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June 22, 2025

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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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Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

1st Thursdays 7pm

or by appointment

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THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – JUNE 22, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 22

9:00 am Giuseppe Vitiello, Alfredo Segreto &
Peter Gambino
(Chris Frulio)

11:00 am Anna & Vincent Frulio
(Maria & Vincenzo Campaniello)

Monday, June 23

9:00 am Linda Piacentino
(The Piacentino Family)

Tuesday, June 24

9:00 am The Intentions of June Gould
(Marie Gould)

Wednesday, June 25

9:00 am John Piacentino Sr.
(The Piacentino Family)

Thursday, June 26

9:00 am John Piacentino Jr.
(The Piacentino Family)

Saturday, June 28

4:00 pm Dennis Gibson
(The Bereavement Ministry)

Sunday, June 29

9:00 am Lorraine Wergen
(The Myhal Family)

11:00 am Joseph & Josephine Zappulla
(Arlene Toth)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Toni Hetteroth, Dianne Smith, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Marie Gould, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, Arlene Toth, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Catherine Dalfonso, Christopher Dalfonso, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Phillip Wenz, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, 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, Angela Belmont, Danny Merwin, Diane Hromiko, Kathy Reynolds, Margie Smith, Kevin Finnerty, Mark Hoffman

Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they

Readings for the Week – June 22, 2025

Monday Gen 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday Vigil Jer 1:4-10 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 1 Pt 1:8-12 Lk 1:5-17

Tuesday Day Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Gen 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 7:21-29

Friday Ez 34:11-16 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5:5b-11 Lk 15:3-7

Saturday Gen 18:1-15 Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 Mt 8:5-17

Sunday Vigil Acts 3:1-10 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19

Sunday Day Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

St. Monica's is pleased to announce the Men's Prayer Ministry, known as the COR. COR means 'heart' in Latin. This group is open to all men in the parish and in the local community. Prayer Group draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus through fellowship, faith formation and prayer. Next meeting is on Thursday, June 19 from 7-8 PM in the Main Church. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month..

COR**Men's Prayer Group****3rd Thursday of Each Month****7 PM – Main Church**

Drawing into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through
PRAYER
FELLOWSHIP
FRATERNITY

*Come Join Us - All Men Are Welcomed****We Need You—To Be Altar Servers*****Altar Server Training**

If you are now in Grades 3 through 7, please consider serving God during the Mass as an altar server. Training will be provided. To answer thus call, just ask your parent / guardian to contact Deacon John at (848) 992-1652 or at dcnjohnw@gmail.com.

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**The 2025 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 question 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 2025 or Spring 2026, (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.

Your essay will be based on your ability to answer the following question. The answer does not have to be included in your essay but must be attached in your email or displayed as the preliminary basis for your essay. **IT MUST BE ANSWERED.** The answers will be evaluated, scored and included as a percentage of your grade in the event of a tie breaker.

Please answer this question to the best of your ability:

Name all of the gifts you think we receive from the Holy Spirit.

Now choose **only one** of the gifts and show how its life principle inspires the guidelines for your life.

Please submit all questions and essays by email to ronjborrello@gmail.com 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 28, 2025. - **First place award \$500 - Second place award \$300 - Third place award \$200. GOOD LUCK!**

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – JUNE 22, 2025



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To live the Eucharist means to leave everything to follow Him.
– St John Paul II

CALENDAR**Saturday, June 21**

12:00pm BLD Ministry (LC)
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 22

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, June 23

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 24

9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Foyer)
 7:30 pm KofC Officers Meeting (LC)

