

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

Teach Us to Pray



July 27, 2025

Our Parish is Served by:

Reverend Alex Enriquez, Pastor
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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.

Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

679 W. Veterans Highway



Confessions

Saturdays

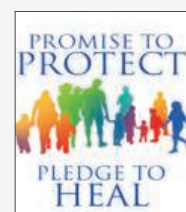
3:15 pm

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 27, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 26

4:00 pm Catherine Magauran
(Marie Gould)

Sunday, July 27

9:00 am Intentions of David Gould, Jr
(Marie Gould)

11:00 am William Boyd
(Mary Boyd)

Monday, July 28

9:00 am Silvana Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am Ann Ciriello
(Marie Gould)

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 am Ulysses Alexander
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

Thursday, July 31

9:00 am Bernadine Maaskant
(Mary Boyd)

Saturday, August 2

4:00 pm Thomas Carragher
(Marie Gould)

Sunday, August 3

9:00 am Chuck Smith
(St. Monica)
11:00 am Mary Trimboli
(Agnes & Frank Trimboli)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

To secure your Mass Intentions, contact the Parish Office.

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, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Carol Spezzano, Br. 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 – July 27, 2025

Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

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. Amen. St. Monica pray for us.



I want to thank all of you, our loyal and faithful parishioners for your kind and heartfelt generosity during our collection last week for the renovation of the air conditioning. Unfortunately, for it to be feasible we will need to have additional collections in the upcoming months to help cover the expenses.



Fr. Alex

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 this call, just ask your parent / guardian to contact Deacon John at (848) 992-1652 or at dcnjohnw@gmail.com.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
JUNE 16—22, 2025

Weekly Offerings \$3,019.80

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Total \$4,399.80

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

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

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP FRATERNITY

Drawing into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through

Come Join Us - All Men Are Welcomed

We are currently watching the 10 part video series "Catholicism" narrated by Bishop Robert Barron and getting Deacon John's insights on relative topics and inspirational messages for meditation and prayer. All men are welcome.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 27, 2025

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.



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 dcjohnw@gmail.com

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

St Vincent de Paul Society

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

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



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

CALENDAR

Saturday, July 26

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 27

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 28

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, July 31

9:00 am Mass

Saturday, August 2

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 3

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Ombao Baptism

Monday, August 4

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Adoration

Thursday, August 7

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Pre-Baptismal Training (LC)

Saturday, August 9

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 10

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, August 11

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 am Mass



The OCIA: A Journey of Faith: Since Jesus invited His first followers to, ***"Come, follow me"***, the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. For each of us faith is a journey marked with moments of conversion along the way.....we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love.

Faith, Conversion, Repentance, Celebration and Community: five basic elements are present in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). OCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community. The purpose of the OCIA is literally *"the making of Christians,"* for as Tertullian in the 4th century wrote, ***"Christians are made, not born."***

Join us on the journey....

REGISTRATION: 1-9 SEPTEMBER 2025

Contact Deacon John: at 848-992-1652

or email dcnjohnw@gmail.com

MEET & GREET - WED, SEPT 10th 2025

7:00 PM IN LITTLE CHURCH

This invitation is extended to:

- + Anyone who has never been baptized or
- + Affiliated with any church and has a desire to be a member of a church community.
- + Anyone who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith.
- + Any non-active Catholic who has been away from the Church and would like to getre-acquainted.
- + Any adult Catholic who would like to learn more about the Church and mature in their faith.

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Today's Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week’s First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6–7; Romans 8:15–16).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of “Eucharist.” We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.



Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Nouns and verbs are the playthings of grammarians. You might better call them “tools” for their teaching. The word “bargain” can be both noun and verb. It is also a theme running through our First and Third Reading.

As a noun, “bargain” can be that bright shiny object in the Home Depot, or Macy’s or Amazon.com catalog that suddenly appears with a lower price tag than a former one you saw. “Bargain” as a verb is that clever, if not sometime deceptive type of plea process whereby one person wants a different decision from another person and uses an appealing item of enticement to get it.

