

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

Whoever does not
accept the kingdom
of God like a child will
not enter it

Mark 10:15



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OCTOBER 6, 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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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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Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

679 W. Veterans Highway
Jackson, NJ 08527



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 6, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5

4:00 pm Lois Robertson
(Theresa Calsetta & Elaine Giblock)

Sunday, October 6

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone (Gerarda Fallone)
11:00 am Antonio Sasso (DiVicenzo Family)

Monday, October 7

9:00 am Felicia Skowronski
(William & Linda Patullo)

Tuesday, October 8

9:00 am Joseph Zappulla (Arlene Z Toth)

Wednesday, October 9

9:00 am Victims & Families
of Hurricane Helene(St Monica)

Thursday, October 10

9:00 am Robert Glasson (Nina & Al Pileggi)

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

9:00 am Antonio Sasso
(Rob & Trish Guimaraes)
11:00 am Roseann Bruno (Frank DeLuca)

There are still dates available in 2024 for intentions. Contact the Parish Office to secure dates.

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, Andrew G Sabine, A.J. Sabine, Stephen Alexander

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 - October 6, 2024

Monday, October 7 Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 and 10C Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 8 Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 9 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 10 Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 11 Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 12 Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 13 Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30
or 10:17-27



Public Rosary
The Miracle
of the Sun
Our Lady of Fatima
St. Monica's Parish is
 Participating in Praying
 a Public Rosary for
 America.

When: Saturday,
Oct 12th at 12 pm.

Where: Outside in front
of St. Monica's

You are invited to join us in a
 Public Rosary Rally. This
 Public Square Rosary will be
 combined with our Knights of
 Columbus Novena for Life.



Please join us,
along with the
Legion of Mary's
"Mystical Rose",
Our Lord and
Blessed Mother, as
we pray for
America.

For additional info contact
 the parish office



Congratulations to our anniversary couples
 taking part in the Bishop's Anniversary
 Blessing on October 6.

Eriberto & Marisol Garced	25 Yrs
Beatrice & Joseph Spiech	50 Yrs
Salvatore & Maria Monaco	50 Yrs

Our prayers that God will always bless you
 and the lasting love you share.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG "THANK YOU"

I would like to thank all of you for participating
 in the Baby Bottle Boomerang again this
 year. Your generous donations totaled
 \$2,400. All of this money will be used for the
 Open Door Pregnancy Center in Tom's River
 and other charitable organizations that our
 bishop would also like us to support.

Br Michael Seiler, OFS

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 16 - 22, 2024

Total \$5,633.50

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

**Altar
 Servers**



St. Monica is now recruiting new **Altar Servers**
 to assist Fr. Alex and deacons during the
 Liturgy.

Requirements to serve include:

- ~ be a registered member of St. Monica
- ~ regularly receive the sacraments,
- ~ in 4th grade or higher
- ~ and have been baptized and made
 First Holy Communion

If your child is interested,
 please contact Deacon John or fill out the
 sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Mandatory Altar Server Training Meeting
Calling all current and new Altar Servers!

We are excited to announce we are welcoming
 our Altar Servers back for all our Masses.
 In preparation, we will be hosting a mandatory
 Altar Server training meeting on Sat, Oct 12th
 at 10:00 am and Sat, Oct 26th at 10:00 am in the
 Church.

All current and new Altar Servers are required
 to attend. Current Altar Servers will only need
 to attend the 1st meeting on Sat Oct 12th.
 Any boy or girl who is interested in becoming
 an altar server is invited to join and attend! Sign
 -up sheets at the back of the Church.
 We hope to see you there!
 Deacon John

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Men's Prayer Group meets Oct 17th at 7 pm here in the Church. Whether you are new to the Bible, a Scholar, a Christian or a non-Christian, the program is designed for everyone to enjoy a meaningful time together in fellowship, prayer and scripture. All men are invited to attend. Hope to see you there! For questions, please contact Deacon John White

WOMEN OF ST MONICA

The **Women of St Monica** will hold their monthly meeting Sunday, Oct 6th at 12 noon. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**SPAMS, SCAMS AND FRAUD:
LET'S NOT BE AVICTIM**

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LOCATION: CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA
DATE: 11/17/24 TIME: 1:00PM

Topics of Discussion Will Include:

- How To Detect a Scam.
- Examples of Spam.
- Safeguarding Personal Information.
- Ways to Avoid Being Hacked.
- Identity Theft Response Plan.



