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August 17, 2025

Masses

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

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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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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 17, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

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

“50th Wedding Anniversary”



Monday, August 18

9:00 am Rose Stokoski
(Tvaroha Family)

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory
(Parish Friends)

Thursday, August 21

9:00 am Intention of the Blessed Mother
(Joseph Curatolo)

Saturday, August 23

4:00 pm Patricia Casey
(Merwin Family)

Sunday, August 24

9:00 am NO 9:00 am MASS
11:00 am Outdoor Mass
Parish Festival & Picnic

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

To secure your Mass Intentions, contact the Parish Office.

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Readings for the Week – August 17, 2025

Monday Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

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.

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

Drawing into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through
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*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 this call, just ask your parent / guardian to contact Deacon John at (848) 992-1652 or at dcnjohnw@gmail.com.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
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Weekly Offerings \$3,081.15

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

Why Join the Knights of Columbus?**1. Strengthening Faith:**

- The Knights of Columbus provides a framework for men to deepen their Catholic faith through prayer, study, and fellowship.
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 17, 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 16

10:30 am Audrey Corsentino Baptism
3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass (Mission Sunday)

Sunday, August 17

9:00 am Mass (Mission Sunday)
11:00 am Mass (Mission Sunday)

Monday, August 18

9:00 am Mass

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
6:00 pm CCD Teachers Meeting
7:00 pm Men's COR Group
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Saturday, August 23

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 24

Parish Festival & Picnic—No 9:00am mass

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

Monday, August 25

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 28

9:00 am Mass
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice (Little Church)

Saturday, August 30

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 31

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, September 1-Labor Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word
7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word
9:30 am Adoration

Thursday, September 4

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word
7:00 pm Pre-Baptismal Training



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.

LUNCH & LEARN PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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Religious Education News

The most valuable gift your child will ever receive from you is the "Gift of Faith."

It is time to register for Religious Education for 2025-2026 Program year.

You, the parents, as the primary educators of faith, are to be commended for your dedication and sincerity in sharing your Faith with your child. As one Body of Christ, St Monica's Religious Education Program is here to walk with you on that journey.

Now is the time for all new students, who wish to attend classes in September, to register for our Religious Education Program. In person classes are planned for September 15, 2025.

**Classes are offered: Mondays 4:30 – 5:45pm OR 6:15 – 7:30pm
Tuesdays 5:30 – 7:00pm**

The final day for registration will be September 30, 2025

Complete the **"PINK"** registration form for NEW students and the **"WHITE"** registration form to reregister your child. The **"FORMS"** can be found in the bottom of the literature rack next to the confessional. For NEW students please attach the child's Baptismal Certificate and any other applicable sacrament certificates to the registration form and return it to the Office of Religious Education.

If you are new to our Parish, you must register your family for the parish first. If child has attended another Religious Education program this past year, please call the DRE and ask for a transfer to be sent to St. Monica's.

May God bless you always with Peace, Joy and Hope.

Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

When anyone in a crowded space suddenly shouts “Fire!” there is a mass exit that could be dangerous. But when Our Lord says that He came to start a fire, nobody moves because we want Him to explain. And so, He does by way of the Holy Spirit’s help. The “fire” Our Lord refers to is the presence of God, embracing both His love and His judgment.

Some background: For the past few weeks in our Sunday Gospel readings, Our Lord has been instructing His chosen Apostles. You may recall Him warning them (and us) to be prepared for our eventual demise. We are not going to be here on earth forever.

Then last weekend we pondered what Jesus said about the good and faithful servant: who is he and what is he like. That amounts to a portrait of success for a Christian believer.

Today, one can almost hear Our Savior’s frustration. Why? Because He wants His chosen Twelve to understand His mission and bring it to its fulfillment. He is almost weary of the time delay, although, as always, He accepts the Father’s will. He wants to let the Apostles know that the Father’s presence is genuine and loving, but that if they’re unresponsive, there will be judgment and a necessary purification. (Read “purgatory”) He stresses that loyalty to Him is more important than family unity.

All of this should bring to our attention not only the imperative He felt about His mission, but also that the same should motivate us as His followers, as we go about fulfilling our Baptismal obligation to spread the Good News.

The threat of non-acceptance is always there, so we go forth with eyes wide open. Christ always threatens the comfortable. Anticipating the message centuries before, note how scary things came for poor Jeremiah, as the “powers-that-be” had him tossed in a deep cistern. Only the fervor of a true believer got him rescued.

Jeremiah did not give in to discouragement, nor should we. Yes, we live in an apathetic world that only yawns at our fervor, but heaven is with us to cheer us on, if only we would listen. That is the blessing of God.

When you think about God’s blessings, remember one child’s description of an elevator: “I got in this little room and the upstairs came down.”

God love you and give you His peace.

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LUKE 12:49



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

CHURCH OF ST. MONICA –WHERE EVERYONE IS FAMILY

Jesus Loves the Children



We would love to share our love for the Lord with your child!

All children who will be entering **First Grade** in September are welcome to attend

St Monica's Religious Education Program

Mondays from 4:30-5:45 or 6:15-7:30

First grade begins the required two-year preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. (Holy Communion)

Please complete a registration form located in church, attach a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, and return both to the Religious Education Office either by mail or placing the form in the black Rel. Ed. mail box found on the railing near the ramp to the church office.

If you have an **older child** who has not yet received Eucharist or Confirmation please call the Religious Education Office to discuss a plan to meet your child's needs for preparation to receive the sacraments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for information.

Keeping you and your family in prayer,

Belinda Mendez-Azzollini

Coordinator of Religious Education

Church of St Monica

732-928-4038

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10:30AM
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12:00PM -1:45PM
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& PRESENTATIONS**
Frs. Javier Diaz & Zack Swantek



2:00 PM
MULTI-LINGUAL ROSARY



SATURDAY
September 13, 2025
sábado 13 de septiembre

CONTACT: Carolyn Norbut,
Director of Diocesan Pilgrimages
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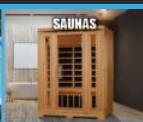
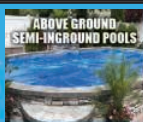
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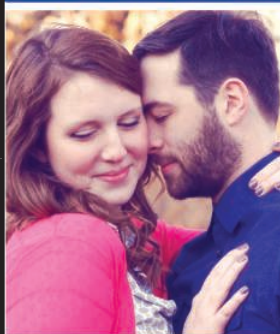
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