

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

"WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY"



**SECOND
SUNDAY
OF
LENT**

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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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 12, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 11

4:00 pm Alice Laudati (John & Catherine Sweeney)

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am Marge Manfredi (Houde Family)

11:00 am Thomas Ryan (M/M Michael Brachelli)

Monday March 13

9:00 am Juan Carlos Sosa (Cultrara Family)

Tuesday, March 14

9:00 am Mary Ann Lipari (Tuesday Social Group)

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 am For the Intentions of Zoe I. Gould
(Dave & Marie Gould)

Thursday, March 16

9:00 am E. Patrick Carragher (Marie Gould)

Saturday, March 18

4:00 pm Intentions of Bob Wilson (Jackie Wilson)

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am Alice Laudati (Liz Hills)

11:00 am Owen Monaghan (St. Monica Bereavement)

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



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, 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, Joseph Belluardo, Arlene Toth, Marvin Badach

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 FEBRUARY 25 - 26

Weekly Collection	\$2,801.53
Online Giving (43)	\$904.50
Total	\$3,706.03

Thank you for helping to support our Parish

Readings for the Week of March 12

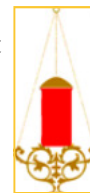
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

TREE OF FAITH

Our beautiful "Tree of Faith" which adorns our foyer is a wonderful symbol of our family in faith. What a great way to honor a loved one, living or deceased, than to have them remembered on our "Tree of Faith". The tree will continue to grow as our parish family grows. Please contact the Parish Office for further information 732-928-0279 or stmonicanj@yahoo.com.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Consider donating the sanctuary lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church to honor a loved one. Suggested donation \$25 for one week. Please contact the Parish Office at 732-928-0279 or stmonicanj@yahoo.com for further information.



**ST MONICA ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 AT 2:00 PM**

The dinner takes place in our parish hall.

Menu: penne and spaghetti; meatballs, eggplant parmesan; lasagna; sausage, pepper and onions, antipasti salad; rolls and butter; dessert; coffee, tea, iced tea & lemonade.

Tickets purchased in advance \$10 for Adults; \$5 for Children ages 6-10; Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

Tickets purchased at the door \$15 for Adults.

Tickets available after

Mass. Join us for a wonderful afternoon! For information, contact Linda Thompson at 732-961-7452.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 AT 7:00 PM

Lent is a time for us to reflect on the fact that Jesus died for our sins. Come, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Parish Lenten Penance Service.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MARCH 17 AT 7:00 PM

Please join us to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. This week's stations will be led by Deacon Chris Knoebel.

CHILDREN'S MASS MARCH 19

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.

40 CANS FOR LENT

Fellow parishioners,
Thank you for your donations of canned items for the needy. Next week, the food items requested for our Food Pantry include:

- Rice (box or bag)
- Potatoes (Instant)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce

Thank you for your continued support.

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP O'CONNELL

There are very few days in the Church year for penitential abstinence from meat as a sacrifice. It is serious enough an obligation as to be listed as one of the "Precepts of the Church."

I am happy this year to give a dispensation from the Lenten abstinence requirement for those attending a St Patrick's Day celebration in a parish or other Catholic organization, but ask our Catholics attending that dinner/event to transfer the Lenten abstinence sacrifice to Thursday, March 16.

Respectfully yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.

Bishop of Trenton

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday March 2 – April 12 at 9:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 16

Lenten Penance Service: 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 23

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening

Prayer: 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11

Tenebrae Service: 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

Church remains open until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 14

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord

Holy Communion/Veneration of the Cross: 3:00

pm

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15

Blessing of Easter Food: 11:00 am

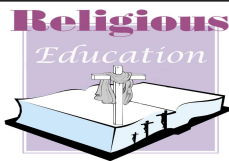
(No 4:00 pm Mass)

Easter Vigil Service: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 16

Masses: 9:00 am and 11:00 am



**UPCOMING CALENDAR****Monday, March 13**

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

Tuesday, March 14

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm 8th Grade Class

Monday, March 20

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

Tuesday, March 21

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm 8th Grade Class

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

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 Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at St Monica. "All Are Welcome". Please call Xenia Gallo 732-580-4456 or email xgallo22@aol.com.

GRAND MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

Join Fr Alex and Fr Leon Buni on a Grand Mediterranean Cruise aboard the elegant Royal Princess. Itinerary: Departing 9/9/2017 from Barcelona, Spain - Marseille, France - Livorno, Italy - At Sea - Katakolon, Greece - Mykonos, Greece - Santorini, Greece - At Sea - Kotor, Montenegro - At Sea - Naples, Italy - Returning 9/20/2017 to Civitavecchi (Rome). Pre-cruise and post-cruise shore excursions include Montserrat, Sagrada Familia, Papal Audience and Major Basilicas in Rome. For more information call Virginia Ricablanca at 848-466-0234 or please send an e-mail to: vricabile@cruiseshipcenters.com.

