

# SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am  
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Sunday 9 am & 11 am

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - APRIL 9, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Holy Saturday, April 8 - No 4:00 pm Mass**  
8:00 pm Vigil - Easter Mass Intentions

**Easter Sunday, April 9**  
9:00 am Easter Mass Intentions  
11:00 am Easter Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 10**  
No 9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, April 11 - 13**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion

**Saturday, April 15**  
4:00 pm William Maher  
(Lana & Frank Castellano)

**Sunday, April 16**  
9:00 am The Tardio Family  
(Mary & Victor Tardio)  
11:00 am Marilyn Powell  
(Judith Corcoran)

*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, Tina Sherry, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Eileen Morello, Elaine Stemmler, Rose Thompson, Tom Martin, Sarah Thomas, Christos Lambrou, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Cathy Sedano, Jennie D'Angelo, Jake Higgins, Paul Hetteroth, John C Purfield, Cheryl Vega, Taylor Dlugosz, Cameron Dlugosz, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislak, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Maria Lambros, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler

*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 – APRIL 9, 2023

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**EASTER MESSAGE FROM  
FATHER ALEX**

Happy Easter!

Today, Christians all over the world celebrate life and the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter remains a source of great joy and hope – hope of life eternal for all Christians. The resurrection of Jesus reminds us day after day that no matter how dark it is, light -- the light of Christ -- is always more powerful than darkness. And that no matter how much trouble or difficulty there could be in the world, love – the love of Christ -- conquers all fear and fills us with hope and new life.

Through the power flowing from the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection, let us continue to work together to sing the Easter Alleluia and to do our part to proclaim Jesus Christ is risen from the dead through our actions, words, and deeds.

May we trust that God will give us what we need to have hope and keep our eyes fixed on heaven.

Happy Easter and God bless you and your loved ones!

*Fr. Alex*

**Rev. Alexander Enriquez, Pastor**



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**St. Monica Parish Update:**

**Goal:** \$18,000.00

**Pledged:** \$12,120.00 (67% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$10,570.00 (59% of Goal)

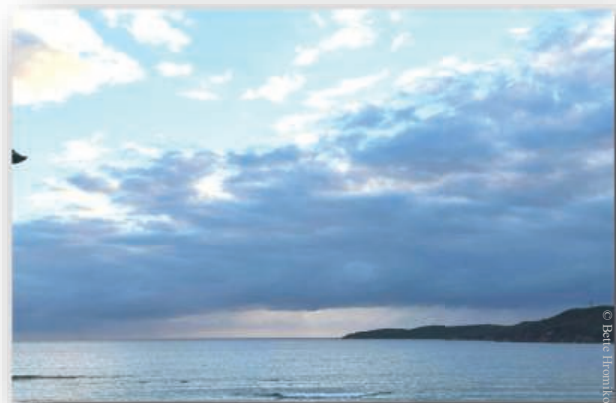
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**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

On Monday, April 10 Parish Offices will be closed and there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass


There will be no Religious Education Classes on April 10<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

On April 11, 12 & 13 at 9:00 a.m. there will be Liturgy of the Word with Communion



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - APRIL 9, 2023

PROMISE TO PROTECT



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**April 9, 2023**

**Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection of the Lord**


May the glory of the Resurrection  
inspire lasting hope in all  
who work  
to protect human life.  
Lord hear our prayer.



Save THE Date

**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BLUE MASS**

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**Thursday, April 13, 2023 | 10:30 AM**  
Principal Celebrant: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

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### CALENDAR

#### Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

No 4:00 p.m. Mass

11:00 am Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

#### Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

#### Monday, April 10

Easter Monday

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

No Religious Education Classes

Parish Offices Closed

1:00 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

#### Tuesday, April 11

No Religious Education Classes

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

#### Wednesday, April 12

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

#### Thursday, April 13

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

10:30 am Blue Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine

6:30 pm K of C Degree (Church)

#### Saturday, April 15

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

#### Sunday, April 16

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Baptism

2:15 pm Grief Support (Church)

#### Monday, April 17

9:00 am Mass

11:30 am Funeral

1:00 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

#### Tuesday, April 18

9:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm Baptism Prep (Little Church)

