

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



August 3, 2025

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway
Jackson, NJ 08527



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

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/ParishofStMonica/



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 3, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, August 4

9:00 am Edward Brown
(Mary Boyd)

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 am Mary Klepnaw
(Mary Boyd)

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Thursday, August 7

9:00 am Mary Lou Murphy & Family
(Chris Pascucci)

Saturday, August 9

4:00 pm Owen Monaghan
(Monaghan Family)

Sunday, August 10

9:00 am Anthony Curatolo & Nicolina Messina
(Joseph & Matilda Curatolo)
11:00 am Felicia Skowronski
(William & Linda Patullo)

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 – August 3, 2025

Monday Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 16:13-23

Friday Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51 Mt 17:14-20

Sunday Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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.

**The Knights of Columbus**

will be conducting their Tootsie Roll Drive after every mass this weekend to benefit individuals with learning disabilities.

Money collected goes to the state and Diocese to help challenged individuals achieve and make their sacraments.

Please look for the Knights in the yellow vests and give to this worthy cause.

And don't forget to get your Tootsie Rolls!

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 23—29, 2025**

Weekly Offerings \$3,681.10

Building Maintenance \$ 436.00

Online Giving \$2,013.00

Total \$6,110.10

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

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

**PRAYER
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Come Join Us - All Men Are Welcomed

Next Meeting—August 21st

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.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 3, 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 dcnjohnw@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 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

CALENDAR

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

Thursday, August 14

9:00 am Mass
3:00 pm Santos — Rhomerson Wedding
7:00 pm KofC Meeting in church

Saturday, August 16—Missionary Sunday

10:30 am Audrey Corsentino Baptism
3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 17—Missionary Sunday

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, August 18

9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20

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 get re-acquainted.
- + Any adult Catholic who would like to learn more about the Church and mature in their faith.

Today's Gospel
Luke 12:13-21

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C



Today's gospel has a particular challenge for our times. Many of us may hear it as a warning for those who recently passed a spending bill that takes from the poorest and most vulnerable to further enrich those who already have much more than they need, and that dramatically increases funding for attempts to purge undocumented people and those in the process of seeking citizenship from our country. We hear vindication in Jesus' warning that the rich person who delights in the accumulation of goods will lose their life very soon. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

However, in recent readings of this gospel, I have focused less on the condemnation of the wealthy landowner's greed than on what Jesus says earlier in the passage. In response to the question posed by someone having an inheritance dispute with a sibling, Jesus warns, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." One's life does not consist of possessions.

I have come to hear this warning from Jesus as an echo of one of the first divine utterances about humanity. In Genesis 2, the creator declares, "it is not good for the human to be alone." The goodness of the earth was not complete until humans had companionship, community. Throughout Jesus' ministry, he continually heals people whose condition meant isolation and calls those at the margins into the heart of the community. I think that the real meaning of this passage is to awaken us to the ways that our focus on ensuring that we and our family have enough causes division among the people of God, all the residents of the world we've been called to steward.

How are we to live Jesus' warning that life is not about possessions but about community in our world and our church in these times? I believe we are called to deep resistance against the normalization of division, and the limits being placed on expansive community across our country and in the community of faith. We must stand in active solidarity with migrants, people with black and brown skin, with accents and without citizenship, with those whose access to medical care, education, or employment is being threatened, with transgender, gay, and queer people, with all whose human dignity is being denied.

As followers of Christ, we are called to risk our comfort and security on behalf of any member of our community, any member of the body of Christ, who is besieged by civil or religious authorities. No person is expendable, no person is illegal, no person is intrinsically evil.

As we continue through times that are anything but ordinary, let us live ever more intentionally into the mandate that our lives consist not of possessions, but of deep, inclusive, and faithful community. Let us realize that being followers of Christ means we must stand against profound cultural emphasis on security, and take the risks involved with prioritizing community.

Priorities—Not Possessions

Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We can all easily see that scene from books, plays, or movies called "The Reading of the Will." A group of people are gathered in a lawyer's office to hear him read out the terms of what a deceased supposedly "loved one" has decided for his inheritors to receive. We picture the expressions on the faces. Some are tearful. Some are dry-eyed and intense.

