children's Mass at 11:00 am. All Children/Grades are welcome to take part. Following Mass, join us for refreshments and a craft. For further information, please contact Kim Merwin 732-547-6946.

**DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 12:00 PM**

Anyone interested in volunteering for our Decorating Committee to assist decorating our Church for Christmas is invited to sign up on the forms at the back of the Church. Children are welcome to assist, but must be accompanied by an adult.

**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
- Weekends 10:00 am – 8:30 pm



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



*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 indicated -- available for purchase after our weekend Masses.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Karen Badach, Religious Education*  
732-928-4038 or [stmonicccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicccd@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING CALENDAR

#### 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

#### Monday, December 19

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

#### Tuesday, December 20

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

#### Monday, December 26

No Class Today

#### Tuesday, December 20

No Class Today

### OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. 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 of someone who was, report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or e-mail [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

### HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SERVING AT MASS ?

If you would like more information about any of the following ministries, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr Alex.

Eucharistic Minister  
Lector/Reader  
Altar Server  
Usher  
Greeter

### WOSM (WOMEN OF ST MONICA)

#### Sunday, December 18

12:00 pm Decorate Church for Christmas

#### Sunday, January 8

12:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon (Parish Hall)

#### Sunday, February 5

12:00 pm Meeting (Little Church)

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.

### 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](mailto:dakota16@optonline.net).

### 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](mailto:xgallo22@aol.com).

**SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR**

**EVENTS**

**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  
 7:30 pm Youth Christmas Choir Practice

**Tuesday, December 13**

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

**Wednesday, December 14**

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

**Thursday, December 15 - Sunday, December 18**

Social Concerns in Little Church

**Thursday, December 15**

9:00 am Mass  
 9:30 am Thursday Rosary (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Christmas Novena/Mass

**Saturday, December 17**

9:00 am Breakfast with Santa (Parish Hall)  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 18**

9:00 am Mass  
 10:00 am Adult RCIA (Little Church)  
 11:00 am Children's Mass  
 12:00 pm Decorate Church for Christmas  
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

**Monday, December 19**

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

**Tuesday, December 20**

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 17 - 4:00 pm**

Reader: Diane Black  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Margaret Carle, Colleen Dakin  
 Altar Servers: T Anastasio M Dakin, E Dakin  
 Ushers: Mike Carle, John Finley, Bob Maras, Guy Okulewicz  
 Greeter: Mike Hintenach

**Sunday, December 18 - 9:00 am**

Readers: Lauren Goldner, Don Hansen  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Laura Beach, Peggy Hansen  
 Altar Servers: A Althaver, E Althaver  
 Ushers: Jim Black, Rob Guimaraes, Tom Kujawski, Jim Scatigna  
 Greeter: Trish Guimaraes

**Sunday, December 18 - 11:00 am**

Reader: Arlene Toth  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Jo-Anne Monaghan, Needed  
 Altar Server: W Rodriguez  
 Ushers: Nickey DeLuca, Christopher LaPorte, Bill Reed  
 Greeter: N Drop

**ONLINE GIVING**

**BENEFITS :**

- No check writing or ATM stops before Church
- Safe, secure, and confidential
- Use your checking, savings, or credit card
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Choose offering, special funds, CCD tuition, and pledges
- Earn rewards through your credit card
- **\$50 gift card to iPlay America in Freehold to families that sign up for a limited time**

Go to [www.saintmonica.com](http://www.saintmonica.com) or scan code below.

For assistance, contact the parish office 732-928-0279.



### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

For those who have not registered as members of our parish family. . . In order for us to better serve you and your family and provide the Diocese with accurate information, please be sure to complete a parish registration form which are available at the entrances to the Church. Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket, mailed in or dropped off at the Parish Office. We welcome you.

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### 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 [reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com](mailto:reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com) .

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:patrickaoh@hotmail.com). Please also visit our website at [www.aohmichaeldavitt.com](http://www.aohmichaeldavitt.com).

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line@ [www.DomesticChurchMedia.org](http://www.DomesticChurchMedia.org)



*St Monica  
Ministries*

If you are interested in becoming more involved with our parish, need assistance, or would like more information, please contact the parish office at 732-928-0279 or [stmonicanj@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicanj@yahoo.com)

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