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Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

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Our Parish is Served by:

Reverend Alex Enriquez, Pastor
Deacon Christian Knoebel

We invite you to celebrate with us

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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.

Confessions

Saturdays
3:15 pm
to 3:45 pm
or
by appointment

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 30, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29

4:00 pm Joseph Brennan
(John & Caroline White)

Sunday, January 30

9:00 am Patricia Zjawin (Ada Trematerra)
11:00 am Carol Ann Scott (Scott Family)

Monday, January 31 -

Thursday, February 3

No 9:00 am Mass

Saturday, February 5

4:00 pm Sylvester Cascio &
Joseph Anzalone
(Cascio & Anzalone Families)

Sunday, February 6

9:00 am Veronica Anne Malone
(Languth Family)
11:00 am James Scott
(John & Caroline White)

Monday, February 7

9:00 am Anicia Lopez (Mabutas Family)

To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Jackie Wilson, Diane Black, Micki Smith,
Joyce Picon, Peter Laudati, Carol Atherton,
Beth Kujawski, Paul Gallo, Rosemarie
McNab, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian
Scott, Dianne Smith, Douglas Merwin, Joan
Myhal, Carol Spezzano, Baryt Schone, Victor
Mota, Fran DeLuca, Nick DeLuca, Dorothy
Palumbo, Frank Diolosa, Theodore Dunyak,
Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Baby Tripp
Ravenfeld, Marie Gould, Christopher
Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Wayne Calsetta,
Doris Garbarino, Bettina Morell, Melissa
Staiger, Bonnie Holton, John Jennings, Arlene
Toth, Deborah MacInnes, Judy Bocchicchio,
Leo Diaz, Lewis Trimboli, Glory D'Acunto,
Anna and Sal Morello, Josephine Brennan,
Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto,
Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz,
Tina Sherry, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino,
Mary Miniscalchi, Guy Okulewicz

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 – JANUARY 30, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8,
11; Lk 5:1-11

PLEASE NOTE

On Monday, Jan 31 Liturgy of Word with Communion takes place at 9:00 am.

There is no 9:00 am Daily Mass or Liturgy of the Word Feb 1 - 3.

In honor of World Marriage Day 2022, Fr. Alex will confer a Blessing of Marriages at all Masses on Feb 12 & 13.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Space is still available for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Poland and Prague June 5-14, 2022. For more information please contact Carolyn Norbut, Director of Pilgrimages, Diocese of Trenton at:

Phone: 609-406-7446

Email:

Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org

SEE Page 8 for more details

WESTLAKE WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Westlake Women's Club, a local not for profit charitable organization, has announced five \$500 scholarships to help young women of Jackson Township. The deadline for applications is May 7, 2022.

More information and an application form can be found at the organization's website:

<https://westlakeclubs.com/womens-club/womens-club-scholarship/>

This could be the beginning of a positive change in your life. Check it out!



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
COLLECTIONS
JAN 10 - 16, 2022**

Total Contribution	\$6,776.85
<i>Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.</i>	
St Vincent DePaul	\$ 323.00

2021 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

If you wish to receive a report of your contributions, please contact the Parish Office or complete a request form located at the entrances to the Church.

WOMEN OF ST. MONICA

Soup—To—Go

A large selection of warm, delicious, home-made soups will be available to purchase after all Masses next weekend, February 5th & 6th. The cost is \$5 per container.

From chicken noodle to split pea, broccoli cheddar to chili, it will be a real soup-a-palooza! Soups will be sold from the kitchen, so stop by for soup on your way home from church! Contact Linda Thompson with questions: 908-770-0681



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 30, 2022

ITALIAN DINNER

St. Monica Italian Dinner Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 pm

The dinner takes place in our parish hall. Menu: penne with vodka sauce; spaghetti; meatballs, lasagna; sausage, pepper and onions, antipasto salad; bread and butter; dessert and coffee.

Tickets available after Mass beginning February 5 -- \$10 for Adults; Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door on the day of the dinner. Join us for a wonderful afternoon! For information, contact Linda Thompson at 908-770-0681 or Joanne Guarnieri 732-299-8939.

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF MARRIAGE



New Year's Resolution: For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 4 – 6. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL CENTERS

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PERSONAL RETREAT DAY IN-PERSON ONLY

Weds., Feb. 9 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

Please check www.FHOP.org for registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

Upper Room Spiritual Center

3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2
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e-mail: office@theupper-room.org
www.theupper-room.org

Knitting & Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills with prayer and compassion, and create a prayer shawl, for someone in need of prayer. Little or no experience required.

Facilitator: Lois Dougherty
Date: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022
Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Fee: Free Will Offering

To register for all programs please call (732) 922-0550 at least one week in advance.

