

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



JANUARY 28, 2024

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway
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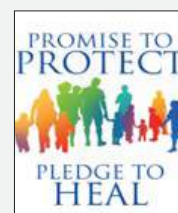
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The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.

Confessions

Saturdays
3:15 pm
to 3:45 pm
1st Thursdays 7pm
or by appointment

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 28, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27

4:00 pm Lori Rubessa (Herceg Family)

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Judi Reed (Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

11:00 am Vincent, Anna, Frank &
Lynda Ammirata
(Tommy & Carol Ammirata)

Monday, January 29

9:00 am Vera & John Maty (The Maty Girls)

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am Kathleen Lovely (Patricia Durkin)

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 am Grace Huberts (Mary Boyd)

Thursday, February 1

9:00 am Intentions of Maryrose Palladino
(Fran DeLuca)

Saturday, February 3

4:00 pm Frances Perrotta
(Barbara & Joseph Constantine)

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am Edward Coyle
(Carol & Tommy Ammirata)

11:00 am Claire Ahem
(Karen & Marv Badach)

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, 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, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Eileen Morello, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Domenick DiCicco, Irene Kislan, Renee Brady, Carol Spezzano, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle

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 28, 2024

Monday, January 29, 2024 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1, 2024 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2, 2024 Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3, 2024 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4, 2024 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Daily 9:00 a.m. Mass resumes
Monday, January 29



The Knights of Columbus invite you to stay after Mass today and enjoy coffee and donuts



On Thursday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m.
there will be
Adoration, Benediction, and Confessions



Ash Wednesday is February 14
and ashes will be distributed at all services:
9:00 a.m. Mass
4:30 p.m. Service (no Communion)
7:00 p.m. Mass

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Online Giving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps St Monica be ready with programs, services and ministries for families in our community and the maintenance of our facilities. Your recurring gifts help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries through the year. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

Visit our website www.saintmonica.com

- Scan the QR code below or
- Contact Liz Hills in the parish office 732-928-0279 or
- parishoffice@saintmonica.com



Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP JAN 8 - 14, 2024
COLLECTIONS**

Total \$5,278.95

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

2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS



If you wish to receive a report of your contributions, please complete a request form located at the entrances to the Church or email: parishoffice@saintmonica.com or phone: 732-928-0279

A NOTE OF THANKS

We offer a big thank you to our "Snowplow Team" for the wonderful job they did in clearing the snow and ice from our facilities, and braving the elements to get it all done.

thank you, thank you, thank you!






“This Is My Body”
THE SHOCKING TRUTH

Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” This teaching was so shocking that many of his followers left at that moment! Jesus did not call them back to clarify, because he knew they understood correctly. He was actually telling them to eat his flesh and drink his blood.



As Catholics, we believe Jesus’ words literally, not symbolically. The substance of the bread and wine transform into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ at every Mass. We call this miracle the Eucharist.



Scan to explore Church teaching on the Eucharist! eucharisticrevival.org

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

PRAISE & WORSHIP
ADORATION
FOLLOWED BY
A CONCERT



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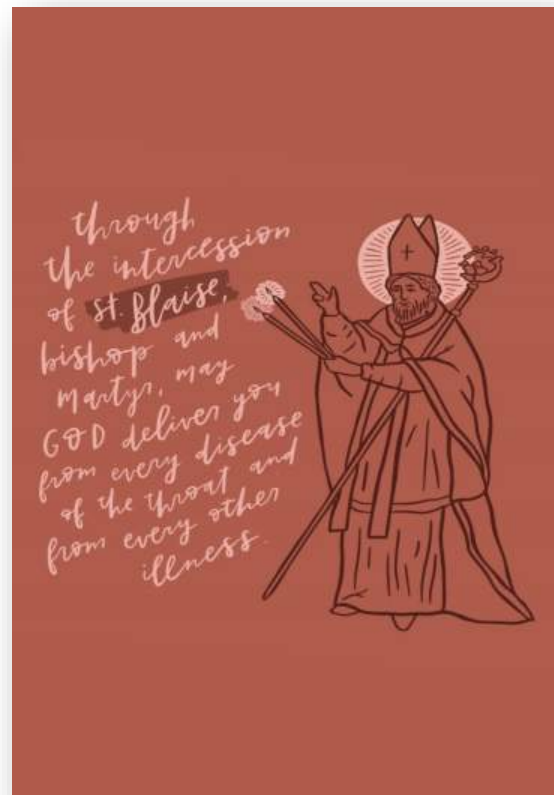
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all masses

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Organized by the Women of St. Monica
For Questions contact Mary Ann
732-740-4785



CALENDAR

Saturday, January 27

Donut Sunday

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 28

Donut Sunday

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Baptism

12:15 pm Grief Support (LC)

1:00 pm BLD (Church/Parish Hall)

Monday, January 29

9:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Religious Education

6:15 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Religious Education

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Kitchen)

7:30 pm K of C Officer Mtg. (Little Church)

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, February 1

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Adoration/ Benediction/Confessions

Friday, February 2

6:00 pm Youth Group Mtg. (LC)

Saturday, February 3

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Women of St. Monica (Little Church)

12:15 pm Grief Support (Kitchen)

Monday, February 5

9:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Religious Education

6:15 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 am Mass

5:30 om Religious Education

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep, and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms.

