

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

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Sunday 2024**
October 20th

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(MT 22:9)

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October 20, 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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Masses
Mon. to Thurs. 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

679 W. Veterans Highway
Jackson, NJ 08527

Confessions

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

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 20, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 19

4:00 pm Susan Spencer Nasto
(Terry Pollack Kelley & Bob Kelley)

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am Frances Panicola
(Rob & Trish Guimaraes)
11:00 am Dennis Rooney
(Piacentino Family)

Monday, October 21

9:00 am Available

Tuesday, October 22

9:00 am Susana Bardales and Isabel &
Guillermo Melgar (Sonia & Willie Melgar)

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 am Available

Thursday, October 24

9:00 am Available

Saturday, October 26

4:00 pm Joan Jolly (Karen Johnson)

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am Antonio Sasso
(Stephanie Kujawski)
11:00 am Brian J Kenney
(Tom & Janet Noordzy)

*To secure your Mass Intentions, 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, 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 20, 2024

Monday Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9AB-10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Eph 3:2-12 Is 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

Friday Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

During November we remember our beloved deceased who have completed their pilgrimage of faith. You are invited to inscribe their names in the Book of Remembrance on the table near the altar. We will pray for all the names in the book throughout the month.

All Saints Day, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass takes place at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Important Update on the observance of the Immaculate Conception. Since December 8 falls on Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops notified us the obligation is transferred to Monday, December 9, a Holy Day of Obligation in the Dioceses of the United States. Mass on December 9 will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

RIB SALE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a rib sale fundraiser Sat, Oct 26th in the picnic area behind St Monica at 12:00 P.M. until sold out to support seminarians in the Trenton Diocese. Delicious, cooked butcher grade Ribs are available for \$20 for a full rack and \$12 for a half rack. Chips and beverages will also be available while supplies last. The church is facing a shortage of priests and there are a significant number of priests eligible for retirement. This fundraiser will provide needed financial assistance to ensure future priests dedicating their lives to the church receive the support they need. For further information please contact Tom Kowaleski at 908-510-9586. There will also be a presale sign up sheet at the back of church.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6, 2024**

Total \$ 5,819.23

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

“THANK YOU” KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We thank our Knights for purchasing a Smart TV, DVD player and stand to replace old equipment in our Little Church. All will be put to good use for classes and meetings.



The Youth Choir is forming now and will sing at the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Students in Grade 3 and higher are encouraged to participate. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays beginning November 19th at 7 pm. Interested? Sign up sheets are at the back of the church!

**THE SON OF MAN DID NOT
COME TO BE SERVED,
BUT TO SERVE.**

MARK 10:45

Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your example of humble service. Teach us to love others as You love us. Give us the strength to serve selflessly and seek Your Kingdom above all. Amen.

STUDY THEOLOGY AT GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 21, 2025. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu.

We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

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.

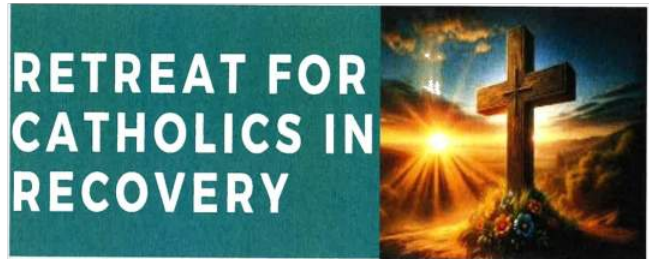
All inquiries are strictly confidential.
2024 Weekend Retreats
November 15-17, 2024

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 732-928-0279



"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

FR. MIKE SANTANGELO

SR. BRUNILDA RAMOS, MPF

KIM LORENTZEN, DRE

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

CHURCH OF EPIPHANY
615 THIELE ROAD
BRICK, NJ 08724
(732) 458-0220
KIM@CHURCHOFEPIPHANY.ORG

RETREAT FEE: \$35 which includes Light Breakfast, Lunch, & Donation to St. Joseph By The Sea Retreat House.
Scholarship Available

CALENDAR

Saturday, October 19 - Sunday, October 20

World Mission Sunday

Saturday, October 19

- 10:00 am 8th Gr Conf Retreat (Church/Hall)
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 20

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass (Rite of Welcome)

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

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

Saturday, October 26

- 10:00 am Altar Server Training Mtg (Church)
- 12:00 pm K of C Rib Sale (Picnic Area)
- 2:00 pm Church Unavailable
- 3:15 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 27

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

Monday, October 28

- 9:00 am Mass
- 4:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes
- 6:30 pm Rel Ed Gr 2 Parent/Student Mtg

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00 am Mass
- 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Foyer)
- 7:30 pm K of C Officer Mtg (LC)

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

**PLEASE JOIN LAURA REEVES, CFP®, CRPC®,
OWNER OF LJR FINANCIAL, FOR AN
ENLIGHTENING SEMINAR FOCUSED ON
IDENTIFYING COMMON SCAMS WHILE
SAFEGUARDING YOUR PERSONAL
INFORMATION**

**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**

ST. MONICA PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Monica! Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth time, know that we are very glad you have come to worship with us!

If you have not yet registered in the parish, please do so. Registration is necessary for your children to attend Religious Education classes, and for you and your children to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, eucharist, confirmation. Your registration also helps our parish and our Diocese plan for the future.

