

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



JUNE 30, 2024

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway
Jackson, NJ 08527



Our Parish is Served by:

Reverend Alex Enriquez, Pastor
Deacon Christian Knoebel
Deacon John L. White

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
1st Thursdays 7pm
or by appointment

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 30, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 29

4:00 pm Tony Biele (Bereavement Ministry)

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am Frank Risifi
(Tommy & Carol Ammirata)

11:00 am Jonathan Lanteri
(Marylou & Frank Falesto)

Monday, July 1

9:00 am Linda Hoff
(Patricia (Jennings) Durkin)

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 am Joseph & Josephine Zappulla
(Arlene Toth)

Wednesday, July 3

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone (Gerarda Fallone)

Thursday, July 4

9:00 am No Mass

Saturday, July 6

4:00 pm Tony Biele
(Debiak Family)

Sunday, July 7

9:00 am Charlene Smith & Kevin Fitzpatrick
(Phil & Sally Houde)

11:00 am Ann Dolan
(Mary Boyd)

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, Dianne Smith, Frank Diolosa, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Marie Gould, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, Arlene Toth, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Irene Kiskan, Carol Spezzano, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Laura Stoyer

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 30, 2024

Monday, July 1, 2024 Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4B-6A, 6B-7, 8 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1BC, 2 Jn 20:24-29

Thursday, July 4, 2024 Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 5, 2024 Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 6, 2024 Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 9:14-17

Sunday, July 7, 2024 Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6

PLEASE NOTE

On Wednesday, July 3rd, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 9:00 a.m. Mass.



There is no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, July 4th and parish offices will be closed.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
JUNE 10 - 16, 2024**

Total \$6,911.50

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

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Two of St. Monica's Finest

Zia Gould has received the *Don Connor Award for Best Female Athlete*. She was also honored academically for being in the top three in her 8th Grade Class.

Rafaella Mesquita received the *Caring Award*. This award honors students who are dedicated, selfless individuals who take the time and strive to make the world a better place to live in. Caring Award honorees also perform community service, and regularly display care for their peers and adults.

May the Lord continue to bless these students, and Blessings & Congratulations to all our graduates !

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:

Goal: \$18,000.00

Pledged: \$18,215.00 (101% of goal)

Paid: \$17,981.00 (100% to goal)

Total Donors: 77

Total Gifts: 83

Average Gift: \$219.46

We are grateful for your pledges and prayers.

Thank You!

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY JUNE 30

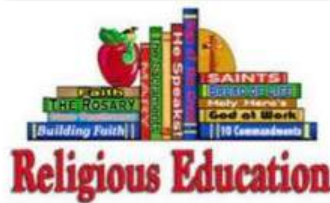
God Fits the Back for the Burden

Eileen Fagan, a parishioner of St. Joseph's Church, Toms River, NJ, and retired Catholic School educator, currently serving on St. Joseph's School Board and in the Usher Ministry, will be giving a talk on *"God Fits the Back for the Burden"* at St. Monica on Sunday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. The talk centers on the things we handle on a daily basis through the eyes of faith.

The Women of St. Monica welcome everyone to join the community at St. Monica for some faith and inspiration! There is no charge to attend. Desserts will be served. For questions, please contact Linda Thompson 908-770-0681.



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Preparations for the 2024-2025 Religious Ed. year are underway.

Re-registration forms for students currently in the program were sent home with the students. If you have not registered your child/children for class, we ask that you return your forms immediately. Space is limited; the session you choose may no longer be available. Forms may be returned via mail or dropped off at the parish office. Please note that there is a black box outside the parish office doors labeled Religious Education if you need to drop off information during off hours.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM YEAR

Our Religious Education program, which runs from mid-September to early May, needs catechists. The catechist assists the parents, the primary educators of their children, to nourish the seeds of faith.

Catechists are people like you who are willing to take the time to help our young children grow in the love of Christ and his Church just as you have. Children are the future of our Church.

If you feel the calling to be a catechist, please contact our Religious Education office at (732) 928-4038 or email Karen at stmonicacd@yahoo.com for more information.

