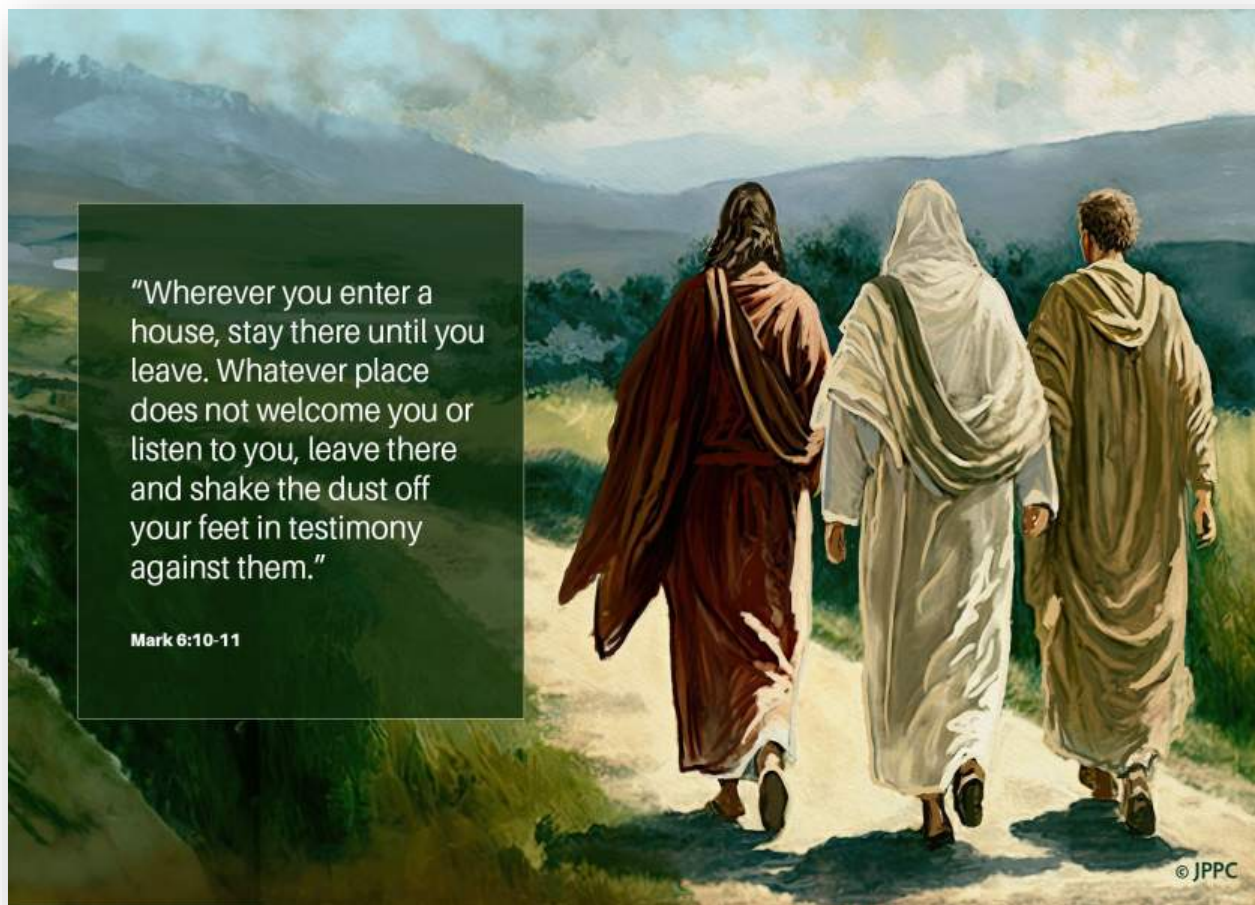


CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

Mark 6:10-11

JULY 14, 2024

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway
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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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Fax: (732) 928-1853
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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