YOUR PRESENTER:
LAURA REEVES



Parish Office New (more secure)
Email Address
parishoffice@saintmonica.com
Please update your contacts:
(our old email will be retired soon).

**18th Annual
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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Monica Council #11529

Saturday, October 12th at 11:00am in Lakewood Pine Park, the Knights of Columbus hold their 18th annual Charity Rubber Duck Race. They'll be food, games and the race for the chance to win a big screen Smart TV and sound system and many other valuable prizes. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased outside after masses. Purchase 2 or more tickets and get a coupon book for our various local sponsors.

CALENDAR

Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 am Blessing of Animals (Parking Lot)
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 6

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

Monday, October 7

- 9:00 am Mass
- 4:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 5:30 pm Rel Ed Gr 8 Parent/Student Mtg
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, October 9

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm OCIA (LC)
- 7:00 pm K of C CUF (Church)

Thursday, October 10

- 9:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm K of C Mtg (Parish Hall)

Saturday, October 12

- 10:00 am Altar Server Training (Church)
- 12:00 pm Outdoor Rosary
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 13

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

Monday, October 14-Columbus Day

No 9:00 am Mass
No Rel Ed Classes
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:00 am Mass
- No Rel Ed Classes
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, October 16

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm OCIA (LC)



The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal every month from May to October 1917. She delivered a series of messages during that time to three young children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto. While Mary discussed many things with the children, the message of Our Lady of Fatima can be summarized with three invitations:

1. Learn to pray the rosary, the prayer that can change the world.
2. Get spiritually healthy with penance and reparation.
3. Let Mary guide you to lasting happiness.

The message is simple and practical, yet it is profound and life changing. Every time Mary appeared to the children, she asked them to pray the rosary. Why? The rosary is incredibly powerful. It has the power to bring peace. The power to heal. The power to make a difference in your life, the lives of your loved ones, and in the world.

The rosary settles our hearts and minds. We live hectic lives in a chaotic world, a world troubled by war, violence, and brokenness. Amidst the chaos and confusion, our souls yearn for peace and clarity. How does the rosary bring us that serenity?

- The rosary puts things in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are.
- It reaches deep down into our souls and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful.
- It teaches us to slow down, calm down, let go, offer our struggles to God, and listen.

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HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION

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's Retreat** is 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.
2024 Weekend Retreats
November 15-17, 2024

LONGING FOR LIFE

“Catholics, Infertility, and IVF”

Join us as we learn how Catholics can navigate the often morally complex choices offered by modern medicine to couples struggling with fertility issues. Encounter the beauty of the teachings of the Church regarding fertility while discovering very effective cutting-edge medical treatments for infertility that are morally acceptable and that uphold the dignity of life and marriage.

October 26, 2024, St. Mary of the Pines Church, Manahawkin. This event will include: **8:00 a.m.** Mass in the Church; 8:30 a.m. hot breakfast; and 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon seminar featuring Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Senior Ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center.

The event will include time for Q&A and free resources. Cost is \$10, free for clergy. Seating is limited, advance online registration required using:

<https://longing-for-life-stmary-s-parish.pushpayevents.com>

RETREAT FOR CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY



“WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”

WHO IS THE RETREAT FOR?

Catholics in Recovery who are seeking an encounter with Christ.

- Have you fallen away from your Catholic Faith?
- Are you searching for God in your life?
- Are you a practicing Catholic seeking to deepen your faith?

PRESENTERS

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GUEST SPEAKER

“MURPH” 31 YRS OF SOBRIETY

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

Conferences • Guest Speaker
 Adoration • Confessions Available

Payment: QR Code below or mail check with Registration form to Church of Epiphany.

Registration Form can be found at: www.churchofepiphany.org, under the Parish Events tab.

Registration Deadline: 10/25/24



SATURDAY, NOV. 2, 2024

9:30 AM - 3:45 PM

MASS: 4:00 PM

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TO THE CLERGY, CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

It is in a spirit of joy that the entire Diocese of Trenton joins with the Church throughout the world in celebrating 2025 as a Holy Jubilee Year announced by our Holy Father Pope Francis on May 9, 2024. He has chosen as a theme for the Holy Year “Hope Does Not Disappoint” from St. Paul’s **Letter to the Romans** 5:5. Pope Francis observed “Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring (Pope Francis, “***Spes non confundit***,” **Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025**, May 9, 2024).

