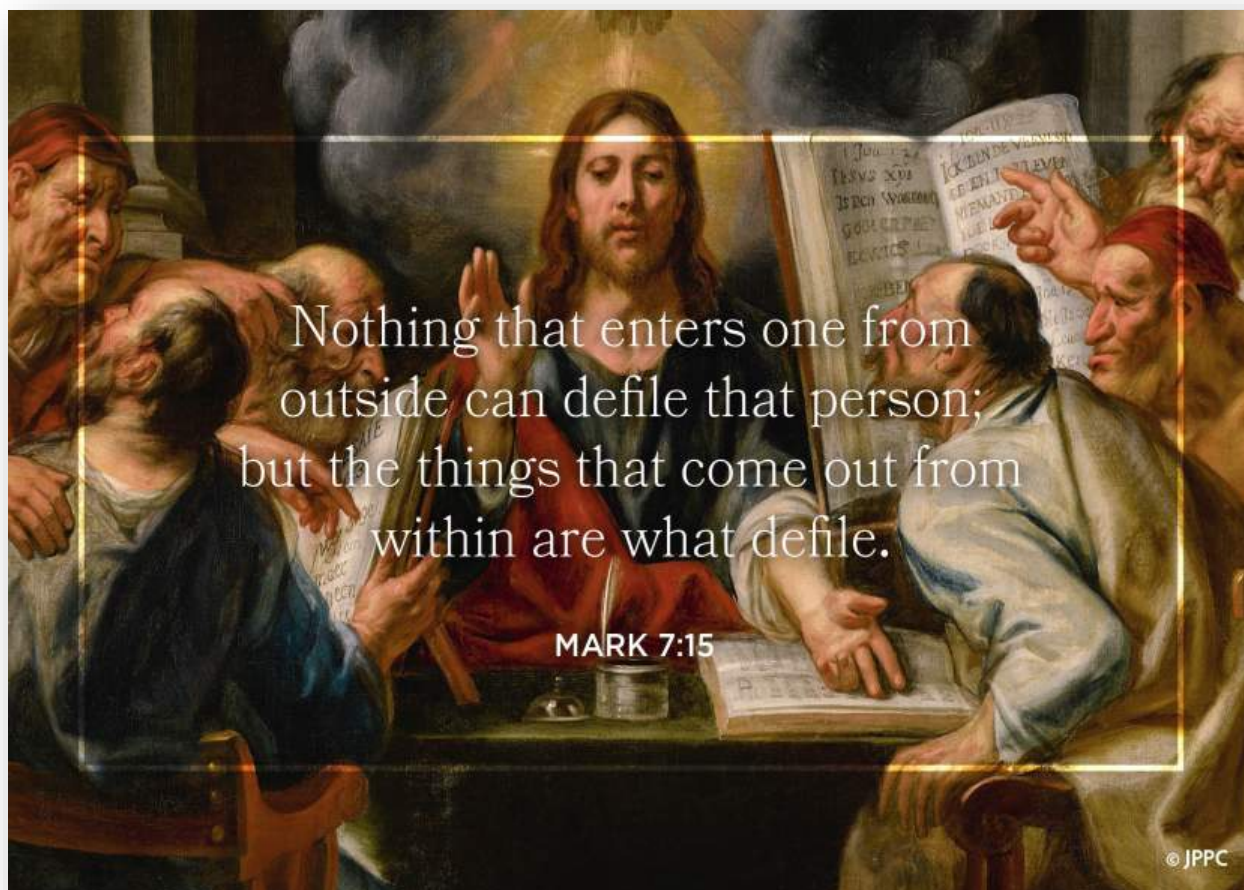


CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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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Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

1st Thursdays 7pm
or by appointment

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Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

679 W. Veterans Highway
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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.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 31

4:00 pm Matthew Francis Coughlin, III
(Michael & Lynn Scott)

Sunday, September 1

9:00 am Edward Sena
(Bereavement Ministry)

11:00 am Mary Ann Barta
(Monica Grima)

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

9:00 am No Mass

Tuesday, September 3

9:00 am Ed Cullen
(Piacentino Family)

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 am John Piacentino, Jr
(Piacentino Family)

Thursday, September 5

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone (Gerarda Fallone)

Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am Maryrose McEnery (Marie Gould)
11:00 am Deborah MacInnes (St Monica)

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, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Marie Gould, 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, Carol Spezzano, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Laura Stoyer, Mike Scott

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 – September 1, 2024

Monday, September 2, 2024 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 5, 2024 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 6, 2024 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 7, 2024 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 8, 2024 Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Monday, September 2nd is Labor Day.
There will be no Mass
and Parish Offices will be closed.