Facebook:
[www.facebook.com/
ParishofStMonica/](http://www.facebook.com/ParishofStMonica/)



FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 14, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13

4:00 pm Adele Panebianco
(Calsetta Family)

Sunday, July 14

9:00 am Anthony Biele
(Pam & Bob Ferguson)
11:00 am Intentions of Alice-Eileen-Elaine
(Marie Gould)

Monday, July 15

9:00 am Antonio Sasso (DiVincenzo Family)

Tuesday, July 16

9:00 am James Carlos Scott (Kate Scott)

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 am Gregory Hulse
(Butterbrodt Family)

Thursday, July 18

9:00 am Robert Spuhler (Piancentino Family)

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21

9:00 am Nicole Plew (Janet Noordzy)
11:00 am Nick DeLuca & Jonathan Lantieri
(DeLuca Family)

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 Kislán, 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 - July 14, 2024

Monday, July 15, 2024 Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 11:20-2

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 18, 2024 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 19, 2024 Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20, 2024 Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 21, 2024 Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

COR MEN’S PRAYER GROUP

This impactful men’s prayer group will meet again on Thursday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

This month's meeting will feature a special showing of the movie “Full of Grace.” This movie is about Mary's final days and Peter's lack of confidence as head of the Church.

For questions, please see Deacon John White.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
JUNE 24 - 30, 2024**

Total \$5,150.00

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

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Holy Spirit is calling the whole Catholic Church together in a way we have not seen in 83 years. This summer, we will gather in Indianapolis from July 17th to the 21st for an event different from anything you’ve experienced before.

More than just a retreat or conference, the National Eucharistic Congress is **the Church’s moment**—a moment that will define a whole generation of Catholics.

We firmly believe God is calling us together for a new Pentecost, and that Jesus is about to unleash the fire of his love upon our nation. The members of our parish family who are making this trip will bring this holy fire back home and set our community ablaze!

Please pray for a safe and fruitful Congress for Ernie and Barbara Rookey and the many who will be attending from our Diocese!

LIVESTREAMING FROM THE CONGRESS

EWTN is streaming a number of events: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule/united-states/2024-07-16>

Wed., July 17:

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. -- Opening Ceremony

Thu., July 18:

8:30 a.m.-- Mass

10:30 a.m.-- Impact Session

1:30 p.m. -- EWTN Breakout Session

6:30 p.m. Revival Session

Fri., July 19:

8:30 a.m.-- Mass

10:30 a.m.-- Impact Session

1:30 p.m. -- EWTN Breakout Session

6:30 p.m. Revival Session

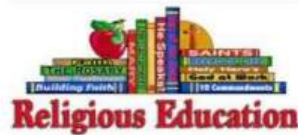
Stay with EWTN for more livestreaming info.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**



FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 14, 2024



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 stmonicaccd@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.



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!**

CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 18

9:00 am Mass

Friday, July 19: Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

Saturday, July 20

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 21

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 22

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Marriage Prep (LC)

Thursday, July 25

9:00 am Mass

Friday, July 26: Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

Saturday, July 27

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 28

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 29

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 30

9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm KofC Officer Mtg (LC)

Wednesday, July 31

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 1

9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Adoration / Benediction / Confession

4TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY JULY 27 & 28, 2024

The Holy Father has selected “Do Not Cast Me Off in My Old Age” from Psalm 71 as the theme for this year. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly celebrates the inestimable gift that grandparents and elder-relatives, friends and neighbors are to the family, to the parish and to society in general. It has become a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for prayer, fellowship, maybe even service, at those parishes that have embraced this day on their community’s calendar.

Observance of this day can be as simple or as elaborate as you’d like. The theme, “Do Not Cast Me Off in My Old Age,” is reminder of the closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and youth invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith.





NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

PLAN YOUR OWN PILGRIMAGE

*In the Spirit of the
Movement* ◆

*Lord, may more people
discover the rewards of
a walking pilgrimage.*

*I personally felt that it
was so fruitful for me
in so many different
ways.*

*I discovered holy sites
are in my own back-
yard and across all
nations, including
ours.*

This Year of Parish Revival is about falling deeper in love with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and following him more closely. Mirroring this internal journey with an external one is a beautiful way to connect body and soul in the pursuit of Christ.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is not one event or a road trip—it is an exciting opportunity for American Catholics everywhere to physically embody our nation's journey of Eucharistic Revival. Whether you are on the shores of Hawaii or in the mountains of Alaska, needing to stay close to home or deployed overseas, you are invited to be a part of this journey.





Saint of the Week

Kateri Tekakwitha

1656–1680

Feast Day—July 14

Kateri Tekakwitha is revered today as the first Native American saint. Only 24 when she died, Kateri is an example of purity, prayer, and most especially endurance in faith. Born in 1656, in a Mohawk village in what is now upstate New York, she was an outsider. Her mother was an Algonquin who was catechized and baptized Roman Catholic by French missionaries in TroisRivières, east of Montreal. Her mother was captured by the Mohawks in a raid and was taken to be the wife of the Mohawk chief Kenneronkwa near present-day Auriesville, New York.

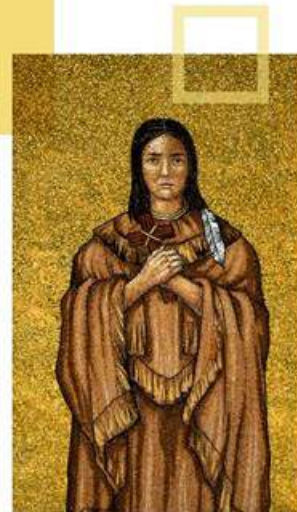
At an early age, Kateri's village suffered a severe smallpox epidemic, which killed her parents and left her scarred and her vision impaired. Her name, "Tekakwitha", means "she who bumps into things." She was adopted by her Mohawk relatives who survived the epidemic, and the survivors of the plague moved to the new village of Caughnawaga.

Like her mother, Tekakwitha sought out instruction from Catholic missionaries that led to her eventual baptism at the age of 19 and her taking the name "Kateri" after St. Catherine of Siena on Easter Sunday 1676.

Kateri faced severe obstacles from the Mohawk tribal leaders, as well as from her adopted family. On Holy Days, Kateri received no food, since she prayed rather than work in the fields.

When she walked to chapel, she was cursed and pelted with stones. Nevertheless, she persevered. She refused to marry despite pressure from her tribe. According to Fr. Pierre Cholenec, a Jesuit priest who was a mentor, Kateri said, "I have deliberated enough. For a long time, my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, son of Mary, I have chosen Him for husband and He alone will take me for wife."

The French missionaries encouraged her to leave her hostile environment and travel to Canada to the St. Francois Xavier mission. Her uncle opposed this move, because he was suspicious of the French and feared it was a ruse to depopulate the village. Even so, Kateri prevailed and traveled the 200 miles by foot and canoe to Canada, where she lived a devout and exemplary life. Called the "Lily of the Mohawks," she is a symbol of chastity and purity as she sought to do penance to commit her life to God. When she died due to failing health, witnesses noted that her face was miraculously transformed so that all her smallpox scars disappeared. Over the years, people have asked Kateri for divine intercession when suffering from serious illnesses, and their prayers have been answered. Her legacy of healing continues. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized on October 21, 2012.



Pilgrimages

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine and Historic Site at Fonda, NY.

Kateri is the first canonized Native American and spent much of her life here. Walk where she walked, praise the Lord of creation.

Plan your visit:

katerishrine.com; 3636 NY-5, Fonda, NY 12068; (518) 853-3646

Our Lady of Martyrs

Shrine at Fultonville, NY, is a few miles from the St. Kateri Shrine. This Shrine marks the 1640s martyrdoms of French Jesuit Isaac Jogues and three of the other North American Martyrs.