Catechists are needed for the following classes:

Monday 4:30 – 5:45 Grade 1

Monday 6:15 – 7:30 Grades 1,3, 4 and 5



If you would like to help the Religious Education ministry, but do not feel called to teach, we are also in need of two parking lot attendants for each session on Mondays at 5:35 or 7:20 to ensure the safety of the children being dismissed. We also need volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs for our classes and then break down the set up for Mass on the weekend.

“Many hands make light work.”

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Students enrolling in our program for the first time may register in person at the parish office Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are not yet a registered parishioner, the parish registration form is available on our website or in church.

You may drop off your family registration form to the parish office. Forms for religious education registration are available only at the parish office. We ask that you please provide your child's Baptismal certificate with the form. If your child is transferring into our program, we ask that a transfer be requested from the parish where your child previously attended.

CALENDAR

Saturday, June 29

12:00 pm Baptism
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 2:00 pm Guest Speaker

Monday, July 1

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 am Mass
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday, July 3

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day
 No 9:00 am Mass
 Offices Closed

Friday, July 5: Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

6:00 pm Youth Group (LC)

Saturday, July 6

11:00 am Baptism
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 7

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 8

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 am Mass
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Wednesday, July 10

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 11

9:00 pm Mass

Friday, July 12: Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

Saturday, July 13

3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 14

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 15

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 16

9:00 am Mass
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

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The 2024 Deacon Mike Principato Scholarship Contest

Please read the directions and questions very carefully before answering them. Your essay will be evaluated by many people. Scoring will be based on your answering the questions and then formulating your values in the form of an essay.

In order to participate in the Scholarship Contest the applicant must: (1) be graduating HS and be attending college for their first semester in the Fall of 2024 or Spring 2025 and (2) be a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church, or the child of a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church, or the child of a member of St. Monica's Knights of Columbus.

(1) Question: There are 7 sacraments. Which of the 7 sacraments leave an indelible mark on your soul, in any order? Name them.

(2) Essay: God gave Moses the 10 Commandments for us to obey. Write an essay on which of the Commandments has touched your heart the most and has been the guiding principle in formulating your life and life's values.

Please submit all questions and essays by email to tinman1017@optonline.net as a Word Document. Please **do not** include your name on the essay or anything that may easily identify you, but **do include** your name and contact information in the body of the email in which it's submitted. Submissions are due by July 20, 2024. - **First place award \$500 - Second place award \$300 - Third place award \$200. GOOD LUCK!**

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Have you been asked to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation? Congratulations! What an honor to be asked to step into the life of a child as a role model and guide in the faith!

As soon as you agree to fill the role of Godparent/Sponsor, you will need to contact the parish office and request a *Sponsor Certificate*.

To receive a Sponsor Certificate, you must:

- Be a registered, active (attend Mass) member of your 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, must have a valid marriage within the Catholic Church

Call the Parish Office at 732-928-0279 for more info.



An invitation to

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The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy Fourth of July!

God, source of all freedom,
 this day is bright with the memory
 of those who declared that life and liberty
 are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work
 begun long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong:
 that only in human solidarity will
 we find liberty,

and justice only in the honor that
 belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family
 of nations:

to understand the ways of others,
 to offer friendship,

and to find safety only in the
 common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.



The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 30, 2024



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Religious Freedom Week ends June 29/30

All people desire to enjoy communion with God, and this desire gives rise to the search for religious truth and finds expression in the formation of religious culture. Even people who claim no religious affiliation cannot help but need ritual, belonging, and truth. Why? Because we all long to know and love the One in whose image we are made. "For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him."

The Church's promotion of religious freedom expresses her solidarity with all people who seek the good and hope for fulfillment in the truth. *As Pope Francis teaches:*

Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love ... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile (Fratelli tutti, 55).

Join us throughout the week as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

First Freedom Podcast

Looking for a new podcast? Check out the First Freedom Podcast, a series of conversations about a variety of issues related to religious liberty, including challenges to our first freedom, Catholic social teaching, and more! Available on Sound Cloud.



