



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

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 EASTER, APRIL 23, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 22

4:00 pm Nora Mastrian (Jim Mastrian)

Sunday, April 23

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

11:00 am Thomas Ryan (Mr & Mrs Valentine Casey)

Monday, April 24

9:00 am Owen Monaghan (David & Marie Gould)

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 am Elvira Budesheim (Richard & Terry Stahlhut)

Wednesday, April 26

Mary Ann Lipari (Daughters)

Thursday, April 27

Mr & Mrs Beljour (Melonne Ahe)

Saturday, April 29

4:00 pm Warren Wisnewski (Family)

Sunday, April 30

9:00 am Owen Monaghan (Balint Family)

11:00 am Owen Monaghan (St Monica Religious Ed Students)

*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, Jim Mastrian

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 APRIL 8 - 9

Weekly Collection \$3,921.50

Online Giving (44) \$1,344.50

Total **\$5,266.00**

Thank you for helping to support our Parish

Readings for the Week of

April 23, 2017

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The kind parishioners of St Monica generously support the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Going forward, we hope to keep you informed as to the work we do in the town of Jackson. And, as always, we encourage you to attend our monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 pm in the St Aloysius School cafeteria. For further information, please contact Carol Rogers at 732-276-7399 or denandcar@msn.com. St Vincent de Paul fiscal year began on October 1. We are at the halfway mark for FY17, having allocated funds in the names of our neighbors in Jackson in the following manner: rent/mortgage assistance \$25,400; JCP&L \$14,620; heating/fuel \$5,300; NJNG \$2,200; car insurance \$3,200; water/sewer and car payments \$3,000; food and diapers \$2,300; administrative costs (telephone line and online giving charges) \$1,200 (2% of total funds expended). Total: \$57,000 (in rounded numbers). No money is given directly to a guest. Bills are paid in their names after a vetting process. All of this is possible because of the donations received from parishioners and private individuals/service organizations. Thank you!

BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS



Through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion, you are embraced by the Church. We joyfully welcome

- Anibal Josue Michael Avila*
- Charles John Bachmann*
- Lorien Elizabeth Bachmann*
- Clifford Philip Beach*
- Sophie Emma Fortunato*
- Dominic Michael Nicosia*
- Courtney Mary Young*

A special thanks to Deacon Mike Principato for your dedication and efforts preparing our RCIA candidates.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 24 AT 8:00 PM

Healing Shepherd Prayer Group invites all to attend the Healing Mass at Holy Cross Church, Ward Ave and Rumson Road, Rumson. Rev Garry Koch, Pastor of St Benedict Parish in Holmdel is widely known throughout the Diocese through his 15 years of writing a Scripture column for the Monitor and teaching many Bible study groups. For additional information call 732-345-8400.

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 1st speaker, a representative from law enforcement will share information about their views and experience. Our 2nd speaker is with CFC Loud N Clear. CFC has been a driving force in helping Howell go from the 2nd worst municipality in NJ in heroine abuse to not being in the top 40 currently. We encourage everyone to join us in our parish hall Thursday for what will surely be an enlightening evening. Snacks and drinks will be served.

Seating is limited, please arrive by 6:45 pm for a 7:00 pm start.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Mass Remembrance envelopes for Mother's Day are on the tables at the entrances to the church. Anyone wishing to honor their Mothers (living or deceased) may do so by filling out the intention envelope. To ensure your intentions will be published in our booklet on Mother's Day, please return your offering by placing it in the collection basket no later than May 7.



Thank you for your donations to the Easter Food Basket drive for the needy. Because of your generosity, each family received a nice food basket and baskets for the kids too.

We also thank our volunteers who assisted with the baskets, distribution and delivery and the Balint Family.



APEAL UPDATE	
REGISTERED PARISHIONERS	1341
DONORS	59
GOAL	\$18,000
PLEDGES	\$10,598
PAID PLEDGES TO DATE	\$5,898
% OF GOAL	59%

Make pledges at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal or www.saintmonica.com
To be eligible for our rebate, we must reach our \$18,000 goal in paid pledges
To all that have completed their pledges
Thank You !

1ST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 AT 9:00 AM

All our 1st Holy Communion students and their families are invited to a delicious breakfast in our parish hall sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.

Religious Education



UPCOMING CALENDAR

Monday, April 24

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

Tuesday, April 25

4:15 pm Class

Saturday, April 29

9:00 am 1st Communion Family
Breakfast (Parish Hall)

Monday, May 1

4:15 pm Class

6:00 pm Class

Tuesday, May 2

4:15 pm Class

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



Would you like to have a DATE NIGHT or a FAMILY FUN NIGHT? The Little Disciples Youth Group is sponsoring a BOWLING Fundraiser at Finnegan's Bowling Alley, 101 Locust Street, Lakewood on Friday, May 5 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Enjoy 2 hours worth of bowling, shoe rental, one pizza pie per lane, and one pitcher of soda per lane—all for \$20.00 per person. There will be up to 5 people per lane. Purchase your wristbands after all Masses on April 22 and 23 and April 29 and 30. Space is limited to 50 bowlers and on a first-come first-serve basis. So purchase your wristbands early. This is an inexpensive way to share some quality, old time FUN, with your fellow parishioners of this WONDERFUL parish while also supporting our youngest members!!! See you there!!! Any questions, please call Theresa Calsetta at 732-961-7161.

