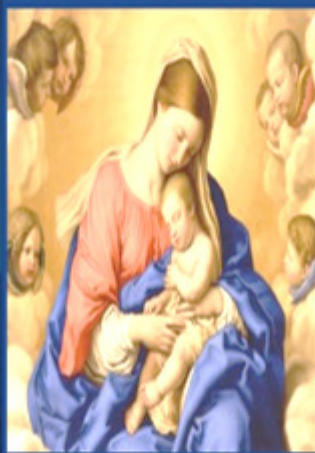


Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

"WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY"

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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Website: www.saintmonica.com

Traveling? Call Mass Times (858) 207-6277

or online at www.masstimes.org

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.

Little Disciples Youth Group

Meets 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

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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, JANUARY 1, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

4:00 pm Intentions of Zia Gould (Dave & Marie Gould)

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am Charles Pearsall (Diane Stanaway)
11:00 am Dawn Beecher (Beecher Family)

Thursday, January 5

9:00 am Philomena Carragher (Marie Gould)

Saturday, January 7

4:00 pm Alice Laudati (Dave & Marie Gould)

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am Thomas Duffy
11:00 am Charles C Coutu (Kaba Family)

Saturday, January 14

4:00 pm Nora Mastrian (Jim Mastrian)

Sunday, January 15

9:00 am Dorothy Mastrian (Jon & Mary Ann Tvaroha)
11:00 am Leona Przymylski (Carol & Josh Bjornsen)

*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, Tony Yanis

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 DECEMBER 17 - 18 2016

Weekly Collection	\$3,017.00
Utility & Energy	\$478.00
Online Giving (41)	\$1,049.50
Total	\$4,544.50

Thank you for helping to support our Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

January 1, 2017

Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29 -3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Please Remember In Your Prayers:
Michael Noonan

The deceased members of St Monica,
The souls in Purgatory
Those who died serving Our Country
May they enjoy peace in their new life with Christ Jesus.

PLEASE NOTE

There is no CCD Class Monday, January 2. The Parish Offices will also be closed.

Tuesday, January 3 CCD Classes take place at their normal times.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
& BENEDICTION JANUARY 4**

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

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ART

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER MASS JANUARY 7 AND 8

Olive-wood handcrafted from the Holy Land, a traditional art and livelihood for Holy Land Christians. Olivewood carving industries has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area alone rely upon income generated from this art form. Local Catholic artisans carve the items. Many families are facing critical situations. Without income, Artisans leave their tradition art and trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their homeland. Christian's presence in the Holy Land has extended from the Pentecost to the present. 65 years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the population and now represent less than 2%. The loss of the Christians in the Land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for all Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for Christian Tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry. Dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the Holy Land and to preserve the Christian presence. For questions, please contact George Qassis 732-330-3265.



We thank our Knights of Columbus for the wonderful Breakfast with Santa on

December 17. Children and families were treated to a great breakfast, activities, a visit with Santa and pictures. We also thank our Knights for donating the beautiful Christmas tree for our altar.

We thank our parishioners and volunteers for your efforts and donations for Food Baskets and gifts for the needy as well as gifts for Care One Nursing Home in Jackson.

To the Balint Family -- wonderful job.

Thank you to all our volunteers that helped decorate our Church for Christmas. Looks beautiful! Thank you to Ada Trematerra and the Women of St Monica.



**WORLD DAY OF PEACE
JANUARY 1**

In his Message for the 50th World Day of Peace, Pope Francis urges families, faith communities, government leaders, and the international community to practice non-violence and work to build a just peace.

Prayer for Peace in our Communities

Let us pray . . .

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required . . .

“Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will.

Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Monday, January 2

No Class Today

Tuesday, January 3

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

Monday, January 9

4:15 pm Class
6:00 pm Class

Tuesday, January 10

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

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

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 a hundred mini replica's 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

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.

WOSM (WOMEN OF ST MONICA)

Sunday, January 8

12:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Sunday, February 5

12:00 pm Meeting (Little Church)

Sunday, March 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. 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 at the back of the Church. If you have any questions please contact Theresa Calsetta at 732-961-7161 or email dakota16@optonline.net.



JANUARY 19

ST MONICA PARISH HALL

Set your Calendar for Thursday, January 19 from 4:00 - 9:00 pm to come out and give Blood and save lives! When you donate, you actually save 3 lives.

