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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

to 3:45 pm

or

by appointment

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 24

4:00 pm Intentions of June Gould
(Marie Gould)

Sunday, June 25

9:00 am Kaitlin Cascardi
(Bereavement Ministry)

11:00 am Mary Jockel
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

Monday, June 26

9:00 am Joyce Krohn
(Dave & Marie Gould)

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 am Marie Rohr
(Jill Tormey-Miller)

Wednesday, June 28

9:00 am Marie Rohr
(Jill Tormey-Miller)

Thursday, June 29

9:00 am In Honor of Zenon Kowalski
90th Birthday
(Cas & Lynne Witek)

Saturday, July 1

4:00 pm Carmine Panico
(Rosalie & Joe Bracco)

Sunday, July 2

9:00 am Susan Handerhan
(Bereavement Ministry)

11:00 am Joseph & Josephine Zappulla
(Arlene Toth)

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, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislán, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, Maria Lambros, John Lanteri, Michael Seiler, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Shannon Hubert

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 – JUNE 25, 2023

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11;
Mt 10:37-42

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

There will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, July 3 or Tuesday, July 4. Parish Offices will also be closed.



On Wednesday, July 5 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
COLLECTIONS JUNE 5 - 11, 2023**

Total \$4,654.28

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

St Vincent dePaul \$ 631.00

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING OCT. 8

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 3 pm. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing

or call the parish office (732-928-0279). The **registration deadline** is **September 30**.

SAVE THE DATE

This year St. Monica's annual festival will be held on Sunday, August 27 beginning with the outdoor 11 a.m. Mass, with Festival to follow.

Hope to see you all there!



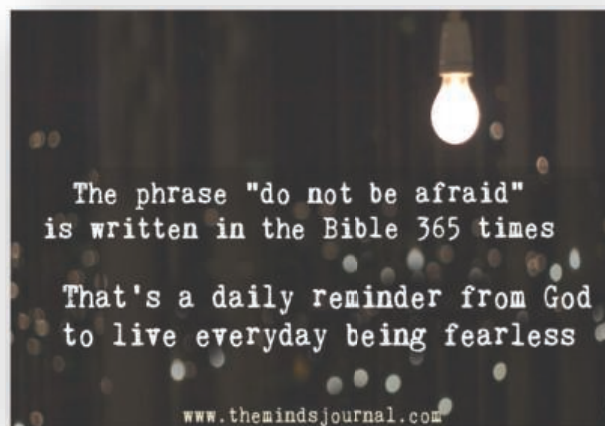
We're sorry, but we can no longer accept book donations.

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Thursday, June 29th
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Intercessions for Life

June 25, 2023

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the preservation
of religious freedom:
That the right to freely worship God
and live according to His commands
will be protected and upheld.
Lord hear our prayer.



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CALENDAR

Saturday, June 24

- 1:00 pm Marriage Prep (LC)
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 25

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass

Monday, June 26

- 9:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Rel Ed Prep (Kitchen/Foyer)
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Tuesday, June 27

- 9:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
- 8:00 pm K of C Officer Meeting (LC)

Wednesday, June 28

- 9:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Rel Ed Prep (LC)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scout (Church)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout (LC)

Thursday, June 29

- 9:00 am Mass

(Friday, June 30 Parish Office Closed)

Saturday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 2

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:00 pm Women of St. Monica Mtg. (LC)

Monday, July 3

- No 9:00 am Mass
- Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 4

- No 9:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Wednesday, July 5

- 9:00 am Mass
- 9:30 am Adoration
- 10:00 am Rel Ed Prep (LC)

Thursday, July 6

- 9:00 am Mass

Friday, July 7

(Parish Office Closed)

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

Pastoral Patterns

GIA, Inc.



Life is difficult. Terrible things happen to us, to others across the planet, and to the world in general. But our faith gives us hope. We know that God watches over us, cares for us, and has given us the promise of eternal life. We come here today to praise and thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us, blessings that help us cope with the misfortunes, the wrongs, and the evil that we suffer.

In the face of enemies on all sides, long-suffering Jeremiah puts his trust in the Lord. The first reading establishes the theme running throughout today's scripture passages: We can always rely on the Lord. The psalmist turns to the Lord, whose kindness is constant. Paul points out that God's grace—given by Jesus on the cross—is greater than the sins of humanity. Jesus assures his disciples that God watches over them to the smallest detail.

Because, as terrible as sin is—for it causes a fundamental separation from God and brings mortality and death—grace is greater. The grace that Jesus won for us on the cross restores our union with God and brings the promise of immortality through eternal life. Grace is stronger than sin, for when both are present, grace overcomes sin. Grace overcomes not just the original sin Adam brought into the world; it is also able to overcome all human sin. God's Grace washes our soul clean from sin.

