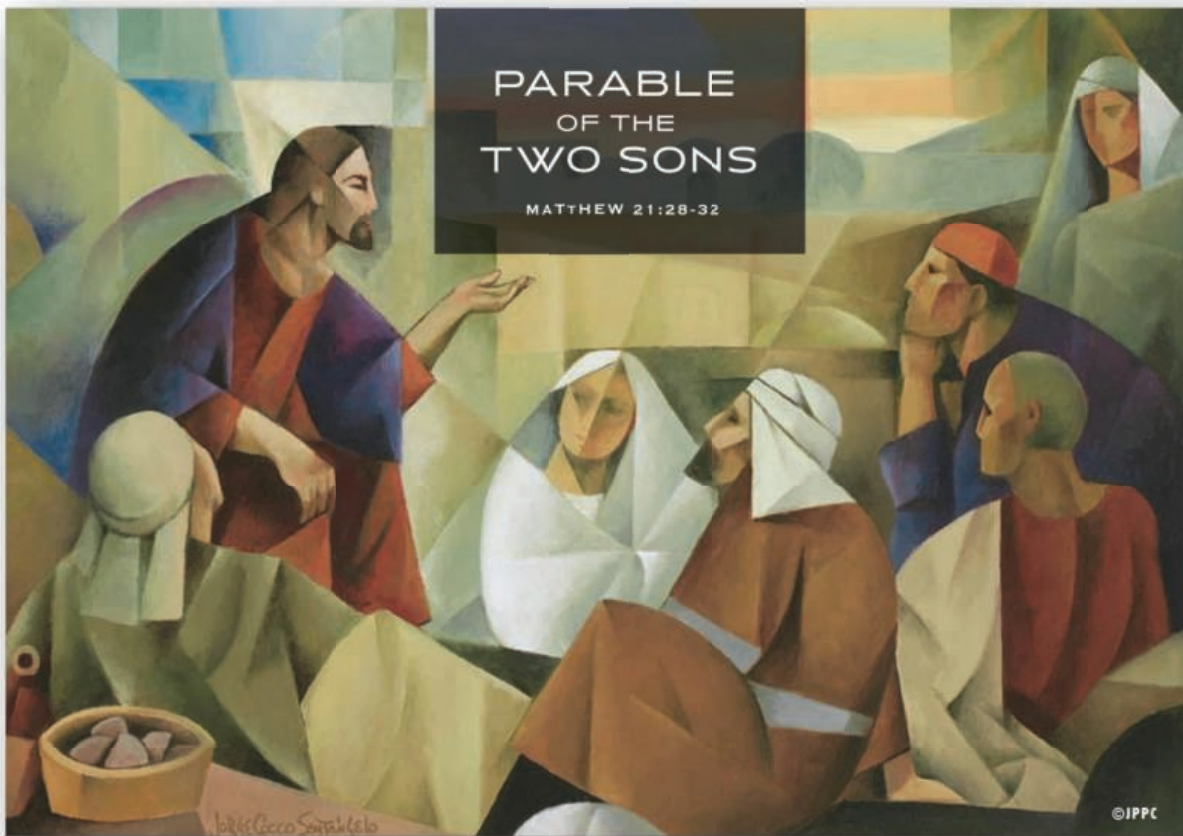


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The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.

Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

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Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

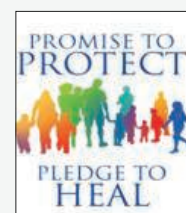
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1st Thursdays 7pm

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 1, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm Douglas Merwin
(Women of St Monica)

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am Intentions of Zenon & Alina
Kowalski 65th Wedding
Anniversary (Cas & Lynne Witek)

11:00 am Michael Ewen
(Bea & Joe Spiech)

Monday, October 2

9:00 am Intentions of Luz Cruz
(Imelda Enriquez)

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 am Loretta Zrebiec
(Husband Tom)

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 am Toni Jo Mullen
(Michelle & Jeffrey Faiella)

Thursday, October 5

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Saturday, October 7

4:00 pm Intentions of Sisters
(Marie Gould)

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am George Mastronardi
(Pete & Anita Bertram)

11:00 am Joseph Zappulla
(Arlene Toth)