WOSM (WOMEN OF ST MONICA)

Sunday, March 26

12:00 pm New Parishioner Sunday

Friday, March 31

7:00 pm Lead Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 2

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.

WOMEN'S CLUB AT WESTLAKE OFFERS WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Women's Club at Westlake is awarding scholarships to qualified female residents of Jackson, NJ, who are in need of financial assistance, have been accepted into a post high school educational or training program, and meet any **one** of the following categories:

- * Currently completing high school, OR
- * Currently working and planning to enroll in a program to enhance skills, make a career change, or desiring further education, OR
- * Not working but desiring job training skills or retraining, OR
- * Registered in either public school or vocational school in a continuing education program.

Applications are available online at <http://www.westlakeclubs.com/womens>. (Click the tab entitled "Scholarship Application") and through the Jackson Branch of the Ocean County Library, the Guidance Offices of Jackson Liberty and Memorial High Schools and Ocean County Vo Tech, and Financial Aide Offices at Ocean County College and Georgian Court University.

Deadline for submission is May 1, 2017.

LITTLE DISCIPLES OF ST MONICA

The Little Disciples 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. Contact Theresa Calsetta for information 732-299-0261 dakota16@optonline.net

SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR

EVENTS

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Adult RCIA/Dcn Mike (Little Church)
 11:00 am Mass
 2:00 pm Italian Dinner (Parish Hall)
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Tuesday Social (Parish Hall)
 4:15 pm CCD Class
 6:00 pm CCD - 8th Grade
 7:15 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)
 7:30 pm K of C Degree Team (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg (Little Church)

Thursday, March 16

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Thursday Rosary
 7:00 pm Lenten Penance Service

Friday, March 17

6:00 pm Little Disciples Meeting (Little Church)
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Dcn Chris Knoebel

Saturday, March 18

3:15 pm Confession
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 19

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

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18 - 4:00 pm

Reader: Don Hansen
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Marie Gould, Jim Mastrian
 Altar Servers: S Calsetta, J Debiak
 Ushers: Mike Carle, John Finley, Bob Maras, Needed
 Greeter: Janel Tischler

Sunday, March 19 - 9:00 am

Readers: Lauren Goldner, Jack Guarnieri
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Sylvia Piznik, Linda Thompson
 Altar Servers: K Knoebel, M Knoebel
 Ushers: Tom Kujawski, Jim Scatigna, Ronald Serrano, Needed
 Greeter: Linda Siwec

Sunday, March 19 - 11:00 am

Reader: Domenica LaPorte
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Liz Mauro, Monica Principato
 Altar Server: M Barna
 Ushers: Briten Alson, Nickey DeLuca, Christopher LaPorte, Bill Reed
 Greeter: Carolyn Barna

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - IN ACTION!

Catholic Education Administration

Catholic schools are the greatest hope for the future of our Church. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within 31 elementary schools and 7 high schools. Last year reaching out to more than 90,000 alumni increased that support to these institutions.

NEW PARISHIONER SUNDAY - MARCH 26

We invite new parishioners and visitors to join us for light refreshments following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 26.

All our welcome to come and meet our Parish Family.



Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. Children are school age and up.

Orientation, Sunday, March 19 at 3pm.

St Uriel's Episcopal Church

219 Philadelphia Blvd, Sea Girt

Contact: Sr. Elizabeth Engel 732-359-8434 or email your interest to sister.engel@gmail.com

CATHOLIC FAITH

The small book rack and CD holder in the back of the church 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.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

CHANGED YOUR PHONE # OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

To update your information on the parish database, email stmonicanj@yahoo.com, drop a note in the collection basket Attn: Parish Office or call 732-928-0279.

Sharing the 'Joy of the Gospel' on Catholic radio!

Tune into **WFJS** Catholic Radio

1260AM/89.3FM.

Download the WFJS smart phone app. Or listen on line@ www.DomesticChurchMedia.org

ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors information sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. For more information, call 609-406-7434 or email rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Ocean County: March 29 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm
St Barnabas, Bayville

Monmouth County: March 15 from 7:30 - 9:00 am
St Thomas More, Manalapan

AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

Free service, open to all taxpayers. Special emphasis, given to those over the age of 60 with low to moderate incomes. All volunteer preparers are IRS certified. Clients should bring the following to their tax preparation center: copy of last year's income tax return - W-2 form from each employer - Unemployment compensation statements - SSA-1099 form if you received Social Security - All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends, 1099R for pension, annuity or IRA distributions - Information on medical expenses. The AARP Tax-Aide Program ends Tuesday, April 18. Local sites providing this program are; Jackson Municipal Building on Mondays 732-928-2313 and Jackson Branch OC Library on Thursdays 732-928-4400 ext. 3832. Please call for an appointment.

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 pm. 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.



*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 Evangelization*
- * *Adult Formation Programs (RCIA)*
- * *Altar Server*
- * *Baptismal Preparation*
- * *Bereavement/Consolation Ministry*
- * *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*