

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.

LUKE 12:37



August 10, 2025

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway



Our Parish is Served by:

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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

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 10, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9

4:00 pm Owen Monaghan
(Monaghan Family)

Sunday, August 10

9:00 am Anthony Curatolo, Nicolina Messina
& Intentions of the Blessed Mother
(Curatolo Family)

11:00 am Felicia Skowronski
(William & Linda Petullo)

Monday, August 11

9:00 am Maria Solis
(Alba Cruz & Family)

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 am Ann Dolan
(Mary Boyd)

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 am Marguerite Albertson
(Mary Boyd)

Thursday, August 14

9:00 am Francis G. McEnery
(Marie Gould)

Saturday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 17

9:00 am Sal Cavallo
(Fran Hackett)
11:00 am William & Linda Patullo
20th Anniversary

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, Jenni D'Angelo

Readings for the Week – August 10, 2025

Monday Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Dt 31:1-8 Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28

Friday Day Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

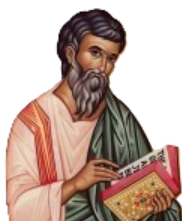
Saturday Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

Sunday Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

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.



YOU are invited to join a faith sharing group who will be studying the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Meetings will be held on Thursday afternoons from 1:00pm until 3:00pm in the Little Church. We will be using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible on the Gospel of Saint Matthew. It is available through Ignatius Press and Amazon. We will use the book each session. If you are interested or have any questions, please use the sign up sheet in the back of the Church and we will reach out to you.

Friday, August 15th

Is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Just one mass

7:00 pm only


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Men's Prayer Group

3rd Thursday of Each Month
7 PM – Main Church



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FRATERNITY

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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 10, 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, 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

Friday, August 15—Feast of the Assumption

7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, August 16—Missionary Sunday

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

Thursday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 23

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 24—Parish Festival

11:00 am Outdoor Mass
12:00 pm Parish Picnic & Festival

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

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,

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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August 15, 2025
The Assumption of Mary

Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This weekend's Scriptures led me to do some research about a modern health problem we live with in present day America. Call it "heart disease." The results I found online were gruesome, to say the least.

First, heart disease is a major health concern in our beloved country, with about 1 in 5 deaths attributed to it. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) affects nearly half of American adults.

Overall, 77.5% of men and 75.4% of women ages 60 to 79 have some form of CVD as found in a 2021 report. Approximately 6.7 million Americans over 20 years of age have heart failure, and that number is expected to rise to 8.7 million by the year 2030.

Enough with the numbers. Certainly, they indicate that we have a heart problem in our land. This blood pump that we nickname a "ticker," is a crucial organ and no amount of Valentine wistfulness will lessen the threats to it.

May I suggest, as a preacher and not a cardiologist, that we Catholic Christian believers could have a similar problem with our spiritual hearts? Unfortunately, with our desire as Catholics to "fit in" with the prevalent culture, we've absorbed its values all too well, to the point that we don't look much different from everybody else. The ultimate danger is that we could forget our real destination in life and not be ready for it. St. Luke, who composed today's Gospel with its account of a parable Jesus talked about readiness, was also a doctor. Of course, not a cardiologist. No such b specialization existed in his time.

Still, as an early Christian believer, asked to diagnose one of our main problems thinking and acting like Christ, I believe that Luke would certainly be able to suggest a cure. It would begin with our owning up to whatever it is that is our real heart's desire. He would remind us of one of Our Lord's most perceptive observations: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." That reminder would set us up for a Christian cure for all the consumerism and lack of genuine detachment and authentic chastity all around us. So, ask yourself: "What do I treasure most in my life? Does it conflict with my friendship with Christ? Or would He smile at my wise choice?"

Some people's "treasure" winds up being funny. Here's an example from an ad placed in a Nebraska newspaper: Farmer with 160 irrigated acres seeks marriage-minded woman with tractor. When replying, please show photograph of tractor."

God love you and give you, His peace.



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

"Den's Farm Friends" Petting zoo will be in attendance.

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

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9:30AM

ARRIVAL



10:30AM

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12:00PM -1:45PM

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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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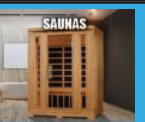
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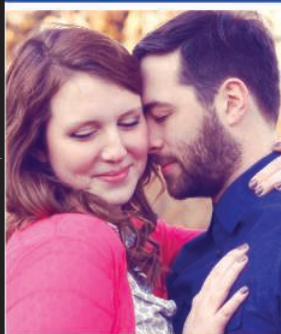
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