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Beginning Tuesday, September 3rd
we resume regular Parish Office Hours

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

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Wednesday, September 4th there will be
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

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Thursday, September 5th there will be
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
Benediction & Confessions
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

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Wednesday, September 11th &
Thursday, September 12th
9:00 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion
(There is no Mass)

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Monica offers a Bereavement Support
Group Session in the fall for those who are
grieving the loss of a loved one or close
friend. This is a Catholic-centered Support
Group offering a caring, compassionate, and
confidential environment in which to voice
your feelings.

The program introduction will be held on
Sunday, September 15 at 12:15 p.m. at St.
Monica Church, 679 W. Veterans Hwy.,
Jackson NJ. The first session will begin on
Sunday, September 22 at 12:15 pm.

For registration and details contact Deacon
John White 848-992-1652
or dcnjohnw@gmail.com

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AUGUST 12 - 18, 2024**

Total \$4,716.00

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN
SEPT 16 & 17**

Classes begin for registered students.

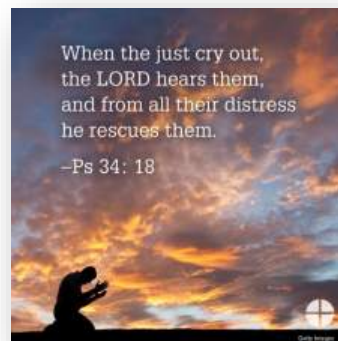
BISHOP'S BLESSING

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing is an
annual Mass and reception to honor all
couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50th (or
more) wedding anniversary.

This event takes place on two Sundays in
October, one at the Cathedral of St. Mary in
Trenton for couples from Mercer and
Burlington County parishes, and the other
at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert
Bellarmine in Freehold for couples from
Ocean and Monmouth County parishes.

Family and friends are encouraged to
attend. **Pre-registration is open and is
required;** couples may register at your
parish office, or online at [http://
www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-
anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing)

Couples must be validly married in the
Catholic Church to participate in the
Bishop's Anniversary Blessing. Deadline to
register September 15, 2024.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

PILGRIMAGE TO FINLAND, SWEDEN, DENMARK, NORWAY, ICELAND



Helsinki, Stockholm, Linköping, Varnhem Abbey, Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Tivoli Gardens, Oslo, Reykjavik
DAILY MASS WITH FR ALEX ENRIQUEZ

September 01-13, 2025, for 13 days. Tour Cost: \$4,899.00 LAND ONLY plus (Airfare \$1,100 subject to change)

NOTE: \$4,899 based on 30 Pilgrims; For 45 Pilgrims less \$200 off on Land Tour

Tour Price Includes

Hotel accommodation at tourist-class hotels. 2 nights on cruise. Daily breakfast and dinner, except Reykjavik. Round trip transfers from Airport to Hotel. All entrance fees in the itinerary. Touring in the itinerary with a deluxe air-conditioned motor coach. Daily Mass arrangements. Baggage handling at hotels. Only one piece of luggage per person. Hotel taxes and service charges. Not included: Lunches, gratuities for guides and driver and anything not mentioned.

ITINERARY

Day 1, September 01, Monday, Departure to HELSINKI (FINLAND)

Our pilgrimage begins as we leave our hometown for an overnight flight to Helsinki, Finland. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

Day 2, September 02, Tuesday, Arrival to HELSINKI

Upon arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in Helsinki. Dinner and overnight in Helsinki.