We have an obligation to bear witness to our faith in an often intolerant and cynical world. Know that the Lord of our lives can help us overcome our very real fears day by day by day.

OVERVIEW

The mission of the National Eucharistic Revival is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This revival movement is in answer to a call by the Holy Spirit, and all the fruits belong to him.

The revival is an unprecedented movement of Catholics across the United States—healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—sent out on mission “for the life of the world.”

The Eucharistic Revival is not a step-by-step plan or a series of meetings. Rather, the revival is a grassroots call and a challenge for every Catholic across the United States to rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.



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BE A PART OF HISTORY. SIGN UP NOW!

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Apostles Peter and Paul

FIRST CENTURY
FEAST DAY: JUNE 29

These apostles share a feast as founders of the church in Rome. Peter, a Galilean fisherman chosen by Christ as one of the Twelve Apostles, became the undisputed leader of the fledgling church after Pentecost. Paul, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who had persecuted Christians, became after his dramatic conversion the church's greatest missionary, its "apostle of the gentiles." By tradition both were martyred in Rome. Their adventures are recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, and letters from them are included in the New Testament.



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 - Thursday 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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St Vincent de Paul Society

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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 Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or 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. 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

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

Reflection for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 25, 2023

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Jesus was very clear about the cost of discipleship. It might entail family division, persecution, and even death. He didn't mince words when he talked about the hardships his followers would face. And yet, at the same time he says, "Do not be afraid."

Isn't this a bit of a contradiction? Does it seem odd that Jesus warns us about future difficulties but then tells us not to worry?

The key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading lies in what Jesus means by "fear." First, Jesus is telling us that we should not fear our enemies in this world. We needn't have the kind of stomach churning, heart-pounding fear that comes from being terrified of the persecutions we may face. God the Father knows us even down to the hairs on our head, and he will be with us to help us face whatever suffering we might encounter.

In today's Gospel, the Lord encourages us, instead of fearing persecution, to have instead a healthy fear of the Lord—which is the fear or awe that a person might have in the presence of a good, noble, and magnificent king.

That kind of fear empowers us to live out the Christian life in a heroic, unfearful manner. By trusting in such a good God who will be with us in whatever obstacles we might face, we are free to be bold in our witness to the Gospel. Now while it's true that some Christians may be asked to give up their lives as a result of following Jesus, for most of us our call to heroism will consist of the daily sacrifices that ordinary life calls for. The sacrifice of forgoing gossip, of enduring insults, of being misunderstood, of holding our tongues and our tempers.

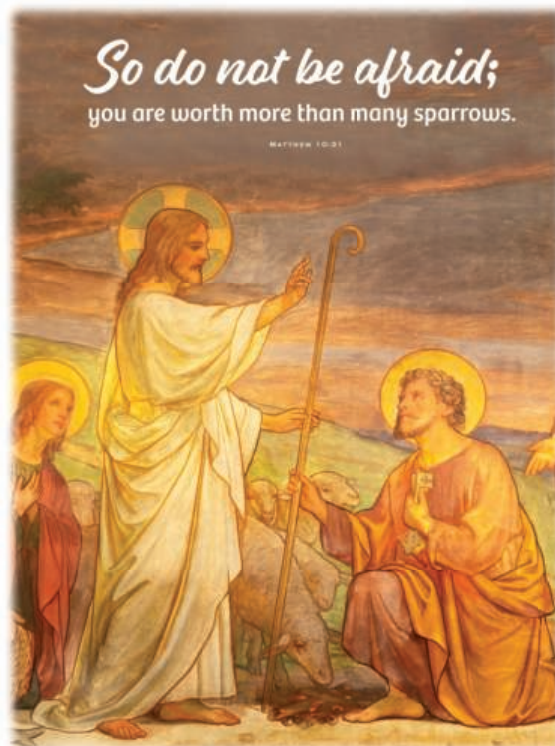
While today's Gospel might seem foreboding, we have nothing to fear. Even the worst thing that could happen—death—has been conquered by Christ's resurrection.

PRAYER

Jesus says to us, "Don't be afraid." Stop and consider what you fear. Are you afraid of something happening to your family? To your health? Financially? Are you afraid of death? Bring those fears up and then allow yourself to hand them over to Jesus. Hear him say again, "Do not be afraid" as you turn each one over to him. Which one is the most difficult to relinquish? Why?

RESOLUTION

This week, make a deliberate effort not to be afraid and in moments when you find yourself tempted to fear, remember Jesus's words that you are more worthy than "many sparrows" in God's eyes. | formed.org



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