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

#### Wednesday, April 19

9:00 am Mass

#### Thursday, April 20

9:00 am Mass

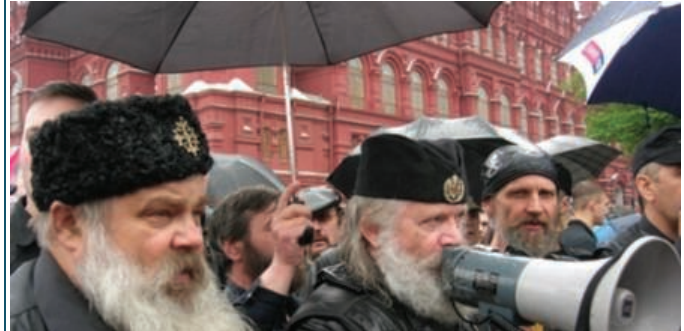
### STORIES THAT UPLIFT

John 20:1-9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year A

Fr. Michael Brizio, IMC

Website: [www.frmichaelbrizio.com](http://www.frmichaelbrizio.com)



In the darkest days of Stalinist Russia, a special League of the Godless was established to stamp out the last vestiges of religion from people's lives. One Easter morning the Commissar of this League addressed a huge rally in Moscow's Red Square.

He ranted along his usual lines that religion was the instrument of the bourgeoisie and the opium of the proletariat. At the end of his harangue, he generously offered the mike to anyone who wished to debate with him.

Nobody wanted a one-way ticket to Siberia until one old man made his way forward. He surveyed his huge audience, cleared his throat, and began to sing: "The Lord has risen." It was the traditional Orthodox Easter greeting. Moved by the old man's courage, voices from the square swelled up in reply: "He has truly risen."

*\* Religion in Russia was not dead as long as belief in the Resurrection of Christ was not dead in people.†*





## Easter: We Encounter Resurrection

When the risen Jesus encounters his disciples on the road to Emmaus, it's quite clear that their journeying away from Jerusalem is in fact a journeying away from hope. They have witnessed their friend, their hoped-for savior die; they have seen their community scattered; they have understood their trust in God to have been misplaced. What is left for them now?

Jesus, of course, turns them around—quite literally. The encounter with the risen Christ means a renewed encounter with hope; that God is not done yet; that darkness and suffering do not have the final word. Indeed, this story continues to unfold in our own time. We look out at a world wracked by hunger, poverty, war, injustice and we, too, feel like walking away. Where should we place our hope when the challenges seem insurmountable?



This is the story of resurrection. We encounter Christ daily in the faces of our neighbors, of those we meet in our work, our home, on our streets, those whom we have yet to meet face to face but with whom we are intricately tied as members of God's one human family. We encounter Christ, too, within ourselves. And in these encounters, we have reason to hope. Because God is not done yet—and so long as we have strength to continue the work of building a culture of encounter, of responding to our Gospel call, neither are we.

Don't forget to turn in your Lenten alms to CRS Rice Bowl!

### Going Deeper

How are you called to join with others to "turn around" and challenge injustice that you see or experience?

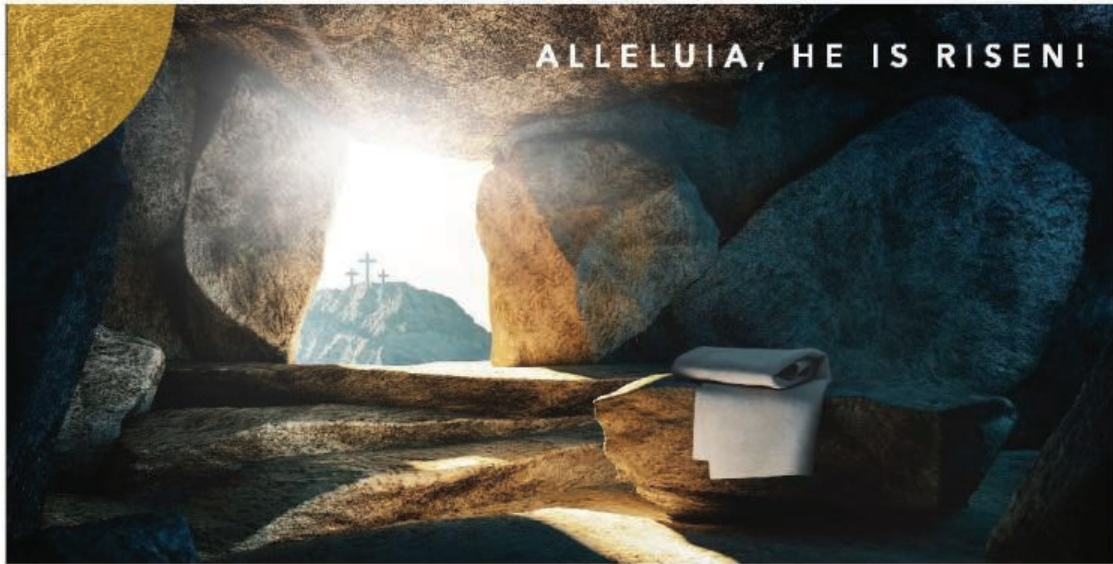
How can you work with others to be a sign of Christ's resurrection in your community?