Day 3, September 03, Wednesday, HELSINKI – STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN)

After breakfast, we will have a city tour of Helsinki. Famous sights include the Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, Sibelius Park & Monument, and Underground Temple. Late afternoon, we will board an overnight cruise ship to Stockholm. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 4, September 04, Thursday, STOCKHOLM

Scandinavian buffet breakfast is being served on board. After disembarkation, we will celebrate Mass at Saint Eugene or Saint Eric Church. After mass, we will start the 4-hour guided tour of Stockholm. Famous sights on the tour include the Royal Palace, the Parliament Buildings, the island of Djurgården, and the Old Town (Gamla Stan), with its narrow streets and numerous antique shops. The highlight of the tour is a visit to City Hall with its famous Blue and Golden Halls, where the Nobel Prize Banquet is held each year. After visiting the unique Vasa Ship Museum, free time for shopping in Stockholm.

Day 5, September 05, Friday, STOCKHOLM, LINKÖPING, VRETA ABBEY, MOTOLA

After breakfast, we will drive to Linköping to visit the Cathedral, located where a small church in the form of a cross was built in the 12th century. Then we will continue to drive to Vreta Abbey, founded at the beginning of the 12th century by King Inge the Elder and Queen Helena, at Pope Paschal II's request. The next visit is to Vadstena Abbey, Motherhouse of the Bridgettine Order, located on the shores of Lake Wetter. We will celebrate Mass at Vadstena Abbey. Dinner and overnight in Motola.

Day 6, September 06, Saturday, MOTOLA, VARNHEM ABBEY, GOTHENBURGH

After breakfast, we will drive to Sweden's oldest Christian place, Varnhem Abbey, where you'll find a churchyard from the Viking era, evidence of their conversion to Christianity over 1,000 years ago. We will continue to drive to Gothenburg to visit the splendid Botanic Gardens, one of the largest and best in Europe, with over 16,000 species of plants in different greenhouses and areas like the rock garden and herb garden. Dinner and overnight in Gothenburg.

Day 7, September 07, Sunday, GOTHENBURG – COPENHAGEN (DENMARK)

After breakfast, we will drive to Copenhagen. On the way, we will visit Lund Cathedral. The Cathedral was consecrated in 1145 and contains many well-known artifacts and features of considerable historical interest. Then, we will drive to Ystad to visit the Franciscan Ystad Monastery. Founded in 1267, this is the oldest medieval monastery in Sweden and, together with Vadstena Abbey, one of the best preserved. Dinner and overnight in Copenhagen.

Day 8, September 08, Monday, COPENHAGEN

Today, we will explore Copenhagen; Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid gazing wistfully across the harbor, then visit the Christiansborg Palace, the seat of the Danish Government. Celebrate Mass at Saint Ansgar's Cathedral. Saint Ansgar is known for his missionary activities in Scandinavia, bringing the message of Christ to the people of these lands. After dinner, we will visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. Dinner and overnight in Copenhagen.

Day 9, September 09, Tuesday, COPENHAGEN – ROSKILDE – COPENHAGEN - OSLO (NORWAY)

After breakfast, we travel to Roskilde to visit the Cathedral, the earliest major ecclesiastical building in northern Europe. It is noteworthy for successive architectural styles used in the ancillary chapels and porches added over many centuries, during which it has served as the mausoleum of the Danish royal family. Then we will visit the fascinating Viking Ship Museum. At the end of the tour, we will return to Copenhagen to board our overnight cruise to Oslo. Enjoy a delicious Scandinavian buffet dinner on board on the way to Oslo.

Day 10, September 10, Wednesday OSLO

Scandinavian buffet breakfast is being served on board, as you sail up the exciting Oslo Fjord to reach the Norwegian capital. After disembarkation, we will celebrate Mass at Saint Olav's Cathedral, the primary Catholic sanctuary in Oslo. Pope John Paul II visited the Cathedral in 1989. After Mass, proceed for an Oslo tour to visit Frogner Park, Akershus Fortress, founded in 1299 during the reign of King Hákon V. The medieval castle was modernized and converted into a Renaissance royal residence. Dinner and overnight in Oslo.

Day 11, September 11, Thursday, OSLO – REYKJAVIK (ICELAND)

After breakfast transfer to Airport. Upon arrival at Keflavik Airport, transfer to the hotel in Reykjavik. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Reykjavik.