In our First Reading from the Book of Genesis, Moses is depicted as the master bargainer with no less a personage than God Himself.

He keeps lowering the number of good men needed to stay the Lord’s hand from destroying Sodom. A patient, lenient God eventually “gives in.”

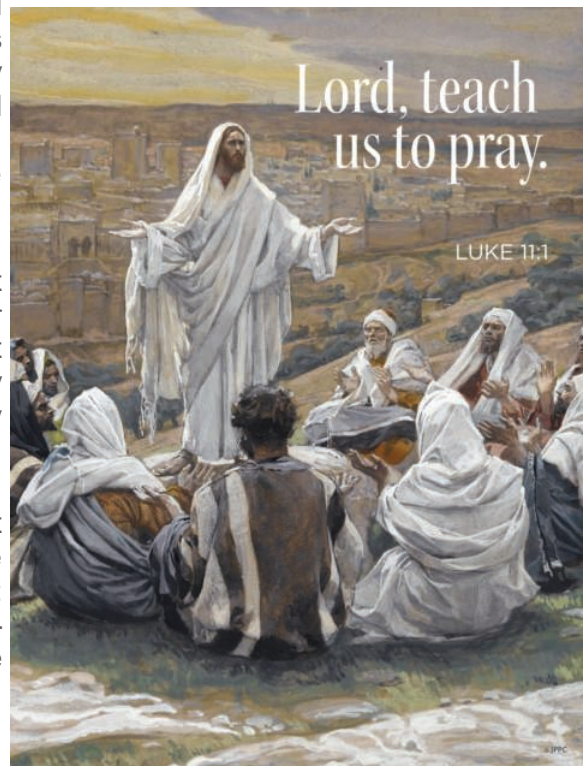
I hardly believe the ancient author of the book is recommending that method of prayer to God. Rather let it be his intent to underscore the appeal that good people have to the God who made us. They atone, as it were, for the rest of us, who so often squander our use of free will.

The Gospel gives us The Lord’s Prayer, as its formal title implies. The prayer brings forth the idea of “bargain” as both noun and verb. As a noun, we could certainly agree to what a “bargain” this prayer is! It gives us the perfect pattern for all our other prayers, especially private ones. We should then begin with adoration and praise of God and only then add in our petition(s). Do you see the rudeness in jumping right in to asking for what we want from the Lord?

“Bargain” as a verb is implied in the Lord’s Prayer. It comes with our plea to be forgiven. We offer God our promise to forgive those who have “trespassed against us” before we ever ask for our own forgiveness. Humility marks this perfect prayer. It has the right words for any occasion.

Speaking of the right words, we have a comment on that from our American author Mark Twain, the man who gave us Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. He once said: “The difference between the right word and the almost-right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.”

God love you and give you His peace.



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ST. MONICA'S PARISH FESTIVAL

AUGUST 24, 2025

Festival begins with an outdoor MASS AT 11AM commemorating the feast day of St. Monica. This is the only MASS for August 24, 2025.

Parish picnic will follow at noon.

Donations for Tricky Tray, salads or desserts are welcome.

There will be a DJ, Games, Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffle.

Volunteers are needed to make the festival a success. See sign-up sheets in the back of the Church to Volunteer with all activities.



Wristband sales for picnic begin at masses starting July 19th.

Adults \$12; Children 2-12 \$3.

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For further information contact the Parish office 732-928-0279

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September 13, 2025
sábado 13 de septiembre

CONTACT: Carolyn Norbut,
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609-406-7446
Pilgrimages@Dioceseoftrenton.org

More information will follow.
Más información por venir.



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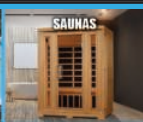
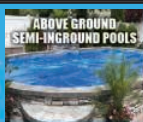
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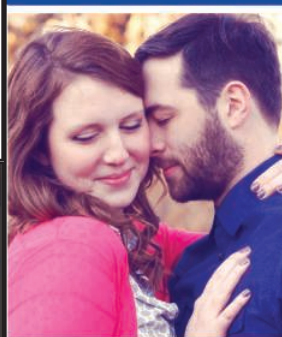
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