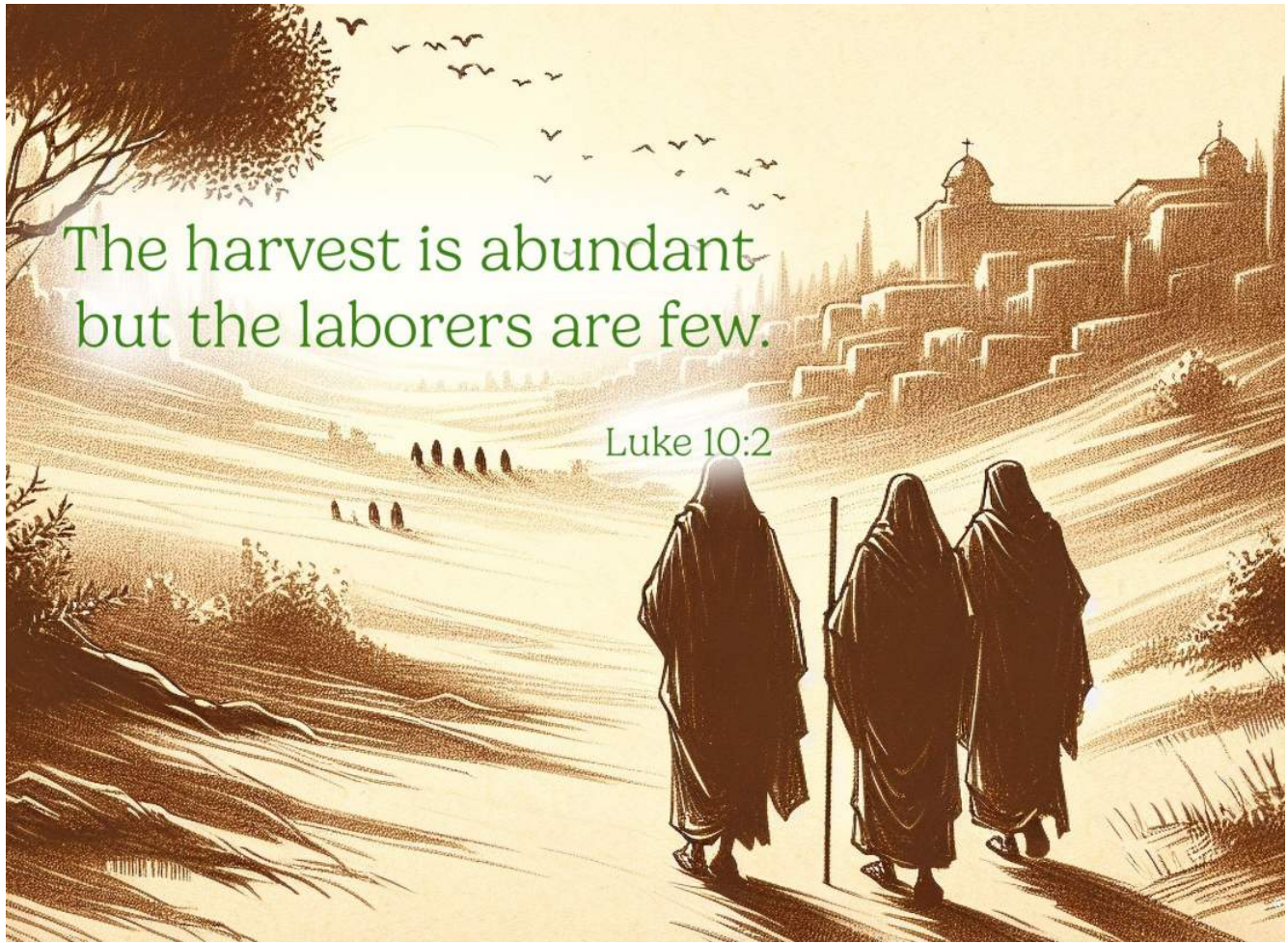


CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



July 6, 2025

Masses

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

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Deacon John L. White

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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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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 6, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 5