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 29

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 31

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, February 1

No 9:00 am Mass Today

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

8:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Wednesday, February 2

No 9:00 am Mass Today

Thursday, February 3

No 9:00 am Mass Today

7:00 pm RCIA Adults (Little Church)

Friday, February 4

6:00 pm Youth Group (Little Church)

7:30 pm AA Mtg. (Parish Hall)

Saturday, February 5

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

"Soup to Go" following the Mass

Sunday, February 6

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

"Soup to Go" following both Masses

12:00 am Women of St. Monica Mtg. (LC)

Monday, February 7

9:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, February 8

9:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

8:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Wednesday, February 9

9:00 am Mass

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF MARRIAGE

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through **Retrouvaille** (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit:

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



Retrouvaille
... a lifeline for Marriages

[Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?](#)

Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

... **Retrouvaille** is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: **Feb. 25-27, 2022**
TO REGISTER:

Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671
or 732-672-0748

or email: 3024@helpourmarriage.org



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week

Nearly 1.8 million students are currently educated in 6,352 Catholic schools in cities, suburbs, small towns and rural communities around the country. Students receive an education that helps them become critical thinkers, strong communicators and active members of society, thus equipping them for higher education, a competitive work environment, and most importantly, living a Christian life of virtue in a challenging society.

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, we offer this
Prayer for Teachers.

Lord God,
your spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these teachers.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with
gentle patience
and endeavor always to bring the truth to
eager minds.

Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ,
the way, the truth, and the life,
forever and ever.
R/. Amen.

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*



Catholic Schools
Week 2022
January 30–February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw

#CSW22

Do You Know These 6 Patron Saints Of Catholic Education?

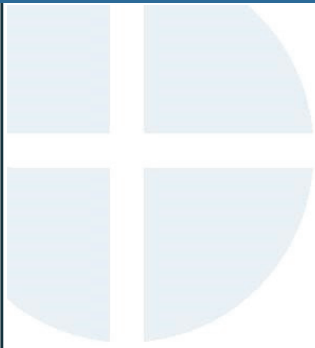
1. St. Aloysius Gonzaga – Patron of Young Students
2. St. Albert the Great – Patron of Science Students
3. St. John Baptist de la Salle – Patron of Teachers
4. Pope St. Gregory the Great – Patron of Teachers
5. St. Angela Merici – Founder of the Ursulines
6. St. Joseph Calasanz – Patron of Catholic Schools

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Saint Blaise

DATES: DIED 316
FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 3

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.



Initial G. Saint Blaise, Master of the Murano Gradual, Illuminator, J Paul Getty Museum



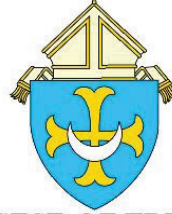
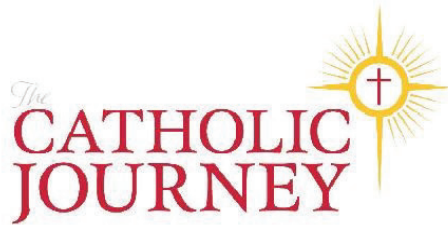
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SAINT OF THE WEEK



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 30, 2022



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JOIN THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON POLAND & PRAGUE 10-Day Pilgrimage - June 5 - 14, 2022

Join us on this beautiful 10-Day Pilgrimage where we will visit Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Prague and much more!
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Carolyn Norbut | Director of Pilgrimages, Diocese of Trenton

Phone: 609-406-7446 | Email: Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org

To Register: 201-523-6148 | www.The-Catholic-Journey.com/0622Trenton



SCAN ME

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.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

Catholic Men coming together selflessly for others through Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Visit our Website at www.kofc11529.org.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

Bereavement Ministry

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall

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 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 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.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an Irish Catholic fraternity looking for members to bond in Brotherhood, Unity & Christian Charity. Contact Patrick Jockel (609) 489-9221 or at patrickaoh@hotmail.com

Reflections on the Readings of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 30, 2022

Jesus Was Sent to Our Enemies, Too

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth to give a homily in the synagogue. At first, everyone is impressed. “Look at the carpenter’s son,” they might have been saying. “Look how well he turned out. Hear what a great speaker he is.” But then things start to go downhill. Jesus begins to speak like a prophet. He even comes quite close to revealing that he’s the long-awaited Messiah. All of a sudden, the hometown comments seem to change. “We grew up with this guy.” “He’s the son of Joseph.” “Who does he think he is?” In fact, the rejection of Jesus in his hometown is the origin of the saying, “No prophet is welcomed in his native place.”

But it’s not just that Jesus appears different than they remembered. Jesus comes with a startling message. He tells the village that God wants to save not only the Jewish people but the rest of the world as well: the outsiders—their enemies—the “unclean ones.” This was not a popular message. In fact, Jesus is almost killed in Nazareth because of it. Loving our enemies is a difficult thing to do. It’s probably one of Jesus’ best known, but least followed, teachings. Jesus is calling his followers to a kind of love that is more than mere sentimentality. It’s one that hurts, one that requires sacrifice, and one that is not often very popular.

Prayer: Take some time to consider a person (or group of persons) that you struggle with, maybe someone who has hurt or insulted you. Now imagine that you were in the synagogue in Nazareth that day when Jesus came to teach. Envision Jesus telling everyone around you that he came to save the outsiders and the enemies of the people. Then imagine that Jesus singles you out from the crowd to tell you that he has even come to save that specific person who has hurt you. How would you feel if Jesus told you that? *How would you respond to Jesus?*

Resolution: Take a few minutes to talk to Jesus about one or two practical ways that you can love that person who has been an enemy to you. This may be as simple as praying for that person or asking God to give you the grace to forgive a hurt from the past. Because all of our experiences are so different, *ask God to show you what kind of love he wants you to give.*

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