

## CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



ENTER BY FAITH

**August 24, 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

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## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 24, 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **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

#### **Monday, August 25**

9:00 am Josephine Falci  
(Fran DeLuca)

#### **Tuesday, August 26**

9:00 am Anne M Berardone 32nd Anniversary  
(Arlene Toth)

#### **Wednesday, August 27**

9:00 am Thomas M. Brown  
(Bereavement Committee)

#### **Thursday, August 28**

9:00 am Florence Thorpe  
(Tom & Janet Noordzy)

#### **Saturday, August 30**

4:00 pm Pat Jones  
(Merwin Family)

#### **Sunday, August 31**

9:00 am Shirley Taff  
(Ronald & Kathleen Pascocella)

11:00 am Marguerite Gilbertson  
(Sunrise Nursing)

### 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, Jennie D'Angelo, Lisa Sassone

### Readings for the Week – August 24, 2025

**Monday** 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday** Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday** Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

**Friday** Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday** Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday** Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-

**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****3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month****7 PM – Main Church**

Drawing into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through  
**PRAYER**  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
**FRATERNITY**

*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](mailto:dcnjohnw@gmail.com).

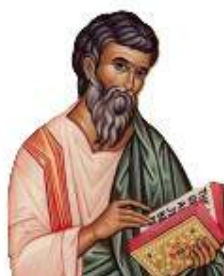
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the ministries, programs and facilities of our  
parish.*



**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.

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## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 24, 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)

### CALENDAR

#### 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  
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

#### Saturday, September 6

3:15 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

#### Sunday, September 7

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Women of St Monica (LC)

#### Monday, September 8

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word

#### Tuesday, September 9

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word  
6:00 pm Religious Ed Parents Meeting  
7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

#### Wednesday, September 10

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word

#### Thursday, September 11

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word  
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice



**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](mailto:dcnjohnw@gmail.com)

**MEET & GREET - WED, SEPT 10<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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*

I risk dating myself when I refer to a song from the 60's called "It's My Party." But that teenage pouting came to my mind when I pondered the theme of today's gospel, which is the inclusiveness of God's plan. No one is left out.

The song itself is all about a teenage girl's heartbreak at her 16th birthday party, when her boyfriend Johnny disappears for a while, only to return with another girl named Judy, who boldly wears Johnny's ring. Her lament: "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to."

Allow me to zero in on the young singer's typical faulty reaction to events. Why? Because so many times even we mature Christians ought to know from all that Jesus taught, we are not fully in charge of our lives and our world. No matter how frequently life gives us reminders, we keep finding ourselves foolishly clinging to that delusion. We even start to pout even in our prayer time tell God that He is so unfair. After all, this life is "my party and I'll cry if I want to."

If we never learned from our teen-aged years the fact that life here on earth is going to take unexpected turns for the worse, then we better self-educate as fast as we can.

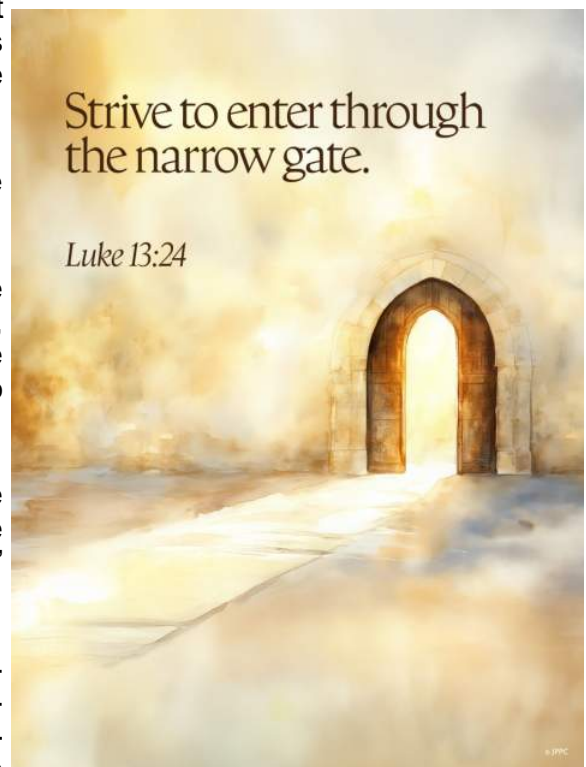
Even for believes the lesson is a tough one, and we can all get frustrated from time to time. Even for saints.

If we were to picture a medieval cloistered nun, we would probably think of a woman kneeling in a church, head bowed, and hands folded in prayer. Someone with a great sense of humor would not quickly come to mind.