Wednesday, June 25

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 26

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

Saturday, June 28

3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 29

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, June 30

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 2

9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Adoration

Thursday, July 3

9:00 am Mass

Friday, July 4

Parish Offices Closed for Independence Day

Saturday, July 5

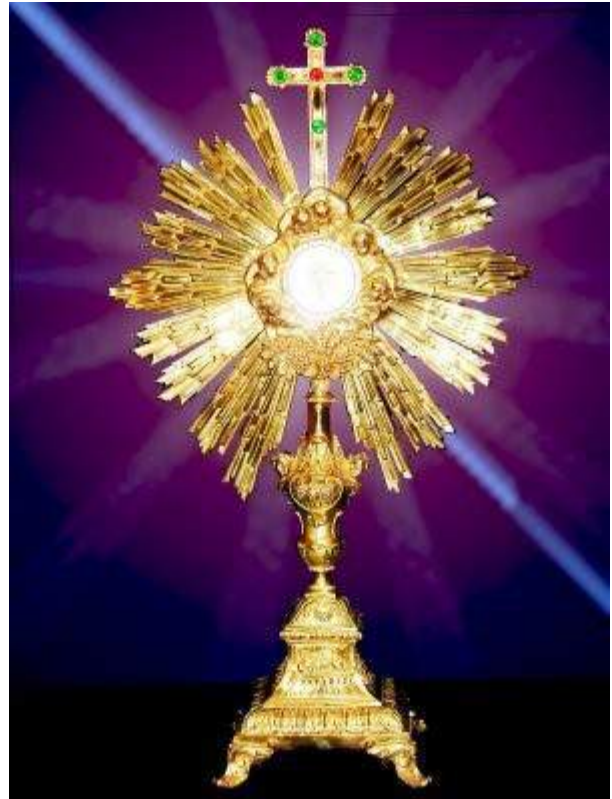
3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 6

9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00pm WOSM Meeting (LC)

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)



ST. MONICA
PARISH FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025
Noon – 4:00 p.m.

after 11 a.m. Outdoor Mass

SAVE THE DATE!

WE'RE BACK!

A New Ministry

St. Monica's Teardrop Ministry

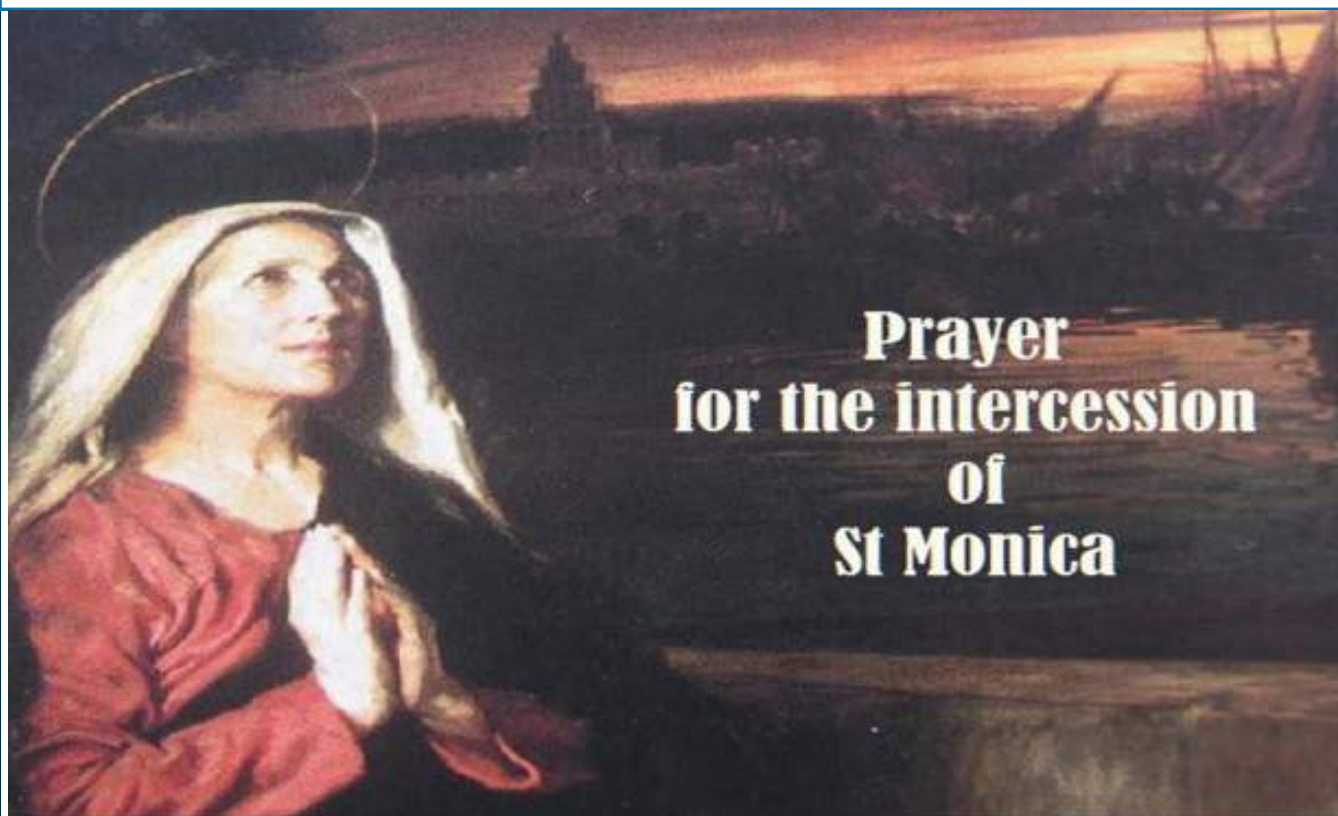
The St. Monica "**Teardrop Ministry**" relates to prayers and Masses offered for the conversion or return to faith of loved ones (children or adults) who have fallen away from the Church. St. Monica is also the patron saint of wives, mothers, alcoholics, and abused victims who we also will pray for.