Day 12, September 12, Friday, REYKJAVIK

After breakfast, we will have a city sightseeing tour of Reykjavik including the town of Hafnarfjörður where we visit the Fish Market, the Open-Air Museum Arber, one of the open-air swimming pools, and the towering Hallgrím's Church, old town, the harbor, the summit meeting house Höfði, and the House of Parliament. Afternoon visit the majestic waterfalls at Gullfoss and the famous erupting hot springs at Geysir with its colorful pools and leaping hot springs. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Reykjavik.

Day 13, September 13, Saturday, DEPARTURE

After breakfast, we will go to the Blue Lagoon, a mineral-rich azure lake where you can luxuriate in the warm, rejuvenating waters before we take our flight home.

For more information and reservations please contact

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CALENDAR

Saturday, August 31

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

Labor Day
No 9:00 am Mass
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

6:00 pm Youth Group Mtg. (LC)

Saturday, September 7

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, September 9

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion

Thursday, September 12

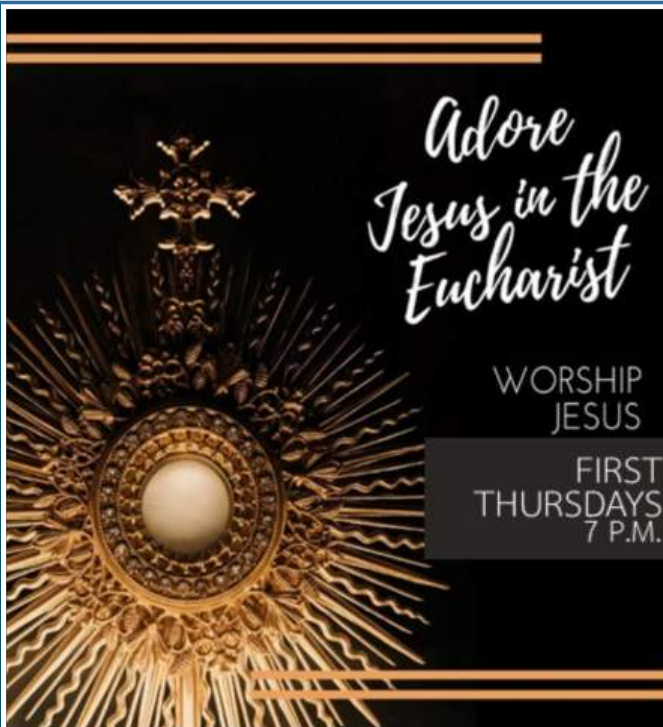
9:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
6:00 pm Religious Education Parent Mtg. (Church)
7:00 pm K of C Mtg. (Hall)

Saturday, September 14

1:00 pm Baptisms (2) Fr Alex
3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass



A blessing is a divine and life-giving action, the source of which is God the Father; his blessing is both word and gift. When applied to us, the word blessing means “adoration” and “surrender” to our Creator in thanksgiving. From the beginning until the end of time the whole of God’s work is a blessing. The Father is acknowledged and adored as the source and the end of all the blessings of creation and salvation, pouring into our hearts the Gift that contains all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation of full faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” *Pope John Paul II Dominicae cenae, 3*

Join us in Eucharistic Worship
“Adoration and Benediction”
Thursday, September 5, 2024
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Adults and students welcome!



The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Humbly welcome the word that has been
planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only.

—Jas 1:21-22



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Start off the school year with a prayer! Our parish is praying
for all of our students, families and teachers.

Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.
At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/term)
we implore your mercy:
bless the students, teachers, and staff of N.,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.
Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.
Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.
R/. Amen



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MASS FOR LIFE: BUS

St. John Church in Lakehurst is sponsoring a bus to the New Jersey Mass for Life/ March for Life on Thurs., September 26th. The bus will depart St. John's at 7:30 a.m. from 619 Chestnut St, Lakehurst. We'll attend the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton.

Next, we'll walk to the statehouse for the 11:00 a.m. Rally and 12 Noon March for Life. We'll walk back to the bus and return to St. John's. We will probably walk a total of about two miles.