That is why it is delightfully refreshing to hear about the good humor of the 16th century saint and Doctor of the Church Teresa of Avila, sometimes called "Big Teresa" to distinguish her from Therese the Little Flower.

A famous story perfectly sums up her spiritual character. As St. Teresa...made her way to her convent during a fierce rainstorm, she slipped down an embankment and fell squarely into the mud. The irrepressible nun looked up and admonished her Maker, "If this is how You treat Your friends, no wonder You have so few of them!"

God love you and give you, His peace.





### **Who is Saint Monica**

c. 332–387

Patron Saint of homemakers, married women, mothers, abuse victims, alcoholics, and widows.  
Invoked against difficult marriages and difficult children.

Pre-Congregation canonization

Liturgical Color: White

Saint Monica, whom we honor in the month of August, was the mother of one of the greatest saints in the history of the Church: Saint Augustine. Monica was most likely born in Thagaste, present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria, North Africa, and was a member of the Berber tribe, a diverse group of peoples indigenous to North Africa prior to the arrival of the Arabs. Thagaste was then part of the Roman Empire, which had legalized Christianity just twenty years before Monica was born. She was raised in a Christian home and became quite devout. Because Christianity was still new to the Roman Empire, Christians were likely a minority at that time. Monica married a man named Patricius (Patrick), who was a pagan and said to have had a violent temper and an immoral lifestyle. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and is said to have had the same violent temperament as her son. Monica and Patricius had three children: sons Augustine and Navigius and a daughter whose name is unknown.

Monica's marriage and home life were difficult, but she was a woman of deep faith and prayer. Earlier in her life she had struggled with alcohol but overcame those difficulties. Once married, her husband opposed her Christian faith and prayer life, but he also saw in her something that led to his respect for her. She wanted to baptize her children when they were born, but Patricius refused permission. His refusal broke her heart and led to her unwavering prayers for her family. When Augustine became ill as a child, Patricius initially agreed to permit his baptism, but when the boy recovered, Patricius once again forbade it.

Monica's only recourse was prayer. She prayed fervently for her family's conversion, and her prayers began to take hold. Patricius admired Monica's virtues and was deeply affected by her love for him. That, coupled with her prayers, led to Patricius' conversion and baptism around the year 370. He died one year later. Patricius' mother also converted.

Augustine, her oldest child, was around sixteen when his father died. He had received a good education as a youth at a school about twenty miles south of their hometown. When Augustine was seventeen, he was sent to Carthage, in modern-day Tunisia, to study rhetoric. Though part of the Roman Empire at that time, Carthage had its roots in Greek culture and had some of the best schools where many prominent figures in society were educated. In Carthage, Augustine was searching for truth. After reading Cicero's dialogue Hortensius, his thirst for truth grew stronger. Around this time, Augustine met

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a woman with whom he lived and had a child, despite his mother's strong warnings against fornication.

In Carthage, Augustine was introduced to the teachings of Mani, a man who claimed to be the final prophet in a line of prophets such as Buddha, Zoroaster, and Jesus. Mani taught that there was a fundamental conflict between two opposite, co-eternal principles: light and darkness. Light was good; darkness was evil. He taught that the material world was a union of light and darkness, good and evil, and that the goal of human life was to release the light trapped within the darkness of the material world. Augustine embraced this religion, becoming a Manichaean. But there was one problem Augustine would face: his mother's prayers and faith were powerful.

When Augustine returned from school in Carthage, he began to teach in his hometown. It was then that he announced he had become a Manichaean. As a result, Monica threw him out of her house as an act of the deepest love. God then spoke to her in a vision that gave her hope for her son, and she reconciled with him.

Augustine decided to open a school of Rhetoric, and he could think of no better place to do so than Rome. Around the age of thirty-one, he informed his mother that he was going to Rome. Because of her motherly concern for her son and because she had seen her two other children convert and be baptized, she informed Augustine she was going with him. However, before she knew it, Augustine sneaked away and traveled to Rome without her. She would not give up, so she followed. By the time she arrived in Rome, Augustine had already left and taken a prestigious teaching position in Milan. She followed him there.

Over the next four years in Milan, Monica never gave up, praying for her son through tears. Since Augustine was impressed with intellectuals, he was drawn to the Catholic Bishop of Milan and future Saint Ambrose. Bishop Ambrose was an answer to a mother's prayers. Around the year 387, at the age of thirty-three, Augustine converted to Christianity and was baptized by Bishop Ambrose.