Plan your visit:

ourladyofmartyrsshine.org; 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY 12072; (518) 853-3939



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Eucharistic Meditation for Peace: Trusting in Love

THE GRACE I SEEK: to recognize the love Jesus has for me so I can learn to love others

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze. Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to recognize your love for me and to remain in that love..

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

In days to come, the mount of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain; it shall be raised above the hills, and peoples shall stream to it... He shall judge between many peoples and set terms for strong and distant nations; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. (Micah 4:1, 3)

FOR REFLECTION — Our God is a God who keeps his promises. We are told in Micah that, in the future, the mount of the Lord's house will be established as the highest mountain; nations will turn instruments of war into the peaceful tools of daily life. However, it can be hard to see and trust this in a world torn by war and conflict. Do you trust in the depths of your heart that our loving God will keep this promise? Talk to Jesus about any struggles or doubts, and ask him how he wants to increase your trust in his love.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you in a personal way through this passage.*

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."
(John 15:9–12)

FOR REFLECTION — In the Gospels we are given the key to true peace: love. Jesus Christ assures us that he loves us as the Father loves him—totally, completely, eternally. This love becomes the basis of our love for each other. Often our lack of love for others stems from our own belief that we are not truly loved, or even that we are not loveable. What areas of your heart feel as if they are not loved? With patience and compassion for your own wounds, gradually show these to Jesus. Ask him to reveal to you how he wants to love you precisely there. Consider journaling this dialogue.

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Mass in Time of War or Civil Disturbance)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to love others as Jesus loves you, confident that individual acts of love lead to lasting and universal peace.

LOVE IN ACTION— Knowing that we are loved by Jesus and living from that place of love can truly change our lives. This love overflows into our homes, workplaces, churches, and countries—and it is contagious. Consider making one concrete, deliberate act of love each day this week. Think of those in your life whom you may struggle to love or who may need a little more love right now. Writing a note of gratitude, giving a compliment, making a surprise phone call, etc., are all great options—be creative! Ask Jesus to guide you in your discernment.

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 stmonicaccd@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 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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 14, 2024

MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART

Heroes in many stories are usually the strongest, the smartest, or the most beautiful people who conquer evil by overpowering it in some way. Even if the heroes don't start out that way, a crucial part of the story usually consists of the hero getting stronger and preparing for battle. They know that everything is up to them.

While these stories can be inspiring, they often miss an important truth: that in order to succeed, we need to rely on God. We grow up believing that we have to be strong and be the best in order to do well. Often we bring these beliefs into our relationship with Christ.

But this is actually contrary to the Gospel. We don't have to earn God's love, and we don't have to earn his call! God calls each of us, no matter how ill-equipped or unprepared we are. He has destined us to follow him. And he mysteriously works through our weaknesses as well as our strengths to accomplish his good plan.

PRAYER

Let's return to the Gospel for this week. Put yourself into this moment when Jesus is sending out his disciples two by two. Imagine what it must have felt like to be given nothing for the journey except Jesus's authority. The Apostles would have been constantly aware of how much they depended on God for everything.

Take a word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase, "take nothing for the journey" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is the Lord encouraging you that no matter how much you have in property, skills, power, etc., he will always be with you and work through you? Call to mind the places you fear that you have too little to offer and ask the Lord to show you how he desires to work through you.

Take some time to reflect on the power of Christ's healing and step out in faith, asking him to heal you today.

RESOLUTION

To truly be able to live in our lowliness and let God be our strength, we have to form the habit of asking for forgiveness and offering it. Living with mercy is the key to this outlook on life. In a message for the World Day of Peace, Pope St. John Paul II said that, "Certainly, forgiveness does not come spontaneously or naturally to people. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic."

This week how can you work toward this kind of heroism? How does living a life of forgiveness (and asking for it) help us to remain lowly and humble? formed.org



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