*The 2024 Book of Intentions is now open.
To secure your intentions, please contact the
Parish Office.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian Scott, Dianne Smith, Frank Diolosa, Theodore Dunyak, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Baby Tripp Ravenfeld, Marie Gould, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, John Jennings, Arlene Toth, Deborah MacInnes, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Eileen Morello, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Sarah Thomas, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislán, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Eileen Hmielewski

Contact 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK – OCTOBER 1, 2023

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

PLEASE NOTE

This week marks the official launch of our Year of Parish Revival. The purpose of this Revival is to rekindle our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. There are four pillars that uphold the movement of Eucharistic revival in the United States:

- * **Reinvigorate worship**
- * **Create moments of personal encounter with Jesus**
- * **Engage in robust worship**
- * **Send Catholics forth as missionaries**

Here at St. Monica, Father Alex called upon our Deacons and our Adult Faith Formation team to help identify pathways to encounter with, believe in, and worship Jesus in the Eucharist. Based on our parish's gifts, challenges, and opportunities, several pathways emerged: a Pilgrimage to a holy site; a study on Jesus and the Eucharist; evening Adoration-Benediction-Confessions on every first Thursday starting this week, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.; Holy Moments before each Mass; Eucharistic Processions; teaching Masses; and more!

“The Eucharist is not an object but a person who is alive and transforms lives. We cannot demand revival but we can invite it, pray for it, and respond to it.”

--National Eucharistic Revival

BE AN ALTAR SERVER

St. Monica is now recruiting for new Altar Servers to assist the priests and deacons during the Liturgy. Requirements to serve as an altar server include: be a registered member of St. Monica, regularly receive the sacraments, must be in 4th grade or higher, and have made their First Holy Communion.

If your child is interested, please contact Deacon John White at : dcnjohnw@gmail.com or fill out the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. We will notify you when we schedule an instructional session for all altar servers.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2023**

Total \$5,183.00

Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.

Catholic Appeal Update

Goal: \$18,000.00
Pledged: \$16,985.00 (89% of Goal)
Paid: \$16,885.00 (88% of Goal)
Total Donors: 91
Total Gifts: 104
Average Gift: \$163.32

We are currently \$1,015 away from meeting our goal. Thank you to all who have pledged. Our parish receives a rebate if we reach our goal. We earn 15% of payments to goal and 50% of payments over goal. If you would like to help us reach our goal, pledge cards are available at the entrances to the church.

The Sanctuary Candle this week burns for
A Special Intention



HAPPY 38TH YEAR OF THE PRIESTHOOD, FATHER ALEX!

God our Father, we praise you for the great mercy you have shown by sending priests to shepherd us, to preach your holy word, to bring us new life in Christ, to nourish, forgive, heal, and strengthen us through the sacraments of our church.

We thank you for the gift of Father Alex's priesthood, and for all that so many others have received through his generous, self giving service. The priesthood is a calling from Jesus to bring people to him. We are so glad for Father Alex's "Yes!" when Jesus called him.

Father Alex, may you be blessed with more years, carried along by the joy of Jesus, who sees the many happy souls you have brought close to Him.

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Grateful Parish

October 1, 2023



CALENDAR

Saturday, September 30

Year of Parish Revival Launch All Masses
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 1

Year of Parish Revival Launch All Masses
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Women of St. Monica Mtg. (LC)
 12:00 pm Blessing of Animals (Parking Lot)
 1:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church)

Monday, October 2

9:00 am Mass
 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
 4:30 pm Religious Education
 6:15 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Religious Education
 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, October 5

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Adoration/Benediction/Confessions

Friday, October 6

6:00 pm Youth Group Mtg. (Little Church)

Saturday, October 7

3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church)
 6:30 pm Small Study Groups (Church)

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day - Parish Offices Closed
 No 9:00 am Mass
 No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 10

No Religious Education Classes
 9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, October 12

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm K of C Mtg. (Parish Hall)

Friday, October 13

Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
 6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church/Hall)

ROSARY RALLY AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

On Saturday, October 7th, the **Rosary Altar Society** of St. Joseph's Parish is sponsoring a **Rosary Rally** after the 8a. m. Mass.

Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair to Mary's Garden outside the church. If it rains, we will remain in the church.

St. Joseph's Parish, 685 Hooper Avenue, Toms River. Phone: 732-349-0018 x2223



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The next program will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Announcements On The Eucharistic Revival

The First-Ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord from the North, South, East, and West edges of the United States in a historic, cross-country Eucharistic pilgrimage. Thousands will encounter the power of God in an unprecedented way, and an outpouring of healing grace will remind our world that the same Jesus who gave sight to the blind and life to the dead is active today in our midst!