4:00 pm Marilyn Timony
(The Bereavement Ministry)

Sunday, July 6

9:00 am Thomas Sauth
(The Merwin Family)

11:00 am Marilyn Timony
(Jean Fennessy & Family)

Monday, July 7

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Tuesday, July 8

9:00 am Bobby & Larry Zappulla
(Arlene Toth)

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 am Paul Starr
(The Piacentino Family)

Thursday, July 10

9:00 am Marty Simmons
(The Piacentino Family)

Saturday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 13

9:00 am Aley Kutty Punnen
(Laisa Vadakara)

11:00 am Irene Kislan
(Liz Becker & Don Kislan)

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, Dolores Burkshot, 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

Readings for the Week - June 29, 2025

Monday Gen 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Gen 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7

Thursday Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 10:7-15

Friday Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33

Sunday Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

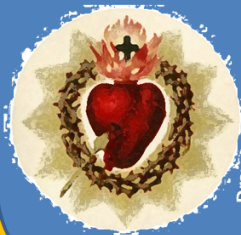
TEARDROP MINISTRY PRAYER

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.

COR**Men's Prayer Group**

3rd Thursday of Each Month
7 PM – Main Church



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Building & Maintenance	\$ 315.00
Online Giving	<u>\$1,558.00</u>
Total	\$5,401.00

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


**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!**

Save the Dates – July 2025

Life in the Spirit Seminar

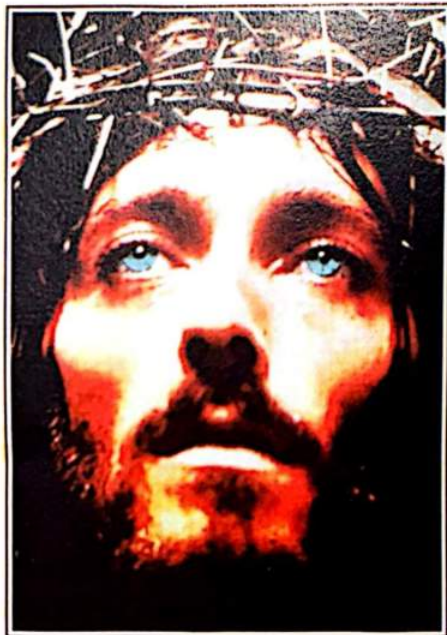
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Life in the Spirit Seminar is essentially an *invitation*...

...an invitation to make or renew a *deep* and *profound* personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ by opening ourselves to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. A presence which is life changing and life giving. And a presence which alone has the power to bring us real and lasting joy!

Do you thirst for more? Desire to go deeper in your relationship with Christ? Then why not make 2025 a year of great and wonderful changes in your life. Curious? Then come and see...



Seminar to be held in the Church - 7:00PM to 9:00PM with refreshments to follow. Each meeting includes talks, personal testimonies, small group sharing, prayer and fellowship.

Wednesday July 2nd Gods Love
Wednesday July 9th Salvation
Wednesday July 16th New Life & Receiving
God's Gift
Wednesday July 23th **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
Wednesday July 30th Growth & Transformation

Questions?
Call Deacon Gerry Luongo 732-473-9727

Registration: after all Masses June 28th/29th
\$10.00 registration fee to cover cost of materials

"...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly..."
John 10:10

CALENDAR

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)

Monday, July 7

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 8

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

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 10

9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm KofC Meeting in Church

Saturday, July 12

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 13

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 14

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 16

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 17

9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm COR Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, July 19

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 20

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
12:15 pm McKenna McEvoy Baptism

Monday, July 21

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 24

9:00 am Mass

We Need Your Help

In preparation for our annual Parish Festival we are seeking volunteers of all ages to help cleanup the winter debris (branches that have fallen and trash), weeds, and a general overall cleanup to make the area safe for all in preparation for the festival. We will meet out back on **July 12th at 9am**. Rain makeup date is July 19th at 9 am. If you have them bring yard tools, (leaf blowers, brooms, weed whackers, gloves, racks, wheelbarrows).

