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*"Watch therefore, because you do not know the day or the hour."
Mt. 25:13*

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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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 8, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

*Indicates Live Streamed Mass

Saturday, November 7

4:00 pm Gladys Calsetta
(Frank & Marylou Falesto)

Sunday, November 8

9:00 am June & Louis DellaValle
(Colasuonno Family)

*11:00 am Richard Lattanzi
(Karen & Marvin Badach)

Monday, November 9

9:00 am Vera & John Maty
(Samantha Herceg)

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 am Rev Vincent Coppola
(St Monica)

Wednesday, November 11

No 9:00 am Mass Today

Thursday, November 12

9:00 am Nancy Sheaton Greco
(Liz Annino & John Kubicka)

Saturday, November 14

4:00 pm Gladys Calsetta
(Debiak Family)

Sunday, November 15

9:00 am Pasquale Office
(Ada Trematerra)

*11:00 am Rita E Angloher
(Jennings Family)

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 Duniak, Theresa Debiak, Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Frank Diolosa, Sr, Barbara Holst, Baby Tripp Ravenfeld, Marie Gould, Cindy Andolora, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Wayne Calsetta, Doris Garbarino

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 – NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

On Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day, there is no 9:00 am Mass. The Parish Offices are closed.



On Thanksgiving Day, November 26 Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
COLLECTIONS OCTOBER 19 - 25, 2020**

Weekly Collection	\$1,326.00
Online Giving	\$2,075.00
Total	\$3,401.00

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

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Before the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are 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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SOCIAL CONCERNS

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VATICAN EXTENDS TIME TO OBTAIN FULL INDULGENCES FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the entire month of November, the Vatican said.

Also, those who are ill or homebound and would not be able to physically visit a church or cemetery in the prescribed timeframe still will be able to receive a plenary indulgence when meeting certain conditions, the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, said in a notice released Oct. 23.

The tribunal also asked that priests be particularly generous throughout November in offering the sacrament of reconciliation and in administering Communion to those who are infirm.

The new provisions were made after a number of bishops asked for guidance as to how the faithful could perform the works required for receiving a plenary indulgence given the ongoing pandemic and restrictions in many parts of the world limiting the number of people who can gather in one place, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, told Vatican News Oct. 23.

Traditionally, the faithful could receive a full indulgence each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 when they visited a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfilled other condi-

tions, and, in particular, when they went to a church or an oratory to pray Nov. 2, All Souls' Day.

Bishops' conferences in countries where large numbers of faithful traditionally go to confession, attend Mass and visit cemeteries during the week had asked how the faithful could be accommodated given COVID-19 restrictions or in the case that a member of the faithful was ill, in isolation or in quarantine, the cardinal said.

The Vatican decided to extend the time one can receive a full indulgence to include the whole month of November, he said. Typically, only a partial indulgence is granted after the first week of November.

The full indulgence traditionally offered Nov. 2 for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed can also be gained any day in November, he added.

Those who cannot leave their homes or residence for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic, he said, also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy.

In all cases, one also must fulfill the normal requirements set by the church for all plenary indulgences, which demonstrate a resolve to turn away from sin and convert to God. Those conditions include: having a spirit detached from sin; going to confession as soon as possible; receiving the

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Eucharist as soon as possible; praying for the pope's intentions; and being united spiritually with all the faithful.

Cardinal Piacenza said his office also strongly urged all priests to celebrate Mass three times on All Souls' Day, as allowed for in a 1915 document by Pope Benedict XV.

The hope is that the availability of more Masses that day would help everyone wanting to attend Mass to do so while respecting capacity limits in churches and places of worship, he said.

The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."



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](http://saintmonica.com) & Audio Only on Radio 87.9 FM in the parking lot

Sunday, November 8

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:00 pm Baptism

Monday, November 9

- 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, November 10

- 9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, November 11

- Veteran's Day
- NO 9 am Mass Today
- Parish Offices Closed

Thursday, November 12

- 9:00 am Mass
- 9:30 am Rosary (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm K of C Deceased Brother's Mass

Saturday, November 14

- 3:15 pm Confession
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 15

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:00 pm Baptism

Monday, November 16

- 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, November 17

- 9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, November 18

- 9:00 am Mass

Thursday, November 19

- 9:00 am Mass

Friday, November 20

- 7:00 pm Baptism Prep (Church)

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Veterans Day is November 11!

We remember and pray for all those who have served our country in times of war, including our military chaplains.