Beginning with the celebrations of Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday, December 28 and at the Co-Cathedral on Sunday, December 29, 2025, I will solemnly open the Jubilee Year for the full participation of the clergy, consecrated religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Trenton as “pilgrims of hope.”

Throughout the past several months, I have designated a committee to meet under the chairmanship of Rev. Msgr. Sam Sirianni, rector of the Co-Cathedral, to create spiritual opportunities, events and celebrations throughout the four counties of the Diocese for the Jubilee Year. While individual parishes and organizations are free to celebrate the Jubilee Year in their own unique ways, they are also especially encouraged to participate in Diocesan wide celebrations mentioned in this booklet or announced throughout the year in Diocesan publications, websites and social media.

As our Holy Father has decreed, “The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. ... Let us even now be drawn to this hope (Pope Francis, **Bull of Indiction**, 25).

Bishop O’Connell will lead a Holy Year pilgrimage to Paris, April 22-May 1, 2025. For information contact Carolyn Norbut at the Chancery cnorbu@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Please remember our sick priests in your prayers, especially Msgr. Sean Flynn and Fr. Al. Ricciardelli.

Please pray for and encourage potential vocations from your parishes.

Keep informed and updated by consulting the Monitor for latest news, the Diocesan website and social media.

Thank you.

Faithfully yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton

prayer for peace in the Holy Land

God of our longing,
Remember those who wait and hope for peace.
Hear our prayer and our lament
for our brothers and sisters in Israel and Palestine.
With them, we share a common story,
set in a common homeland.

Make common also a will to forgive,
to reconcile,
to make a just peace for the sake of the ancestors,
for the sake of the children.
Open ears, eyes and hearts
And make a way toward justice
In our war-torn world.

God all merciful, you dwell in all human hearts
And the Holy Land is wherever you make your home.
Heal these broken places where prophets preached
Where Moses and Jesus and Muhammad kept faith with you.
Be a sure support for those who work toward reconciliation
And make us all, however far away,
Steadfast in their cause.

Amen



Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

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 dcjohnw@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 7:30 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

Reflection on the Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct 6, 2024

A VISION FOR MARRIAGE

We live in a culture of hot-button issues, buzzwords, broiling anger, and even outright revolt. As each day passes, it seems to become more difficult to hold peaceful conversations about the most important issues connected to man's nature.

Our culture today believes that to love another is to accept his or her own personal worldview, and anyone who tries to contradict that worldview is a "hater" or a "bigot." This relativistic mindset has led to protests and rallies on our own day, as people stand up for their "right" to believe whatever they choose as their own good.

It's tempting to become consumed by the signs of our time, but the Gospel actually proposes a very different way of life. As Christians, we are called to deep intimacy with our Lord through a life of prayer, meditation, and contemplation. We believe that to transform the world, we first must allow God to transform us. That very often means deeply listening to God and to his words.

The readings for today focus on God's vision of marriage, which is a hot topic in our culture. Today the Church invites us to meditate on the truth about marriage. And as we'll see, God created marriage to reveal the very meaning of our existence, and it is very good!

PRAYER

Let's return to the Gospel for today. The Pharisees are trying to argue with Jesus, and he invites them to consider their questions in the larger context of God's original plan. Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase, "He embraced them and blessed them" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is Jesus reminding you that you are the Father's child, and he is embracing you and blessing you even while you are still in sin, or confused, or feel far from him?

RESOLUTION

It is impossible to be a Christian without seriously thinking about what the Church teaches. Our culture proclaims that truth does not exist, but our faith proclaims there is one truth, which is found in the Catholic Church. In a world determined not to tell anybody else what is right or wrong, believing that there is one truth can come across as hostile.

It will take courage to believe the Gospel in our time. As Catholics, we cannot become relativists. Our faith is in the one God who created all things and has destined mankind for eternal joy with him. We actually believe that what is right for us is right for everybody else! We cannot succumb to living in the secular mindset of secularism; rather, we must follow the call of the Gospel. | formed.org



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