This event is being coordinated by the Knights of Columbus and the Central Jersey Blood Center. Please set some time aside to help our community. Basic requirements: Donors must present a photo ID, be a minimum of 16 years old (*with Parental Consent*), in good health, and weigh at least 120 lbs.

Set an appointment time ONLINE by visiting www.cjcblood.org and click on "donate now" or sign up for an appointment time at the back of the Church. Any questions, please contact Richard Wilson at richard.wilson@onboardusa.com or (732) 492-9888.

SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR

EVENTS

Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 Monday, January 2
 9:00 am Mass
 No CCD Class Today

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
 Benediction
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, January 5

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Thursday Rosary
 7:00 pm K of C Meeting (Parish Hall)

Friday, January 6

6:00 pm Little Disciples (Parish Hall)
 Saturday, January 7 - Sunday, January 8
 Bethlehem Holy Land Display - All Masses

Saturday, January 7

12:00 pm Mercy Hour Activity (Little Church)
 3:15 pm Confession
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Adult RCIA (Little Church/Dcn Mike)
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Women of St Monica Mtg (Little Church)
 1:00 pm Convalidation (Dcn Mike)
 3:00 pm Removal of Christmas Decorations-Church
 5:00 pm Choir

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7 - 4:00 pm

Reader: Theresa Calsetta
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Diane Black, Michael Seiler
 Altar Servers: S Calsetta, J Debiak
 Ushers: Michael Debiak, John Finley, Bob Maras,
 Guy Okulewicz
 Greeter: Laura Debiak

Sunday, January 8 - 9:00 am

Readers: Sylvia Piznik, Cathy Sedano
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Linda Thompson, Bob
 Vonah

Altar Servers: E Althaver, A Althaver
 Ushers: Jim Black, Rob Guimaraes, Tom Kujawski,
 Ronald Serrano

Greeter: Linda Siwec

Sunday, January 8 - 11:00 am

Reader: Bob Purcell
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Liz Maura, Monica
 Principato

Altar Server: M Barna

Ushers: Nickey Deluca, Christopher LaPorte, Bill
 Reed, Needed

Greeter: Briten Alston

**FOR THE MINISTRY SCHEDULE AND UP TO DATE
 CALENDAR ITEMS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.SAINTMONICA.COM**

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.



Looking for volunteers to help with removing Christmas decorations from our Church on Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 pm. If interested, please join us.

2017 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Please help yourself to a calendar available at the entrances to the Church.



CATHOLIC FAITH

You may have noticed the small book rack and CD holder in the back of the church! This is 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 which are 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.

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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM

Last year AARP transmitted over 7,000 Federal and State tax returns in Ocean County! If you are looking to make a difference in someone's life and interested in a sense of satisfaction by helping others in need, the AARP Tax Aide Program welcomes you. Our volunteers will receive training in January that will prepare them to complete and electronically file a Federal and State return, free of charge. The IRS and the NJ Division of Taxation will provide all training materials. If interested, please call Lynn at 732-373-1948 for details. ** There are a number of support roles that do not require tax or computer skills.

PROJECT PAUL WOULD LIKE YOUR FURNITURE

Project PAUL's furniture store, at 79 Myrtle Avenue, Keansburg would like your gently used furniture. The furniture store is another one of the services we provide to the Bayshore area of Monmouth County and to those in need. So whether you are redecorating or moving please think of us. You can call us and schedule a pick-up at 732-787-4887. www.projpaul.org

BREAD FROM HEAVEN CAFE

Food will be served to those in need at the Knights of Columbus building located at 401 Bartley Road, in Jackson every Tuesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. You don't have to live in Jackson to come. Food offerings will consist of healthy meals, sandwiches, soup and fruit. To volunteer or for more information please call Helen at 732-245-5954.



*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

- * *Adult Formation Programs (RCIA)*
- * *Altar Server*
- * *Baptismal Preparation*
- * *Bereavement/Consolation Ministry*
- * *Catechetical Ministry (CCD)*
- * *Choir*
- * *Eucharistic Minister*
- * *Greeter*
- * *Knights of Columbus*
- * *Lector*
- * *Legion of Mary*

- * *Little Disciples*
- * *Music Ministry/Choir*
- * *New Evangelization Team*
- * *Religious Education Program (CCD)*
- * *Social Concerns & Food Pantry*
- * *St Martha's Cooks*
- * *St Vincent de Paul*
- * *Usher*
- * *Visitation/Holy Communion for
Homebound*
- * *Women of St Monica*