Picnic Area Cleanup Day – 12 July at 9 am

Rain Date 19 July 2025 at 9 am

Bring Leaf Blowers.
Rakes, Bags

Bring Brooms,
Wheelbarrows
For mulch

Weed
Whackers

Bring
Gloves

Prep for the
Parish Festival
In August

Everyone is
Welcomed to Help

Volunteers
Needed
Sign up

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PARISH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

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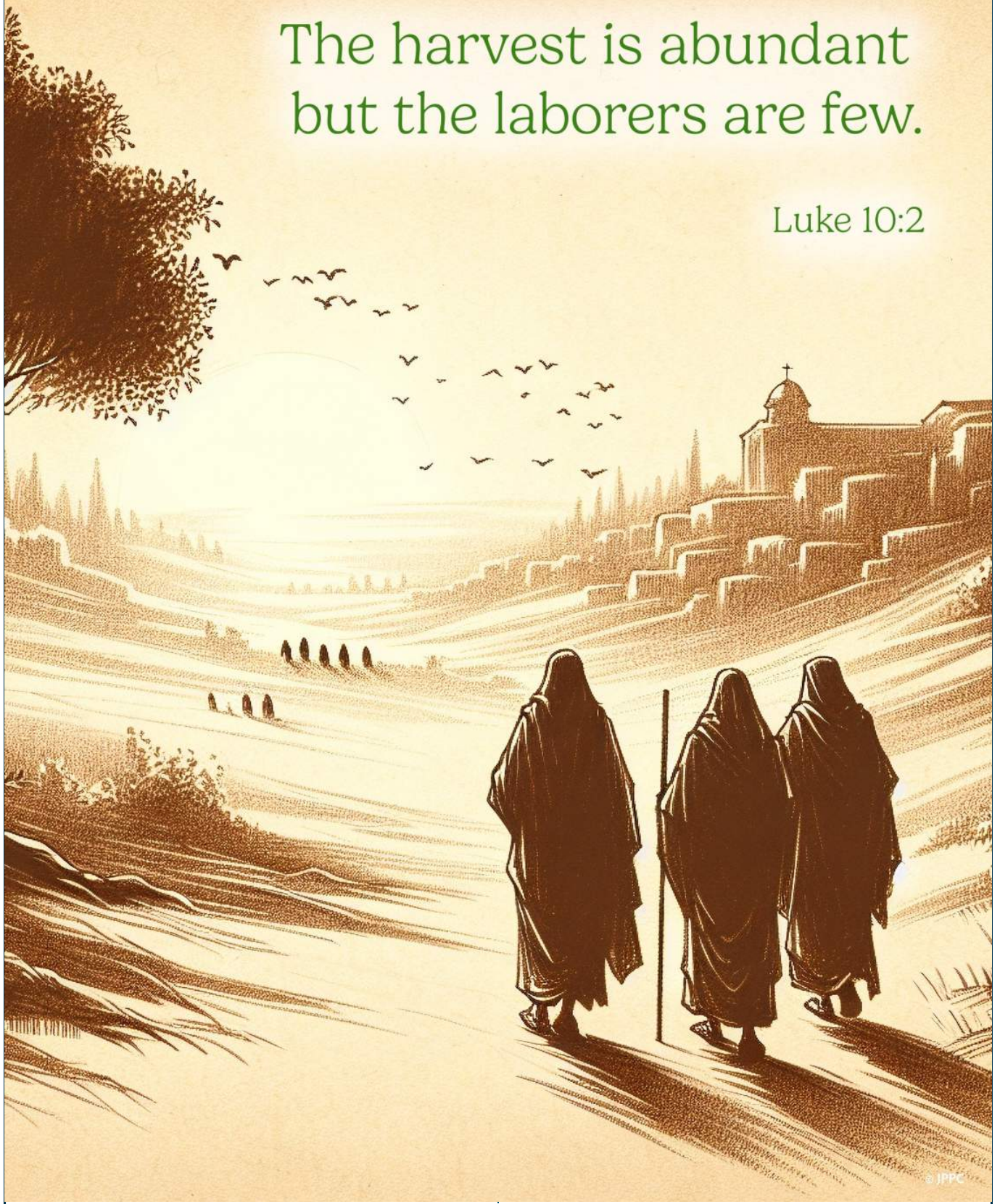
after 11 a.m. Outdoor Mass

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The harvest is abundant
but the laborers are few.