To reserve a seat on the bus, visit or call us in the parish office at 732-657-6347. We are asking for a \$10 donation to secure a seat. The Knights of Columbus from St. John's and SEAS will be paying for most of the cost of the bus.

We will be advertising to parishioners in local parishes and making our bus open to everyone on a first come first served basis. For more information, visit:

<https://marchforlife.org/newjersey/>



HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC?


God loves you and has a plan for your life. Sin has interfered with that plan. God sent his son Jesus to conquer sin. So if you reorient your life to Christ, you can enjoy eternal life!

So how to become Catholic? We can help on this side of Heaven! Get started by contacting the Parish Office for more information:


parishoffice@saintmonica.com
or 732-928-0276

You are invited to New Jersey's
Mass for Life
Thursday, September 26, 2024
9:30 a.m.


Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



CELEBRANT
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Tobin, CSsR









HOMILIST
Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M.



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SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2024

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12:00 P.M. - MARCH FOR LIFE

125 W State St.
Trenton, NJ 08608

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
NJ.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG

OR SCAN THE CODE BELOW





TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

The Diocese of Trenton at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa



Family Pilgrimage at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA 18901



Saturday, September 14, 2024

Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:45 am – Concert **9AM - 3:30PM**
10:00 - 11:00 am - Holy Mass
11:00 – 11:30 am – Procession
11:30 am – 12:00PM praise and worship music
12:00 pm – Music, Activities for families, Visit to all the chapels.
2:30 pm – Bilingual Holy Rosary in the Rosary Garden
3:30 pm – Farewell

*This event is FREE
Bring your own Lunch*

For more information contact:
Belén Perez – 609.403.7133
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/pilgrimage>



*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.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael McGivney. It is an international order of more than 2 million Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values in a busy changing world. St Monica Council #11529 has a long history of support for the parish and many local charities. If you would like to join, simply scan the QR Code or go to KofC.org/join and enter council #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. Please contact the parish office for more info.



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 from the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 1, 2024

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

People in our society today often talk about being a “basically good person.” When we start thinking about what we should do or how we should act in specific situations, we might measure ourselves against this vague idea of the “basically good person.” We might even hide behind the idea of being a “good person” when we don’t want to do the right thing in the moment.

This flawed vision of the moral life translates into how we live as Christians. We think that God simply wants us to be a “good person,” and relativize our sins, comparing them to our good actions. But this is not the message of the Gospel. Rather, through Christ’s Death and Resurrection, we have the grace to be completely transformed from the old self—the person living in sin, to the new self—the person who lives entirely in Christ (Eph. 4:22-24).

God wants us to give him our whole lives, to live in complete unity with him. If we give our hearts entirely to him, the power of Jesus’s Resurrection can transform us so that we become more like him. Our actions will then flow seamlessly from our hearts, because we have been transformed to live like Christ.

PRAYERS

Return to the Gospel for today. We can relate to the Pharisees, who are so focused on the motions and actions of their lives that they have forgotten what it truly means to love God. Their worship and good actions are in vain because they refuse to give their hearts to the Lord. They have kept themselves ritually clean on the surface, but sin has been allowed to grow and fester in their hearts in secret. The same happens to us when we do not give our hearts to God. Jesus calls everyone to repentance, such that we give our whole lives to God.

Take a word that comes to mind from the Gospel reading and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase “Things that come out from within are what defile” might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Are you possibly only going through the motions—attending Sunday Mass, being a good person, attending Bible studies, or serving the poor—but not completely giving your heart to Jesus and allowing him to transform your life to reflect his own more perfectly? Is there sin and brokenness hiding within your heart from which he desires to free you?

RESOLUTION

The true Gospel demands more of us than simply going through the motions—the true Gospel calls us to give our whole being to Christ. He asks us to share in his own life, to lift up our hearts to him and allow him to transform us. If we are truly living as Christians, we put ourselves in the hands of a loving Father who is preparing us for heaven. Sadly, many Catholics go through their whole lives attending Church without hearing this Good News. This week, how can you start to purge your life of the lies of the world and live in the reality of the Gospel? How can you lift up your heart to the Lord and give him permission to transform you? | formed.org

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