It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child, and friends of the mother.

You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends.

For more information, contact Judy

Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – Food for Thought: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” - John 6:51



We were made in order to be “Eucharistic” men and women, capable of giving thanks, discreet in the use of the land, and instead the danger is that we turn into predators; and now we are realizing that this form of “gluttony” has done a great deal of harm to the world. Let us ask the Lord to help us on the road to sobriety, so that the many forms of gluttony do not take over our life.

Pope Francis



**SOCIAL
MEDIA**

“Are you Going?”

Parishes from every corner in our nation will gather at the feet of Jesus, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. Get your pass at <https://eucharisticcongress.org>
#NationalEucharisticCongress #EucharisticRevival

“Will YOU Join Us?”

God has something in store for YOU, and the Body of the Church invites you to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. There our American Catholic Church will gather at the feet of Jesus, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost in Indianapolis. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. Get your pass at <https://eucharisticcongress.org>
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INSPIRED BY THE EUCHARIST



Eucharistic Encounters with Fr. Rocky

Join Fr. Francis J. Hoffman, aka “Fr. Rocky,” as he recounts inspiring stories of Eucharistic Encounters that he witnessed personally or that were shared with him. These are stories of faith, hope, and love fostered by encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist. Fr. Rocky is the Executive Director and CEO of Relevant Radio. This is part of an ongoing series of Eucharistic Encounter stories, produced by Relevant Radio. New videos are released each week! Watch all the stories here: <https://relevantradio.com>



The Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist, did you know?

What do we mean by presence?

In its most general sense, presence means being with another. We all experience presence in several familiar ways. It might be local, when we are in the same physical place as another. It can also be temporal, when we are with another at the same time. Local and temporal presence usually go together, but sometimes we can be temporally present to another without being physically with them, for example when talking over the phone or via the internet. A third kind of presence might be called personal – how we experience “being with” another person – even when that person is not physically with us but is with us through our memory, imagination or emotions. Used with permission from God’s Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.



The Eucharist - St Monica**Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Days As Noted

Reconciliation -Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
 -1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm
 -or by appt.

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

1st Thursday of each month 7:00 pm with

Confessions

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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St Vincent de Paul Society

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

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 dcnjohnw@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 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.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Reflections on the Readings for the 4th Week in Ordinary Time - January 28, 2024

A SPIRITUAL WARRIOR

Destruction is a powerful force. When we hear of it, we often picture devastating events or moments. However, with the death of one thing, newness follows. Take, for example, the seasons. Every year, winter comes and the trees and flowers wither. Their frail, bare appearance is not much to look at. However, as spring comes, those very trees and plants come to life and are made new again.

Sometimes in our lives we feel that Christ is asking us to destroy parts of who we are to come closer to him. Why do we feel this way? The short answer is that we lack trust in him. We don't see how fulfilling his will gives us fullness of life. Deep down, we don't truly believe Jesus's words: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10, RSV).

PRAYER

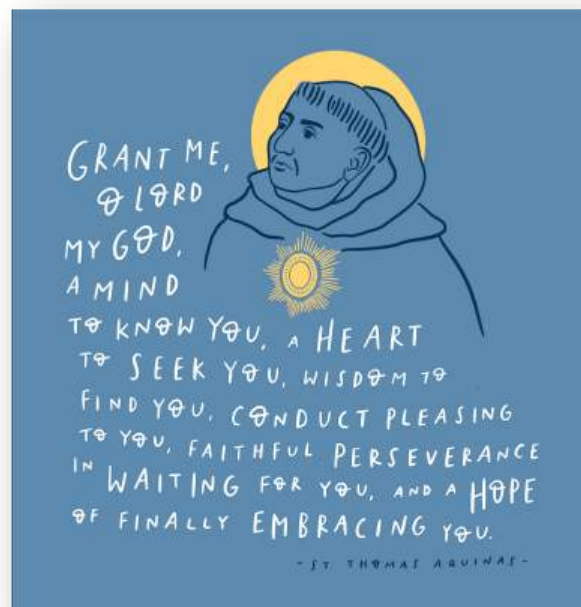
Reflect on the question of the man with the unclean spirit to Jesus—"Have you come to destroy us?" Do you feel like following Christ means destroying certain parts of your life? What areas of your life do you need to subject to Jesus's authority?

Reread the Gospel passage and reflect on a word or phrase that stands out to you. Apply it to your own life. For instance, if the words "obey him" stand out to you, you may ask yourself how you can obey the Lord. What do you need to surrender to his authority?

RESOLUTION

Often, we try to eliminate sin and weakness from our lives without asking for God's help. But we need Christ's authority, grace, and mercy in order to progress in the spiritual life. How will you, calling on the Lord for help, make a step forward in destroying an area of sin or undue attachment to worldly things in your life this week?

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