The four branches of the pilgrimage will converge at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in a powerful symbol of unity. Prepare your heart—and walking shoes—for our national Emmaus moment.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE!
eucharisticcongress.org

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If I but touch his cloak
I shall be cured.

MATTHEW 9:21





NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Small Groups Initiative

While there is much to come, a key initiative within this Eucharistic Revival will be small study groups. Small groups are a powerful way to see the fruit of the Revival in our parish! This 7-session study has been created specifically for the Year of Parish Revival and is provided to parishes free of charge.

Each video session is full of rich theological content, powerful talks, and unique and timely messages from bishops across the country.

This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us!

***Sundays in the Church beginning October 8th
6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.***

Contact Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261 or dakota16@optonline.net

Why Make a Pilgrimage?

To Make a Journey to Jesus

A pilgrimage is “the simultaneous movement of the feet and the soul”—a journey made both externally and internally.

The pilgrim travels to a location of spiritual significance, stepping outside of themselves in order to encounter God in places where he has revealed himself.

This action mirrors the interior journey of the pilgrim, who uses this experience to draw closer to Our Lord and seek him more intentionally.

The value of a pilgrimage is not in the distance traveled but in the disposition of our own hearts and the zeal with which we seek God. Many saints have had life-changing experiences while on pilgrimage, and the practice has been a part of Christianity from the beginning.

St. Monica Parish Pilgrimage

***The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
Friday, October 13***

8:30 a.m. bus departs from St. Monica, bus returns 5:30 p.m.

Contact Barbara Rookey at 732-904-8152 or barookey@gmail.com



**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD
ENGLISH**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful.
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we
may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work
in every place and time, in the
communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



The Eucharist - St Monica**Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Days As Noted

Reconciliation Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm
or by appt.**Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction**

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

1st Thursday of each month 7:00 pm with
Confessions**Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Baptisms

Celebrated outside of 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.

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Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

Bereavement Ministry

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Grief SupportFor those grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment to support your journey from grieving to healing. For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or dcnjohnw@gmail.com**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For those seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

Youth Group

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

New ParishionersWelcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at www.saintmonica.com. Please contact the parish office for further information.**Adult Faith Formation Core Team**

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

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.

Religious EducationChildren 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 1-8. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or stmonicaccd@yahoo.com**Legion of Mary**

Members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick and assisting with pastoral needs.

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.



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 someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Reflections on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1, 2023

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

It is helpful to understand the context in which Jesus was speaking when he taught in parables. In the case of our Gospel passage this week, Jesus had been preaching and teaching in the Temple when the chief priests and elders began questioning his authority. In response, Jesus tells them about two sons who are asked to work in their father's vineyard.

For us to fully understand what he was saying, we need to realize that whenever a vineyard appears in the Old Testament, it is an image of Israel. So Jesus is really challenging his audience to look at how they, as the leaders, have been "tending" the people. Have they been saying one thing and doing another? Have they been like the second son, talking respectfully and lovingly to God, but then acting willfully and arrogantly? Or have they been like the first son who rebels in words but then repents and does the father's will?

In this story, one question we can ask ourselves is this: *Are our actions speaking louder than our words?*

However, Jesus doesn't just leave it at that. He always goes beyond convicting us of our faults to invite us to repentance and humility. The entire message of the Gospel is that the mercy of God is always available but God cannot forgive an unrepentant heart. When we are locked in willful pride, we are unable to repent. But when we recognize our sinfulness, then God can do great things for and through us. However, it's not enough for us to just give lip service to repentance. We actually have to become repentant. We have to act, not just talk.

PRAYER

Put yourself in the scene. Imagine you are with Jesus as the priests and elders come up and begin to question his authority to teach. In response, you hear him tell the parable of the two sons who were asked to work in their father's vineyard. When he finishes, he asks you the same question he asked the priests and elders: "What is your opinion? Which son did the father's will?" Now prayerfully consider which of the two sons you are most like. Listen as Jesus says that tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of heaven before some of those who are listening to him. What does it challenge you to do?

RESOLUTION

When you feel prompted to do something for the kingdom, ask yourself which son are you being—the one that says "yes" but doesn't not follow through, or the one who initially refuses but then performs the action? | formed.org

Join our Study Group

“Jesus and the Eucharist”

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