Key points about the **Teardrop Ministry**:

- **Inspired by Our Patron St. Monica:** This ministry is inspired by St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, who is known for her persistent prayers and tears for the conversion of her son.
 - **Focus on Prayer and Intercession:** The core of the ministry is to pray for those struggling with their faith, asking for God's help in guiding them back to Him. A Prayer to St Monica will be said before each Mass.
 - **Mass Intentions:** "Teardrop Masses or Liturgy of the Word" are specifically offered for the intentions of those who have left the Church, seeking their return. We will do this when a Mass intention is available (Weekdays or Weekends) or when a Mass is purchased for this intention.
 - **Symbolism of Tears:** The name "Teardrop" refers to the tears St. Monica shed while praying for her husband and son, and symbolizes the hope and perseverance of those praying for their loved ones.
 - **Community Involvement:** Our hope is the Teardrop Ministry will be integrated into other St. Monica ministries as well. Where people gather and pray before or after a meeting, gather to say a rosary. (Legion of Mary, WOSM, K of C, Youth Group, Grief Support/Bereavement, Social Concerns), as well as the Community of the Faithful praying at home.

In summary: The *St. Monica Teardrop Ministry* is a prayerful initiative where individuals and the community come together to intercede for loved ones who have drifted away from their faith, drawing inspiration from St. Monica's unwavering dedication to her husband and son's conversion. Prayer is very powerful, it only took **1 Hail Mary for Jesus to come to earth.**



**Prayer
for the intercession
of
St Monica**

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven Who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven.

Amen.

Saint Monica, pray for us!

They all ate and were satisfied.

Luke 9:17



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

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

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 class or take the convenient online presentation. Please call the Parish Office to register.

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 busy changing world. St Monica Council #11529 has a long history of support for the parish and any local charities. If you would like to join just scan the QR Code or go to KofC.org/join & enter council #11529 when you are prompted.

St. Monica's "Teardrop" Ministry

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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

Visits to the Sick and Homebound**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.

OCIA**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 Belinda Azzollini, 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 7:00 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098
 May be arranged by calling our parish office.

Reflections on The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - June 22, 2024

CROSS MY HEART

The Catechism tells us that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of the Christian life (CCC, 1324). All of the other sacraments point toward the reality of what the Eucharist really is: the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord. What a tremendous and humbling gift to receive the Creator into our hearts and souls.

