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3:15 pm
to 3:45 pm
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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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 11, 2020

Mass Intentions

* Indicates Live Streamed Mass

Saturday, October 10
4:00 pm Dolores Sitoy & Rose Kijowski
(Maria & Ray Kijowski)

Sunday, October 11
9:00 am Kazimier Z Luszcz
(Rob & Trish Guimaraes)
*11:00 am Ann Murphy (Beth & Mike Habit)

Monday, October 12
No 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, October 13
9:00 am Michelle White (Mary Boyd)

Wednesday, October 14
9:00 am Francesco Pagnotta
(Matilda Curatolo)

Thursday, October 15
9:00 am Frank Diolosa (Kathy Diolosa)

Saturday, October 17
4:00 pm Rosanne Borrello
(Frank & Marylou Falesto)

Sunday, October 18
9:00 am Angelina Orrico (Ada Trematteras)
*11:00 am Owen J Monaghan
(Jo-Anne Monaghan)

To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Jackie Wilson, William Cole, Jr, Diane Black, Micki Smith, Annette Petercsak, Joyce Picon, Peter Laudati, Joanne Baldachino, Vera Dzumyk, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Paul Gallo, Anna and Sal Morrello, Rosemarie McNab, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian Scott, Dan Sweeney, Frank Trimboli, Sr. Theresa Colbert, Dianne Smith, Douglas Merwin, Gail Reale, Kathleen Gillespie, Cheryl Bottega, James Picon, Stephen Trimboli, Tony Catapano, Bert Bumbera, Maria Covino, Paul Wilson, Jr., Joann DiCapua, Evelyn Manvell, Joan Myhal, Carol Spezzano, Carol Sabine, Baryt Schone, Victor Mota, Fran DeLuca, Nick DeLuca, Dorothy Palumbo, Frank Diolosa, Theodore Dunyak, Theresa Debiak, Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Frank Diolosa, Sr, Barbara Holst, Baby Tripp Ravenfeld , Marie Gould, Cindy Andolora, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora

Call the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we way include them or, if they can be removed.

Readings for the Week – October 11, 2020

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY

Baptism is the source of new life in Christ and for that baptismal grace to unfold, the parent's help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *godmother,* who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized on the road of Christian life.

Candidates for the sacrament of confirmation, as for baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a *sponsor.* To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate (but not required) that the confirmation sponsor be one of the baptism godparents. CCC 1254, 1311

Before either sacrament is celebrated, all godparents and sponsors are required to submit to St. Monica's parish office a **Certificate of Eligibility**. This form can be obtained from the godparent's or sponsor's parish. To receive the form, the person must:

- ⇒ Be an active Catholic, registered and attending Mass in their Catholic parish for at least 6 months
- ⇒ Be at least 16 years of age
- ⇒ Have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- ⇒ If married, have a valid marriage within the Catholic Church

If you are asked to be a baptism godparent or confirmation sponsor and you meet all the guidelines above, please call the parish office as soon as possible to obtain your **Certificate of Eligibility.** When in doubt, call the parish office for help at: 732-928-0279

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Weekly Collection	$2,784.00
Online Giving	$2,390.00
Total	$5,174.00

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Mr. & Mrs. Marc McEvoy

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2020

Religious Education Update

- Letters regarding Religious Education classes have been mailed to all families who have registered their children. **Please read the letters carefully**.
- Classes will hopefully begin late October depending on finalizing our Google Classroom set-up.
- The teaching style for this year will be a **Family Model with periodic virtual meetings** with the teachers.
- **Schedules** for virtual meetings will be sent home once determined. Remember, **flexibility** is necessary during this pandemic time.
- **Students in grades 2 and 8** will meet in-person closer to the time of reception of the sacraments.
- **7th grade** is remote preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation; therefore, students in grade 7 will have periodic in-person meetings as well.

We are still in need of teachers for grades 1, 4, 7 and 8.
If you are interested in helping and sharing your faith during this time,
please contact Karen Badach at 732-928-4038

CALENDAR

Please wear your mask and observe social distancing in Church. In-Church limit of 100 people.

No limits for Sunday 11 am Live-streamed Mass @ saintmonica.com & Audio only on Radio 87.9 FM in parking lot

Sunday, October 11
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
12.00 pm Baptism

Monday, October 12
Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day
NO MASS/Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 13
9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, October 14
9:00 am Mass

Thursday, October 15
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Rosary (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 17
3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 18
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, October 19
9:00 am Mass
1:00 pm Convalidation

Tuesday, October 20
9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, October 21
9:00 am Mass

Thursday, October 22
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Rosary (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 24
3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 25
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
12:00 pm Baptism

2020 ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: DIOCESE OF TRENTON

In lieu of the 2020 the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing being cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns, the Diocese of Trenton invites all married couples to "A Holy Hour for Marriage," a special livestreamed event to honor the sacredness of Holy Matrimony on **Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 3:00 pm**. This event is open to all married couples and their families – advance registration is not required. Special recognition will be given to couples celebrating their 1st, 25th and 50th (or more) wedding anniversary this year. Visit the website for more information:

BuildingStrongMarriages.org

OPEN HOUSE!

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCT 11, 2020

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

You and your family deserve to be safe and loved in your home.

