

# CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

*"WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY"*



**FOURTH  
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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## *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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 26, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS

**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)

**Monday, March 27**

9:00 am Intentions of Duke & Mary (Family)

**Tuesday, March 28**

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

**Wednesday, March 29**

9:00 am Joseph Lotito (Duke & Mary)

**Thursday, March 30**

9:00 am Intentions of Melonne Ade (Family)

**Saturday, April 1**

4:00 pm Intentions of David Gould, Jr & Family  
(Friend)

**Sunday, April 2**

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

11:00 am John & Janet Golonka (Piacentino Family)

*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, Frank Hrelja, Mark Hoffman

*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 11 - 12

Weekly Collection \$3,023.01

Building Maintenance \$329.00

Online Giving (42) \$1,286.50

**Total \$4,638.51**

*Thank you for helping to support our Parish*

### Readings for the Week of March 26

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;  
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14,  
17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;  
Jn 7:40-53

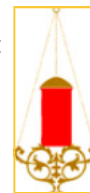
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8;  
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45  
[3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCES

Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes are available at the Church entrances. All individuals, living and deceased whose names are listed on the Easter Remembrance envelopes, will be remembered at all Easter Masses. Envelopes may be returned by placing them in the collection basket.

### 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.

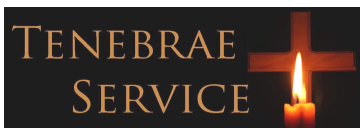




Thursday, March 30 the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place at 4:00 pm, officiated by Reverend Monsignor Thomas N Gervasio. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS MARCH 31 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 the Women of St Monica.



**TUESDAY, APRIL 11  
7:00 PM**

Join us for the Tenebrae service, an ancient Church tradition using the psalms, readings and light to meditate on the events of Holy Week from Jesus's entry into Jerusalem to his burial in the tomb. It's a great way to go deeper into the Scriptures in anticipation of Easter.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

On Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 am the Knights of Columbus invite you and your families to come have breakfast with the Easter Bunny. There will be food, fun activities for the kids, 50/50 raffles and weather permitting -- the ever popular Easter egg hunt outside for prizes for the kids. The festivities conclude with an appearance and photo op with the Easter Bunny himself. Come join us for a great morning of family fun during the Lenten Season!

**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 canned soups and canned fruit.

Thank you for your continued support.  
**K of C 11529**



**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass**

Monday - Thursday through April 12 at 9:00 am

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays during Lent: 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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**FIGHT ADOLESCENT DRUG ABUSE  
ST MONICA PARISH HALL**

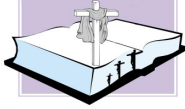
Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus hosts a program on **Adolescent Drug Abuse** in our area. **Adolescent Drug Abuse** continues to spread throughout the country and Jackson is not immune to the devastating impact of this problem on our community, our families and our youth. We will have 2 speakers that are immersed in this fight to save our children on a daily basis. Our 1<sup>st</sup> speaker, a D.A.R.E. representative will share real information about their views and experience. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker is with CFC Loud N Clear. CFC has been a driving force in helping Howell go from the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst municipality in NJ in heroine abuse to not being in the top 40 currently. We encourage everyone to join us Thursday for what will surely be an enlightening evening. Snacks and drinks will be served.

**FOUND**

We found an earring in the Church this week. Please contact the Parish Office if this item belongs to you.



## Religious Education



### UPCOMING CALENDAR

#### Monday, March 27

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

#### Tuesday, March 28

No Class

5:00 pm Confirmation Practice

#### Thursday, March 30

4:00 pm Confirmation

#### Monday, April 3

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

#### Tuesday, April 4

4:15 pm Class

*Karen Badach, Religious Education*  
732-928-4038 or [stmonicccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicccd@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:xgallo22@aol.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 pm. 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).

### 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.

**SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR**

**EVENTS**

**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**

: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)

**Wednesday, March 29**

9:00 am Mass  
 5:00 pm Confirmation Practice  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, March 30**

9:00 am Mass  
 9:30 am Thursday Rosary  
 4:00 pm Confirmation

**Friday, March 31**

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Led by WOSM)

**Saturday, April 1**

3:15 pm Confession  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, April 2**

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)  
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

**Monday, April 3**

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

**Tuesday, April 4**

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, April 1 - 4:00 pm**

Reader: Dennis Gibson  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Liz Mauro, Marie Gould  
 Altar Servers: J Debiak  
 Ushers: Mike Carle, Michael Debiak, Bob Maras,  
 Guy Okulewicz, Needed  
 Greeter: John Finley

**Sunday, April 2 - 9:00 am**

Readers: Betty Cole, Cathy Sedano  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Sylvia Piznik, Linda  
 Thompson  
 Altar Servers: A Althaver, E Althaver  
 Ushers: Rob Guimaraes, CJ Hanson, Jim Scatigna,  
 Bob Vonah  
 Greeter: Linda Siwec

**Sunday, March 26 - 11:00 am**

Reader: Barbara Rookey  
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Jo-Anne Monaghan,  
 Monica Principato  
 Altar Servers: W Rodriguez  
 Ushers: Briten Alston, Nickey DeLuca, Bill Reed,  
 Ronald Serrano  
 Greeter: Carolyn Barna

**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](http://www.saintmonica.com) and click on Donate Online. Contact the parish office for assistance 732-928-0279.



**HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP**

A support group for adults affected by the pain of separation and divorce. We meet Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:30 pm at St Veronica's ACTS Office (rectory basement) located at 4215 Route 9, Howell. If you know someone going through or have gone through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about us. It might just be the best thing you could do to help. Come and join us as we experience healing and develop a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Please feel free to contact Maria at 732-363-5698 or email [stveronicakre4u@gmail.com](mailto:stveronicakre4u@gmail.com) for information or directions. **TOPICS:** What's happening to me?; The Road to Healing/Finding Help; Facing my Anger; Facing my Depression; Facing my Loneliness; What does the Owner's Manual Say?; New Relationships; Financial Survival; KidCare; Single Sexuality; Forgiveness; Reconciliation; Moving On, Growing Closer to God. Our twelve week sessions begin **April 20, 2017.**

**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](mailto:stmonicanj@yahoo.com), drop a note in the collection basket Attn: Parish Office or call 732-928-0279.

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**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS SPONSORS AFTERNOON AT  
ST CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APRIL 30  
3:00 - 6:30 PM**

For boys in grades 7-12 at St Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. The afternoon includes: talks by seminarians and Vocation Directors: Father Mike Wallack, Father Garry Koch and Father Dan Swift; a seminary tour; gym time; vespers (evening prayer); and, a light dinner. The purpose of the outing is to introduce boys to what a seminary is like and to consider a possible vocation to the priesthood. Adult chaperones are needed for transportation to/from and supervision at the seminary. Permission forms are available. To chaperone, please contact Liz Hills in the Parish Office at 732-928-0279 or [stmonicanj@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicanj@yahoo.com) to complete a driver information form. For more information, please contact Father Dan Swift at [father\\_dan@smlparish.org](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org).

**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

**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).



*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 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*