O God,

by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their
lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son
they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom
and rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Help us Build Communities in God's Vision of Justice

Holy Spirit,
We praise and thank you!

You anoint us to
bring glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives
recover sight for the blind
free the oppressed
and build communities in keeping
with God's vision of justice.

Show us how to be
light of the world
salt of the earth
seeds that sprout love
and leaven that infuses humanity
with the desire to promote
human dignity and solidarity.

Help us to listen so that
those in poverty can lead our efforts to
proclaim a more hopeful vision
liberate captives from injustice
heal the blindness of the powerful
free us all from self-centeredness
and build community to overcome poverty.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2021 Mass Intention book is now open.

One of the best ways to honor someone's memory is to have the sacred Mass offered for their intention. To secure intentions, please contact the Parish Office at 732-928-0279.

In order to be fair to everyone, no individual Mass Intentions will be taken for Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Father's Day or All Saints.

To dedicate a Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office 732-928-0279. The donation is \$25.00.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember our beloved deceased who have completed their pilgrimage of faith.

If you wish to include a name in our Book of Remembrance, please contact the Parish Office. We will pray for all the names submitted throughout November.



POSTER CONTEST

Knights of Columbus Council #11529 is inviting boys and girls in Jackson from ages 5 through 14 to participate in the organization's international "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to the district/region and then to state, national, and international levels. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage a deeper understanding of the holiday.

Request an Entry Form from Wayne Calsetta at dakota16@optonline.net Posters must be submitted by **December 7, 2020** by emailing a photo of the poster along with the Entry Form to dakota16@optonline.net

There will be three gift cards awarded, one for the winner in each category (K-2; 3-5; 6-8). A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners. Scoring includes Slogan, Artistic Merit, and the Overall Message being conveyed. The person with the highest point total in each category will win and all winners will be announced in an upcoming bulletin.

RULES:

- ⇒ Posters must reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas"
- ⇒ Each poster should be the original work of a single person (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images)
- ⇒ Posters must be 11X17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- ⇒ Each poster must be submitted with an Entry Form that includes the council number.
- ⇒ The name and age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.
- ⇒ All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.

Any questions, please call 732-961-7161 or email dakota16@optonline.net

*As long as you try,
in the Knight's eyes, you are ALL winners!*

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.

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 at 732-299-0261.

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.

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 stmonicccd@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.



XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time — November 8, 2020

WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS

The story of the Foolish and the Wise Virgins can be difficult for us in the 21st century to fully appreciate. Not only do we not understand the wedding customs themselves, the actions of the Wise Virgins seem rather selfish: why wouldn't they just share with the Foolish Virgins and then everyone could go to the wedding and have a good time? If the point of the story was to encourage sharing, then that's probably how Jesus would have ended it. But the point is telling us that we must be patiently prepared for the coming of our bridegroom—Jesus himself.

The oil in the story represents the light of faith as it applies to good works and charity. And while there are many things we can do in pursuit of our spiritual life that we can share with others, there are certain things that we can do only for ourselves: things that build up the oil in our own lives—like reading the Scripture, attending Mass (both in person and online), and offering up our daily sacrifices. No one can do those things for us...and we can't do them for anyone else.

As we read this week's Gospel, we are reminded that although we are all invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb, we must do our part by being ready at all times to meet the bridegroom, who will come like "a thief in the night." We must make sure that we have sufficient "oil" to light the lamps of our lives because no one can give us that "oil" at the last minute.

This wasn't an easy teaching to accept in Jesus' day, and it's no easier today. We all have the tendency to want to be recognized, to be important, to be respected. But Jesus says that if we want to be elevated in the sight of God, we need to humble ourselves in the sight of men. It is only when we recognize hypocrisy in ourselves and take steps to root it out that we can begin to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, changing us and the world we live in.

PRAYER

Imagine that you are one of the wise virgins who has brought extra oil (*remember: oil=good works & charity*). One of the foolish virgins comes up to you and asks that you share your oil with her. How does this request make you feel? Do you want to share your oil, or are you annoyed that she didn't plan ahead? You tell her that you can't share and send her to the merchant to buy some. How do you feel as you watch her leave? Is she angry with you? Do you feel guilty or vindicated? What do you resolve to do after this experience?

RESOLUTION

This week, redo the Prayer exercise, only this time, put yourself in the place of the foolish virgin. What might you do differently after *this* experience?



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