Registration forms are located on the tables at each entrance to the church. You can drop your completed form in the offertory basket or in person at the Parish Office. Feel free to contact the Parish Office with any questions at 732-928-0279.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 20, 2024

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2024 "Go and invite"

Mission as a tireless going out to invite others to the Lord's banquet.

In the king's command to his servants we find two words that express the heart of the mission: the verbs "to go out" and "to invite".

As for the first, we need to remember that the servants had previously been sent to deliver the king's invitation to the guests (cf. vv. 3-4). Mission, we see, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him. Tireless! God, great in love and rich in mercy, constantly sets out to encounter all men and women, and to call them to the happiness of his kingdom, even in the face of their indifference or refusal. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep of the people of Israel and desired to go even further, in order to reach even the most distant sheep (cf. Jn 10:16). Both before and after his resurrection, he told his disciples, "Go!", thus involving them in his own mission (cf. Lk 10:3; Mk 16:15). The Church, for her part, in fidelity to the mission she has received from the Lord, will continue to go to the ends of the earth, to set out over and over again, without ever growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

I take this opportunity to thank all those missionaries who, in response to Christ's call, have left everything behind to go far from their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it, or received it only recently. Dear friends, your generous dedication is a tangible expression of your commitment to the mission ad gentes that Jesus entrusted to his disciples: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). We continue to pray and we thank God for the new and numerous missionary vocations for the task of evangelization to the ends of the earth.

Let us not forget that every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context, so that the whole Church can continually go forth with her Lord and Master to the "crossroads" of today's world. "Today's drama in the Church is that Jesus keeps knocking on the door, but from within, so that we will let him out! Often we end up being an 'imprisoning' Church which does not let the Lord out, which keeps him as 'its own', whereas the Lord came for mission and wants us to be missionaries" (Address to Participants in the Conference organized by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, 18 February 2023). May all of us, the baptized, be ready to set out anew, each according to our state in life, to inaugurate a new missionary movement, as at the dawn of Christianity!

To return to the king's command in the parable, the servants are told not only to "go", but also to "invite": "Come to the wedding!" (Mt 22:4). Here we can see another, no less important, aspect of the mission entrusted by God. As we can imagine, the servants conveyed the king's invitation with urgency but also with great respect and kindness. In the same way, the mission of bringing the Gospel to every creature must necessarily imitate the same "style" of the One who is being preached. In proclaiming to the world "the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead" (Evangeli Gaudium, 36), missionary disciples should do so with joy, magnanimity and benevolence that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit within them (cf. Gal 5:22). Not by pressuring, coercing or proselytizing, but with closeness, compassion and tenderness, and in this way reflecting God's own way of being and acting.





A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

— AMEN.



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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 20, 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 Hakon 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 Arbaer, one of the open-air swimming pools, and the towering Hailgrim'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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*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

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 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 for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 20

World Mission Sunday

Some people like to be in charge. Whether it is the person first to accept a new project at work or school, or the enthusiastic teammate who readily volunteers to organize an event, or the generous individual who always offers to assist, there are people all around who raise their hand and jump in when help is needed.

But being in charge presents certain temptations. Sometimes, in order to really get things done the leader has to be firm in setting expectations and correcting coworkers if everyone is not pulling their weight. This might lead the boss to act with impatience or rudeness. At other times, the leader might fall into the trap of thinking that good was accomplished only because of them, and not the joint effort of the whole team working together as one unit.

We are reminded in the Gospel reading at today's Mass that Jesus is okay with someone stepping up and being in charge -- but Jesus is also very concerned that this person, the generous leader-volunteer, be aware of their attitude about responsibility. Quite simply, to the Christian, authority and leadership is not about being served by others or being the boss. It is about being of service **TO** others.

This weekend the Church universally celebrates World Mission Day, a yearly commemoration which highlights the important role missionary organizations and mission-oriented individuals have in sharing the Good News of God's Kingdom and working in co-operation with God to make the Kingdom more visible right now. This year the Holy Father encourages us to consider how the work of the Missions is at heart one of invitation and hospitality. Meaning, the missionary is effective when mission work lovingly and generously offers to share God's gifts with persons and communities who might not be aware of what those gifts are.

The work of Mission is not about force, control or status. It is fundamentality about open hospitality, an offering of an invitation into better, fuller life within the earthly setting we find now -- and, ultimately into the fullness of God's life in the Kingdom.

On World Mission Day we pay special attention to the organizations and individuals who do this work in places of dire need. But, in truth, each one of us is called to be a missionary. Each of us is asked by Christ to share with others our love and commitment to discipleship within the specific circumstances of our own lives. The deeper our commitment to discipleship the more passionate our desire to share it with others can be. But in all this, we should take to heart the truth of the scriptures today. It is good to step up and take responsibility, but not in ways which "lord it over" others. Responsibility and authority in Christ are not about issuing commands or bullying. True Christian leadership is service of one another in response to the real earthly and spiritual needs of the world.



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I'm Here To Help!**

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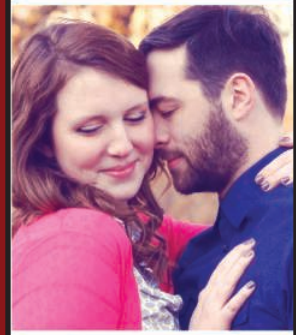


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