Once converted, Augustine and his mother decided to return home to Thagaste, but Monica would never complete the trip. She fell ill and died in Ostia, a city just outside of Rome. Augustine went on to become one of the most influential theologians in the history of the Church. In his book, Confessions, Saint Augustine shares the beautiful story of his mother. He highlights all that we know about her. He shares her early struggle with alcohol. When Augustine went astray at Carthage, he recalls how she wept for him more than most mothers would weep over the death of their child. Augustine recounts how fervently his mother prayed while they were in Milan and sought the counsel of Bishop Ambrose. Augustine's most tender description of his mother describes his relationship with her after his conversion, their conversations, and her death. She had a profound impact upon him, and he, in turn, has had a profound impact upon the entire Church.

Saint Monica endured a difficult life, but she persevered, overcame her difficulties, and devoted herself to a life of prayer and virtuous living. Her prayers and virtues first won over her husband and mother-in-law, then all three of her children. Though Saint Augustine is the most well known, this mother, daughter-in-law, and wife made a difference in the lives of her entire family. Saint Monica is seen by many as a model of hope for those whose family members have gone astray. As we honor her today, ponder the power of her prayers. As you do, be reminded that your prayers for your family are also powerful. If you have someone in your family who has gone astray, allow Saint Monica to inspire you and devote yourself to praying for them, so that each member of your family will share, one day, the glories of Heaven with you.

*Saint Monica, though you had a difficult life, you continually turned your difficulties over to God. You prayed, grew in virtue, and had a profound impact on your whole family. Please pray for me, that I will never lose hope for those who have gone astray but will remain faithful in prayer for them, trusting in God's divine mercy. Saint Monica, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**ZOOM ONLY****ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY**

9 Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 PM

September 25	December 18	March 26
October 23	January 22	April 23
November 20	February 26	May 21

We will read and pray with Elizabeth of the Trinity’s four major but brief works. Do you need some consolation for your soul and a lift from your usual way of perceiving life? We will use *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity: The Complete Works, Vol. 1, Revised Edition*, translated by Aletheia Kane, OCD. Donation: \$175

**THE DIVINE DANCE****RICHARD ROHR**

9 Thursdays 10:00 AM – Noon

September 25	December 18	March 26
October 23	January 22	April 23
November 20	February 26	May 21

God invites and beckons us into relationship and community through the Trinity. It is an exciting realization as we give ourselves openness to understanding God’s deep love for us through the Trinity! Richard Rohr’s book, *The Divine Dance*, will be our guide in prayer and discussion this year. We will also spend time in contemplative prayer each session. Donation: \$200

**PRAYER & ACTION FOR EARTH**

9 Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:00 AM

September 16	December 9	March 10
October 14	January 13	April 14
November 11	February 10	May 12

Our group will meet each month to pray, read and take action “for the good of our common home.” We will use *Come Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth* by Elizabeth Johnson as a resource as we go deeper into the call to be “contemplatives in action” for Earth. Donation: \$175

**ZOOM ONLY****CENTERING PRAYER & THE 12 STEPS****DIVINE THERAPY & ADDICTION**

9 Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM

**September 11, December 11, March 5, October 9, January 8, April 9, November 6, February 5 and May 7**

In his book, *Divine Therapy and Addiction*, Thomas Keating leads us through each of the 12 steps and shows us how God, the Divine Therapist, heals us through the combination of 12 step work and centering prayer. We all have attachments and addictions. We all need the healing grace of God in our lives. Donation: \$175

**9 MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS**

9 Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30 PM or 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**September 10, December 10, March 11, October 8, January 14, April 8, November 12, February 11 and May 13**

**SPIRITUAL EXERCISES WITH POPE FRANCIS**

If your soul needs light and peace and hope, this program is for you. The time commitment is well worth it and to make it easier for you we are offering it both in the afternoon and the evening. You can swap back and forth if needed. This is honestly a terrific treatment of the Spiritual Exercises for today’s times as well as a good summary of Francis’ teaching during his 12 years as our pope. We will use *First Belong to God* by Austen Ivereigh. Donation: \$200

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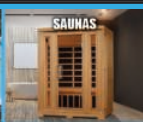
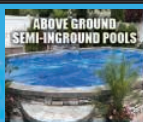
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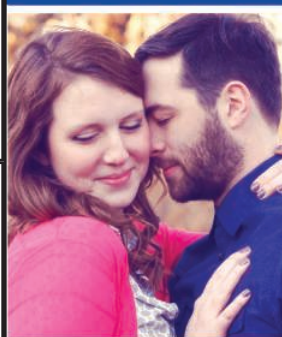
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