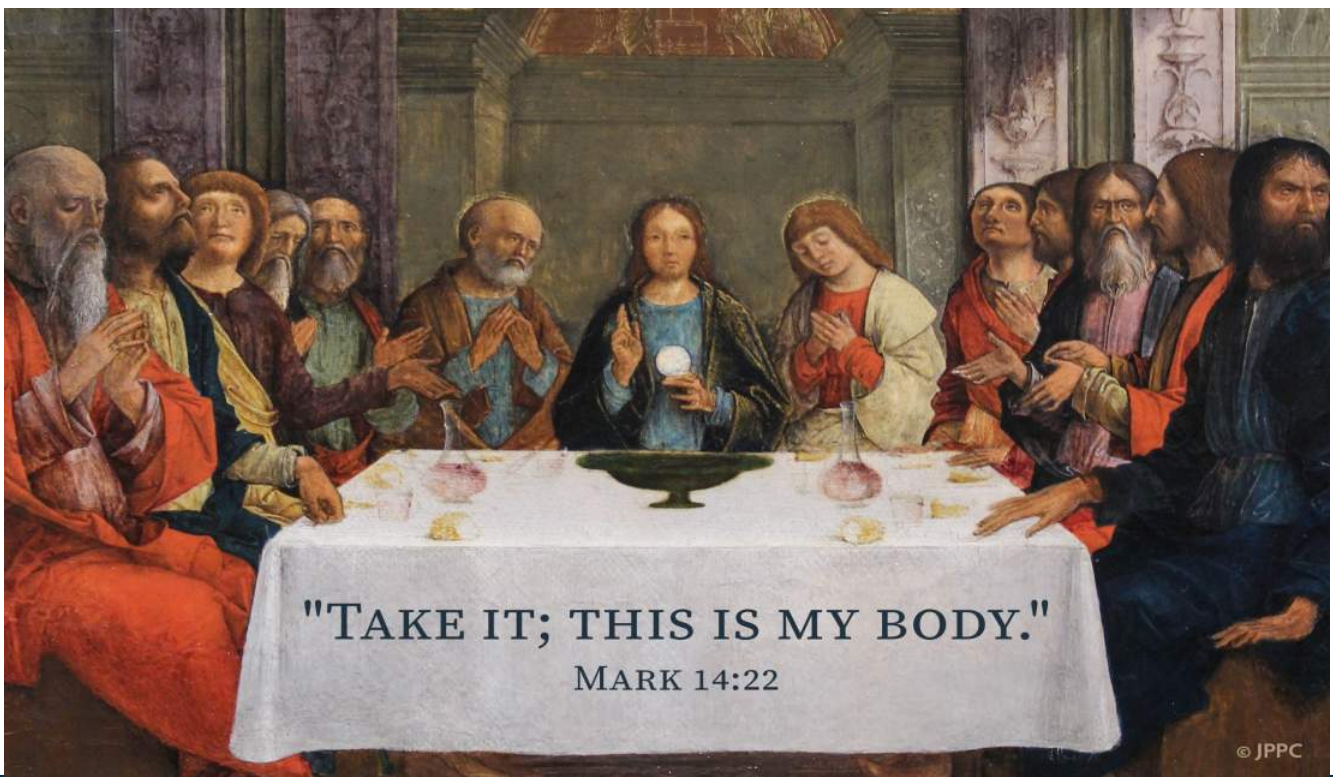
PRAYER

Jesus knows that we hunger and thirst for more in this life. What do you find yourself hungry for? At the root of all of our longings is a thirst for God. Only in Christ will our hunger be satisfied and our thirst quenched. Jesus offers himself to us today so that we may experience this satisfaction and incredible intimacy with him.

Spend a few minutes allowing the miracle that takes place each Sunday to resonate in your heart and mind. Jesus Christ makes himself food to nourish you and become one with you. How do you respond to his desire to be close to you? Are you grateful or indifferent? How does Jesus want you to receive him?

RESOLUTION

What longing or restlessness in your life does Jesus want to satisfy with himself? Look to Jesus this week to fill your search for something more. Make time to go to daily Mass one day and pray for the grace to be filled with Jesus. Sometimes we forget what a great miracle and gift the Eucharist really is. That is why we have feast days like today. We need to stop and remember the power of this great sacrament and give thanks to God for this tremendous blessing. This week, do just that. Slow down and give Jesus a chance to fill your heart. | formed.org



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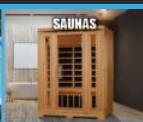
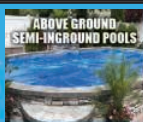
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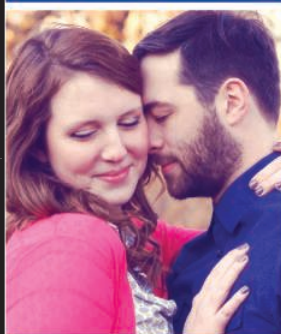
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