*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 - 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.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

Did you know that the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney, was also a heck of a ballplayer. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including Connie Mac, Babe Ruth, and Joe DiMaggio. Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older can join online. Use Promo Code: BlessedMcGivney for one year of free membership. Our local Council is #11529.

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

Youth Group

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, call Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

RCIA/OCIA

Rite/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who are seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at www.saintmonica.com Please contact the parish office for further info.

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 request 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 on-going 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 a program of prayers and service. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholic men and women over 18 years of age who have the good will to want to serve God through Mother Mary. Meetings are at St. Monica every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The Legion is always looking to recruit new members. If you discern a divine connection to the Blessed Mother, and feel she is calling you to join, please contact the Parish Office.

Women of St Monica

A Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community, and conducting fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in



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 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 30, 2024

WORKS OF POWER

Healing is something we all seek at some point in our lives. Whether we have battled a life-threatening disease or suffered through a common cold, we have all sought physical healing. In this week's Gospel, Jesus reveals his power to heal and bring forth new life. He also longs to heal you of the things that are preventing you from growing in love for him—whether physical or spiritual. Have you ever approached him with the faith of Jairus or the hemorrhaging woman? How much do you trust his power to heal your body and soul?

PRAYER

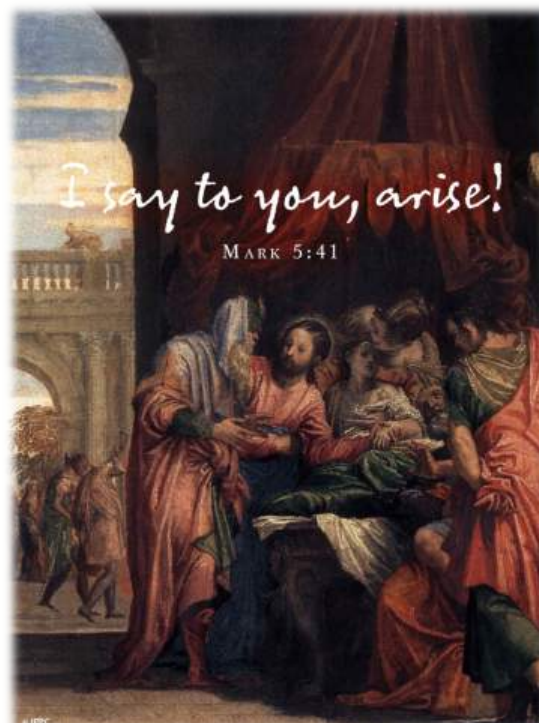
Today's miracles are incredible. There is so much faith in those seeking healing and an unmistakable tender love that Jesus bestows on the people who approach him. Jesus is moved to help the father who requests healing for his sick daughter, and, as he follows him toward his home, a crowd presses in around them. People are everywhere, brushing against each other, loudly speaking, and bustling about. Even as Jesus pushes through the crowd, he stops and asks: "Who touched me?" Jesus was keenly aware that this woman of heroic faith stepped out and touched him. He saw her as she was—in need of great mercy and full of hope that Jesus could bring her to life. Jesus speaks with her, offers her the healing she had sought, and sends her forth.

The father must have been panicked at this point. Jesus has been delayed not just by a crowd, but by someone else on the way to his dying daughter. And then the father heard that his daughter had died. Imagine the way his heart must have dropped. What did he think of Jesus? Was he angry with him? Jesus immediately responds with encouragement to not be afraid and hold on to his faith. Jesus continued on to his home and cured his daughter.

Who do you most relate to? Is it the father who sought Jesus's help and whose faith is tested? Maybe you relate to the woman who had been hemorrhaging for twelve years, and whose only hope was in Christ. Or do you relate to the twelve-year-old girl, who is physically alive but appears dead? Are you physically alive, but spiritually dead and in need of Christ to forgive your sins? Take some time to reflect on the power of Christ's healing and step out in faith, asking him to heal you today.

RESOLUTION

Do you truly believe in Christ's power to heal you? Every day we have the opportunity to receive Jesus's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. During Mass this week, ask Christ to heal you of something specific, such as a sin or vice you are struggling with, as you pray, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul and my soul shall be healed. | formed.org



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