WOSM (WOMEN OF ST MONICA)

Upcoming Calendar

Saturday, April 22 - 23

Open Door Baby Donations Drive

Sunday, May 7

12:00 pm Meeting (Little Church)

Saturday, May 13

11:00 am Mother's Day Ladies Social (Parish Hall)
(See details below)

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.



"FILL MY CUP"

LADIES MUG GRAB BAG SOCIAL

Ladies and children are welcome to attend. Ladies bring a gift-wrapped new coffee/tea cup with your personal prayer intention inside (anonymous). We will have a gift exchange with the promise to pray for the intention in the cup you receive.

Adult and children's crafts, games and refreshments for all. Please join us!

St Monica Parish Hall

Saturday – May 13

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Donation of \$5.00 per lady (to benefit Open Door) at day of party/ children free.

Contact Mary Ann Tvaroha 732-740-4785 or Eleanore Althaver 732-691-5463.

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.

SAINT MONICA PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Choir

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Tuesday Social (Parish Hall)
 4:15 pm CCD Class
 7:15 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)
 7:30 pm K of C Officer Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 27

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Thursday Rosary
 7:00 pm Adolescent Drug Abuse Presentation (Parish Hall)

Friday, April 28

6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting (Little Church)

Saturday, April 29 - Sunday, April 30

K of C Membership Drive

Saturday, April 29

9:00 am 1st Communion Breakfast (Parish Hall)
 2:00 pm Convalidation (Fortunato/Dcn Mike)
 3:15 pm Confession
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 30

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Baptism (Davis)
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

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 29 - 4:00 pm

Reader: Don Hansen
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Margaret Carle, Jim Mastrian
 Altar Servers: J Debiak
 Ushers: Mike Carle, Michael Debiak, Mike Hintenach, Guy Okulewicz
 Greeter: John Finley

Sunday, April 30 - 9:00 am

Readers: Betty Cole, Jack Guarnieri
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Denis Balint, Cathy Sedano
 Altar Servers: E Althaver, A Althaver
 Ushers: Jim Black, Tom Kujawski, Jim Scatigna, Bob Vonah
 Greeter: Sylvia Piznik

Sunday, April 30 - 11:00 am

Reader: Eileen San Juan-LaUS
 Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Barbara Rookey, Needed
 Altar Servers: M Barna
 Ushers: Nickey DeLuca, Christopher LaPorte, Ronald Serrano, Needed
 Greeter: Carolyn Barna

**ST MONICA PARISH CALENDAR MAY BE FOUND AT
WWW.SAINTMONICA.COM.**

**CLICK ON "PARISH CALENDAR/EVENTS" SECTION
 FOR UP TO DATE CALENDAR ITEMS.**

FREE CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASSES

Attention qualified immigrants: Free citizenship preparation classes will be offered this summer at Donovan High School, St Joseph's Parish, Toms River. Must have a green card, 5 yr residency, and be able to speak, read and write English. Call Sr Peggy Nulty at 732-998-3153 to pre-register. Testing and registration Tuesday, June 13th 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings June 20 - July 27, 2017.

PEW MEMORIALS

Pew Memorials are available for a \$100 donation. An engraved memorial will be placed on specific pew sections. Contact the Parish Office for information.

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.

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.

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.

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

A RETREAT THOSE LIVING WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of May 19 - 21 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, in Kearny. The retreat begins Friday at 2:15 pm and ends with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30 pm. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information, contact Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237

BISHOP GEORGE AHR/ST THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL, EDISON, NJ 50TH ANNIVERSARY

In anticipation of our 50th anniversary, we want to reconnect with all our alumni. We have a news article on the website www.bgahs.org asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. You may reach us at dchippendale@bgahs.org or the alumni office at 732-549-1108.

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Tune into **WFJS Catholic Radio**
1260AM/89.3FM.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Adult Formation Programs (RCIA)</i> * <i>Altar Server</i> * <i>Baptismal Preparation</i> * <i>Bereavement/Consolation Ministry</i> * <i>Catechetical Ministry (CCD)</i> * <i>Choir</i> * <i>Eucharistic Minister</i> * <i>Greeter</i> * <i>Knights of Columbus</i> * <i>Lector</i> * <i>Legion of Mary</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Little Disciples</i> * <i>Music Ministry/Choir</i> * <i>New Evangelization Team</i> * <i>Religious Education Program (CCD)</i> * <i>Social Concerns & Food Pantry</i> * <i>St Martha's Cooks</i> * <i>St Vincent de Paul</i> * <i>Usher</i> * <i>Visitation/Holy Communion for Homebound</i> * <i>Women of St Monica</i> |
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