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SALT AND LIGHT

## Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord



Cathy Imagna

### Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection,  
but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.  
Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life.  
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

**Amen**

### The Easter Season

Easter is not just celebrated on Easter Sunday. It's an entire season that lasts for 50 days! This time of joy and exultation, from the Resurrection of the Lord to Pentecost, is one feast day, or one "great Sunday."



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BULLETIN

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - APRIL 9, 2023



## Nuts is the New Normal!

All are Invited to an Afternoon Reflection Sunday April 23 at 2 PM

What use to be normal in our everyday lives is now "NUTS".

To be a follower of Jesus, to live a moral life, to tell the truth... To want to live the life God wants for us has become nuts in today's day and age. Becoming who God wants us to be... may be one of the nuttiest things we can strive for. Come to this retreat and find out that there are a lot of NUTS out there.

**St. Monica Parish Hall**

**679 W. Veterans Highway Jackson, NJ 08527**

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Presenter: Colleen Kelly-Raynor

Colleen is a retreat coordinator and National Catholic speaker. She travels to a variety of conferences, retreats, schools, parishes, diocesan events and other venues throughout North America.

Through humor and faith-filled stories, she strives to create an experience that allows Jesus to touch the hearts of each person through her words.

**Please sign up for the retreat at the front or back of the church** or contact: Mary Ann 732-740-4785

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**Friday  
April 21, 2023  
7:30 p. m.**

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**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.

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**Bereavement Ministry**

Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Grief Support**

For 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 John White 848-992-1652 or [jlwhite2271@gmail.com](mailto:jlwhite2271@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 Parishioners**

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.saintmonica.com](http://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 [stmonicacd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicacd@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](mailto:patrickaoh@hotmail.com)

*Reflection for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord — April 9, 2023***HE IS RISEN**

On the first Easter, it seems as if practically everyone but the enemies of Jesus had forgotten that he said he would rise on the third day. In the Gospel accounts, only those who opposed Jesus are reported as remembering that he predicted his death and resurrection. They assumed that his followers would also remember and attempt to steal his body as “proof” that he had risen from the dead, so they asked the Romans to post a guard at the tomb. They need not have bothered since the disciples had apparently forgotten—or completely misunderstood—what Jesus had told them over and over. Instead, the fearful Apostles were in hiding, and the women were planning to anoint a dead body.

However, just as the failure of those closest to Jesus to believe in his resurrection led to the proclamation of Jesus as living presence throughout the world, so can we grow in faith and trust in his living presence as well.

Though the mysteries of the Faith are not readily understood, we should ask for the grace to believe—to grow in the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. With these gifts, we have the power to recognize the importance of the resurrection, and how it can transform our lives.

Alleluia, he is risen. He is risen indeed.

**PRAYER**

Picture yourself in a room with the other disciples early on that first Easter Sunday. Suddenly Mary Magdalene bursts through the door and announces that someone has taken Jesus’s body out of the tomb. What is your first thought? Would you remember that Jesus said he would rise again on the third day? What would you do in response to this announcement?

**RESOLUTION**

Sometimes we say that we believe Jesus rose from the dead without really thinking about what we are saying. Take some time to prayerfully consider what it means to you in your daily life that Jesus has truly conquered death and is alive.



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