

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

"WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY"



**THIRD
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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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 19, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, March 20

9:00 am Robin Ippolito (Barbara & Jerry Santangelo)

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 am Frances Duhamel (David & Marie Gould)

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 am Harry D'Alessandro (Joe Cronin)

Thursday, March 23

9:00 am Mary Ann Lipari (Liz Nelsen)

Saturday, March 25

4:00 pm Nora Mastrian (Jim Mastrian)

Sunday, March 26

9:00 am Mary Tenreiro (Joseph Tenreiro & Family)

11:00 am Owen Monaghan (Karen & Marv Badach)

*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 MARCH 4 - 5

Weekly Collection	\$3,031.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,502.64
Online Giving (47)	\$2,020.50
Total	\$6,554.14

Thank you for helping to support our Parish

St Vincent de Paul Collections:

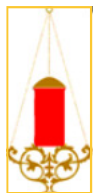
February 27 - 28	\$450.00
March 4 - 5	\$346.77
Total	\$796.77

Readings for the Week of March 19

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38] Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
& EVENING PRAYER - MARCH 23 AT 7:00 PM**

We welcome you to an evening of prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MARCH 24 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 our Legion of Mary Ministry.

NEW PARISHIONER SUNDAY - MARCH 26

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

All are welcome to come and meet our Parish Family.

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:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup

Thank you for your continued support.
K of C 11529



On Thursday, March 30, the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place at 4:00 pm, officiated by Reverend Monsignor Thomas N Gervasio. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

UPCOMING LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday through April 12 at 9:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 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



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.



Religious
Education

UPCOMING CALENDAR**Monday, March 20**

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

Tuesday, March 21

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm 8th Grade Class

Monday, March 27

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

Tuesday, March 28

No Class

5:00 pm Confirmation Practice

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

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

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.

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.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - IN ACTION!**Evangelization**

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 50,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 300 adults are brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese each year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith. Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR

EVENTS

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)

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Thursday Rosary
 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
 Evening Prayer

Friday, March 24

6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting (Little Church)
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Led by Legion of Mary

Saturday, March 25

3:15 pm Confession
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, March 26

9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Adult RCIA (Dcn Mike - Little Church)
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm New Parishioner Sunday
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Tuesday Social (Parish Hall)
 No CCD Class Today
 5:00 pm Confirmation Practice
 7:15 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)
 7:30 pm K of C Officer Meeting (Parish Hall)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 25 - 4:00 pm

Reader: Mike Hintenach
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Diane Black, Margaret
 Carle
 Altar Servers: T Anastasio, M Dakin, E Dakin
 Ushers: Mike Carle, Michael Debiak, Guy
 Okulewicz, Needed
 Greeter: Laura Debiak

Sunday, March 26 - 9:00 am

Readers: Val Smith, Alice Stephens
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Denielle Balint, Ada
 Trematerra
 Altar Servers: K Carlson, CJ Hanson
 Ushers: Jim Black, Rob Guimaraes, Tom Kujawski,
 Needed
 Greeter: Trish Guimaraes

Sunday, March 26 - 11:00 am

Reader: Bob Purcell
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Jo-Anne Monaghan,
 Barbara Purcell
 Altar Servers: A Bieszczad
 Ushers: Briten Alston, Nickey DeLuca, Christopher
 La Porte, Bill Reed
 Greeter: N Drop

ONLINE GIVING

St. Monica offers online giving. By signing up to give your weekly offertory, special collections and CCD tuition online, you help St. Monica forecast finances and plan more accurately. Online Giving is a safe, secure and dependable means of making your donations and eliminates errors in posting because your donations are posted electronically to your parish account. No need to write a check or to bring your envelope. Print a record of your donations any time you want.

Go to www.saintmonica.com and click on Donate Online. Contact the parish office for assistance 732-928-0279.





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.

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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

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.

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.



*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*