As the narration progresses, the expressions change. One thing for sure: any scowls among them mean we're in for some rough scenes ahead. Some mayhem; maybe even murder. And it's all about m-o-n-e-y.

The theme of today's Scriptures is all about the foolishness of making much ado about financial wealth. In a culture like our own, complete with the "haves" and the "have nots," we know that for many people money matters are the only "matters" that matter! Therefore, it's almost "un-American" to agree with Christ's perspective, which He makes clear in the parable He tells us today.

So, the cultural question becomes "Who is right?" Do we rush to extremes to justify our own outlook, whatever that may be? Proffer such lame excuse as "I work hard for my money and I can keep it all if I want to," permitting one to hold back from donating any of it? Or "the Church is always asking for money and that's not right for any religious group"? This, even when the need the Church is trying to meet, is to help fellow human beings in dire straits?

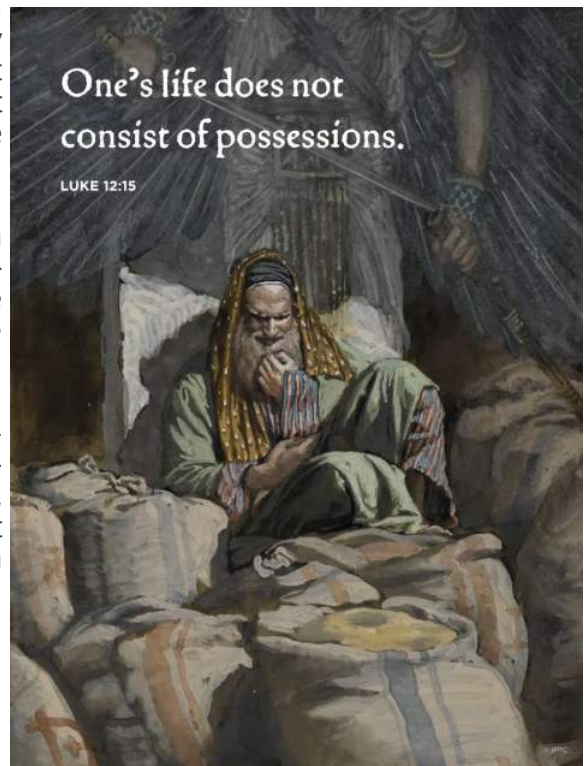
In other words, we are adept at finding reasons to keep a tight grip on our wallets and purses. Sometimes our observations are on target when truths emerge about funds deliberately mishandled by so-called charitable organizations like Churches. But it all comes down to the cold fact that we can't take it with us. As the late Billy Graham put it, "You never see an armored car behind a hearse."

Another less obvious but certifiable fact: we all have a scheduled appointment with our Maker that we cannot cancel or avoid. He is the one who preached the parable we hear today, and He will be running the meeting.

One of God's many characteristics is that of generosity. He made us all from nothing and gives us everything our eyes can see, and our brains imagine. So, there's no doubt about His generosity. What about yours and mine? Here's a helpful little ditty that can make you smile and decide:

**"Do your givin'
While you're livin';
Then you're knowin'
Where it's goin.'"**

God love you and give you His generous Heart.



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.



Wristbands for picnic will be sold after all masses.

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

Bring the family for a day of Fun, Food and Fellowship

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

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10:30AM

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2:00 PM

MULTI-LINGUAL ROSARY



SATURDAY

September 13, 2025

sábado 13 de septiembre

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

More information will follow.
Más información por venir.



NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



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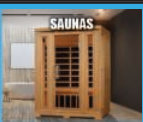
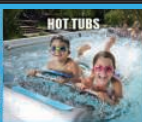
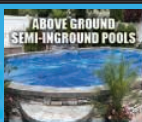
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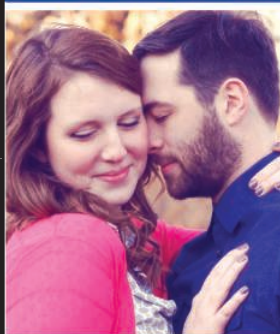
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