Sometimes bad things happen in good families. Yelling, hitting, shoving, insults, not sharing income.

If you are experiencing or using these behaviors at home or living in fear, change is possible. You can be safe and bring peace to your family.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

– Matthew 11:28

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

www.foryourmarriage.org/domestic-violence

Local help is available:

24/7 NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:

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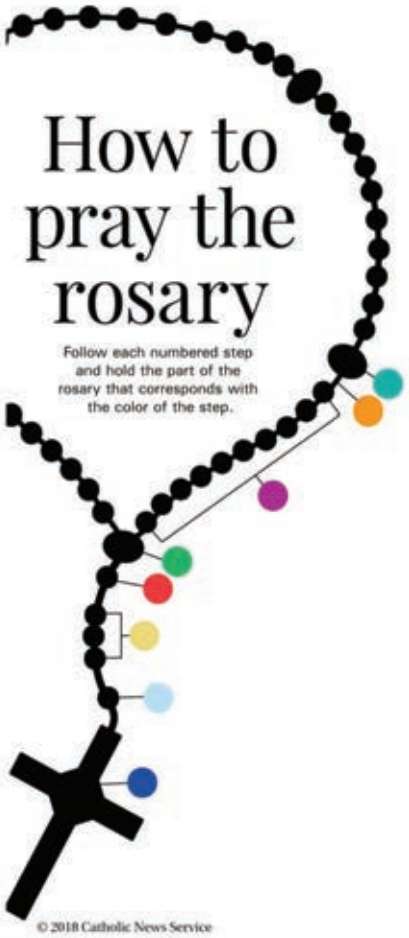
If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. Call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary!



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
2. Say the Our Father
3. Say three Hail Marys
4. Say the Glory Be
5. Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
6. Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
7. Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
8. Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

Find the mysteries here: https://bit.ly/1hNNOc4

The repetition in the Rosary leads one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

Catholic Current

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch in a Season of Remembrance

Tragically, very many parishes have been affected by the loss of loved ones in their communities. More than normally, many families are facing the unbearable reality of grief. Since Mary is the Mother of Christians on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory, this year the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torches will travel in memory of those who, because of the COVID-19 virus, or any other illness or circumstance, have lost their lives.

During the month of November, Catholics are called to increase our devotion to praying for the Holy Souls. We have been given charge and authority in this very charitable duty. We need to speak of them, pray for them, and plead their cause. So, this year the lighting of the torches, the procession of the torches, and the week-long visitation of the torches in the hosting parishes, will be a special Diocesan-wide Sacrificial Prayer Offering made with a special petition to Our Lady of Guadalupe in this Season of Remembrance. We beseech Our Lady, that the memories of our loved ones be a blessing to us always, we ask her to heal the sorrowful hearts of those who mourn the passing of a loved one and we ask our Lady to grant the expeditious release of the holy souls in purgatory who long for God's eternal embrace.

Add the name of your loved one: https://dioceseoftrenton.org/tribute-wall

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 outside of Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation program. Please call the parish office to register.

Sponsor Certificates

This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation.
To receive a form, the following are required:
-Be a registered, active (attends Mass) member of the parish (for at least 6 months)
-Be at least 16 years of age
-Must have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
-If married, have a valid marriage within the Catholic Church

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

Visit our website: www.kofc11529.org

St Vincent de Paul Society

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

Bereavement Ministry

Please contact the parish office for more information.

New Parishioners

Welcome 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.

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 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.

Reflections for XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 11, 2020

THE WEDDING FEAST

Who doesn't love a party—especially when someone else is footing the bill? Well, in today's Gospel we hear about several people who turned down an invitation to a banquet. And not just any old banquet, but a feast put on by the king! These people even went so far as to kill the servants who invited them. Finally, the king gave up on his chosen guests and opened the banquet to anyone who wanted to come.

While we might think this is an interesting story, it would have been more than that to Jesus's audience. He was speaking to his enemies, the priests and elders. As he told this story, they couldn't have helped but relate the king to God...and perhaps their own actions to those guests who refused to enter the banquet. This story must have struck them where it hurt, so to speak, if they realized that they, as the leaders of the Jews, might not be responding fully to their King, God. Little wonder that they began to call for Jesus's death—to get him off their backs.

But we aren't completely off the hook. We, too, have been called to the new banquet of the King—the one in which everyone is invited through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This new banquet is the family gathering of all the people of God, and it finds its fullest expression in the Mass. God wants us all to join him at this banquet table, but sometimes, like the guests in the parable, we make excuses and find other things to do. If we truly believe that God is the King who invites us, then we should come quickly and joyfully to attend the feast that is the Mass each Sunday.

PRAYER

Imagine that you have just received an invitation to come to the feast of the King. His servant has personally invited you, saying that everything is ready. What do you do? Do you drop everything and come to the banquet, or do you keep tending to your business? Do you feel upset that going to the celebration interferes with your plans, so you ignore the invitation? Now think of the invitation to the banquet as being Sunday Mass. How do you feel about attending Mass? Do you go joyfully, or do you think of it merely as an obligation? Or do you sometimes not go at all?

RESOLUTION

Before you attend Mass this Sunday, stop for a moment at the back of the church and make sure that you are coming with enthusiasm and joy. Let go of all your worldly worries and enter the sanctuary as if you are going to the King's banquet.

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