



# CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

*"WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY"*

*Our Parish is Served by:*

Reverend Alex Enriquez  
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*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 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](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.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 8, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS

**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 Przymyski (Carol & Josh Bjornsen)

**Saturday, January 21**

4:00 pm Beverly Long (Vikki McGlone)

**Sunday, January 22**

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

11:00 am Dave Olson & Marian Horn (Houde Family)

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

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 24 - 25 2016

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly/Christmas Collection | \$8,623.36        |
| Online Giving (40)          | \$1,113.50        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$9,736.86</b> |

*Thank you for helping to support our Parish*

To Diocese: Diocesan Assessment    \$235.00

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

#### January 8, 2017

- Monday:        Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;  
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
- Tuesday:      Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;  
Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12;  
Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
- Wednesday:    Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;  
Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:      Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:         Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;  
Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:      Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:        Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

### 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, 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.*



Please Remember In Your Prayers:

**Mary Ann Lipari**

**John Stofey**

**Tony Yanis**

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.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S MASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

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.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

On Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King there is no Mass or Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 am. There is no CCD and the Parish Offices are closed.



We thank our Knights of Columbus for their assistance with parking for Christmas Eve Mass and preparing the overflow parking area.

Thank you to our Christmas Youth Choir, Ernie Rookey, Iris Biely, Theresa Calsetta, and Angela and Ronald Serrano. Everyone did an awesome job -- beautiful !



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.



**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](http://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](mailto:richard.wilson@onboardusa.com) or (732) 492-9888.

**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).

**2017 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS**

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### UPCOMING CALENDAR

#### Monday, January 9

4:15 pm Class  
6:00 pm Class

#### Tuesday, January 10

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

#### Monday, January 16

No Class Today

#### Tuesday, January 17

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](mailto: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](mailto:patrickaoh@hotmail.com). Please also visit our website at [www.aohmichaeldavitt.com](http://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](mailto:dakota16@optonline.net).

### 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.

**SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR**

**EVENTS**

**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 Practice

**Monday, January 9**

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Dcn Mike  
 4:15 pm CCD Class  
 6:00 pm CCD Class

**Tuesday, January 10**

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Dcn Mike  
 9:30 am Tuesday Social (Kitchen)  
 4:15 pm CCD Class  
 6:00 pm CCD Class - 8th Grade  
 7:15 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

**Wednesday, January 11**

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Dcn Mike  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, January 12**

9:00 am Communion Service  
 9:30 am Rosary

**Friday, January 13**

6:00 pm Couples for Christ Choir (Church)  
 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting (Little Church)

**Saturday, January 14**

10:00 am BLD Final Plenary Meeting (Parish Hall)  
 3:15 pm Confession  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 15**

9:00 am Mass  
 10:00 am Adult RCIA (Dcn Mike/Little Church)  
 11:00 am Children's Mass  
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

**Monday, January 16**

No Mass/Liturgy of the Word  
 No CCD Class  
 Parish Offices Closed  
 7:00 pm K of C 1st Degree

**Tuesday, January 17**

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Dcn Mike  
 9:30 am Tuesday Social (Kitchen)  
 4:15 pm CCD Class  
 6:00 pm CCD Class - 8th Grade  
 7:15 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 14 - 4:00 pm**

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

**Sunday, January 15 - 9:00 am**

Readers: Denis Balint, Val Smith  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Denielle Balint, Sherry Rusbarsky  
 Altar Servers: K Knoebel, M Knoebel  
 Ushers: Jim Black, Rob Guimaraes, Tom Kujawski, Needed  
 Greeter: Trish Guimaraes

**Sunday, January 15 - 11:00 am**

Reader: Eileen San Juan-Laus  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Jo-Anne Monaghan, Barbara Purcell  
 Altar Server: A Bieszczad  
 Ushers: Briten Alston, Nickey DeLuca, Christopher LaPorte, Bill Reed  
 Greeter: N Drop

**FOR THE MINISTRY SCHEDULE AND UP TO DATE CALENDAR ITEMS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SAINTMONICA.COM](http://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.

**SELECTIVE SECONDS**

Our high-quality, new and gently used furniture and home décor shoppe located at 911 Main Street, Rear, Belmar; Phone: 732-894-9393. Open Thursday – Saturday, 11-5; Sunday, 12-4

JANUARY SALE: The shoppe reopens on 1/12/17 with 50% off select items.

**HOW TO BEAT THOSE POST-HOLIDAY**

**BLUES:** Experts agree one of the easiest ways to lift your spirits is to spend time doing something helpful for people less fortunate. There are many opportunities available in our furniture outreach ministry (not just for retirees), and the amount of hours it will take out of your busy schedule is dependent on you alone. Share your gift of time this new year by helping us help those less fortunate, and enjoy the camaraderie of new friends!

**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](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

**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](http://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](mailto: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*