Luke 10:2



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“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

[Matthew 9](#) lists a number of incidents, in somewhat “rapid fire” fashion, that involve Jesus ministering while the Pharisees are being critical. All of these incidents lead to the final section of Matthew chapter 9, verses 35–38: “And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”

Jesus could have spent every waking hour healing and teaching. There was no shortage of people who needed the gospel of the kingdom proclaimed to them. In His earthly existence, He was limited by His human body. He could not be everywhere at once, nor could He meet every need. He grew tired and hungry. Practically speaking, He needed others to go out and preach the gospel. People are the harvest—lost souls waiting to be saved and brought into God’s kingdom. The problem was not that there were not enough people to harvest, but that there were not enough laborers to do the work.

If a man owned a farm, there are two problems he might encounter when it came time to harvest. The first is that he might hire a lot of people to work in the fields but there would not be enough work to keep them busy. The second might be that there is so much to harvest that he just can’t find enough people to do the work.

The same set of problems could be evident in any church or Christian ministry. There might be so many volunteers and donors that the needs are fully met and many of the helpers just stand around with nothing to do. On the other hand, there might be so many needs that everyone who turns out to work is stretched to the max, with many needs remaining unmet. In reality, the second scenario is far more common, and the first is virtually unheard of.

In [Matthew 10](#), Jesus sends out the disciples to begin the harvest. That pattern continues with the “Great Commission” in [Matthew 28](#). All Christians are supposed to be working in the harvest. The problem is not that there are not enough needs to meet and souls to harvest but that there are too few workers to do all that needs to be done.

In Christian ministry, we need to pray for more workers to go out into the harvest fields to work. Practically speaking, instead of praying for more people to be saved, we should pray that more people actively share the gospel. When praying for a lost loved one, we should pray for him or her to encounter more believers who will reach out with truth and love. If we are dissatisfied with the way things are, we need to pray that God will send us out to make a difference. If any Christian is not involved in gospel ministry, it is not because there is nothing for him to do; rather, is that he has chosen to sit on the sidelines instead of joining in the work that surrounds him. The harvest is plentiful.

May God use this small article to motivate Christians to join the harvest workforce!





What is the Tootsie Roll Drive?

The Tootsie Roll Drive started back in the 1970s in Chicagoland by three Knights who saw a need to support organizations that help individuals with intellectual disabilities. Their idea was simple: put on a yellow vest, stand at busy intersections, and storefronts offering Tootsie Rolls in exchange for small donations. The idea worked and the Knights collected \$30,000 in a two day span. Other councils around the nation quickly caught on and for more than 50 years the Knights have been collecting. Annually the Knights raise 2 million dollars in Illinois alone via the drive.

How Your Donation Impacts Your Local Neighbor?

Your donation regardless of size goes a long way to help those in need here in New Jersey. All the funds collected support local non-profit organizations in the area that provide different types of support to individuals with intellectual disabilities. These organizations provide individuals with job opportunities, housing, medical needs, education, training, social opportunities, and Special Olympics funding.

How To Donate

Donations are welcome anytime via the QRs above using Paypal, Venmo, Apple, G-pay, Visa, Master, AMEX, or Discover credit cards.

You will see the Knights around town July 25th thru 27th. Please stop & say hello and DONATE...and have some Tootsie Rolls on us!



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 for the class held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. Or stop by the Parish Office to pick up a DVD copy of the class.

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 prompted.

**St. Monica's "Teardrop" Ministry**

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.

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
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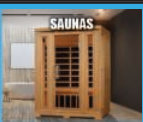
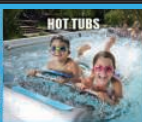
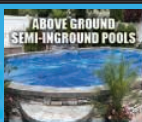
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