

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

Whoever does not carry his own
cross and come after me cannot
be my disciple.

Luke 14:27



September 7, 2025

Masses

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

679 W. Veterans Highway



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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 7

9:00 am Richard Hardish
(The Merwin Family)

11:00 am Marguerite Gilbertson
(Bereavement Ministry)

Monday, September 8

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist
No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist
No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 11

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist
No Mass Scheduled

Saturday, September 13

4:00 pm Raymond Durborow
(William & Linda Patullo)

Sunday, September 14

9:00 am Ralph E. Gelso
(The Balint Family)

11:00 am Edward DeSimone &
Salvatore D'Angelo
(Frank & Angie 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, Jennie D'Angelo, Lisa Sassone

Readings for the Week – September 7, 2025

Monday Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

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

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OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Program
Introduction**
September 10th
7 pm

A Journey of Faith

Church of St Monica
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Men's Prayer Group

**3rd Thursday of Each Month
7 PM – Main Church**

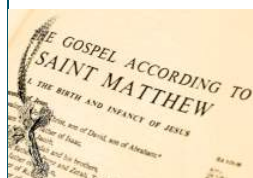


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Come Join Us - All Men Are Welcomed

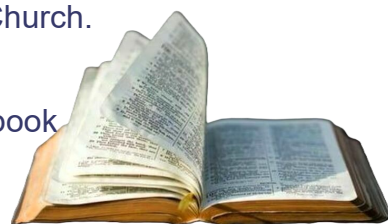
We Need You—To Be Altar Servers**Altar Server Training**

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.



The study of the gospels of St. Matthew will begin on Thursday, September 11th at 1:00pm in the Little Church.

Please bring your book



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 7, 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, 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 w/Eucharist

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 w/Eucharist

Thursday, September 11

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Eucharist

1:00 pm Study of St. Matthew Gospel (LC)

7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice (LC)

Saturday, September 13

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 14

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Callan Michael Vorwerk Baptism

Monday, September 15

9:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Religious Education Classes

6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, September 18

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Mens COR Prayer Group

7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Saturday, September 20

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Grief Support Group (LC)



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How to watch the canonizations of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

EWTN News and EWTN Studios will join forces in Rome from Sept. 3–7 to televise the canonizations of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. In addition to the canonizations, viewers who want an in-depth look at the life and legacy of these two young saints-to-be will have the opportunity to tune in to 12 EWTN special programs, including animated children's programs.

Here's what you can expect:

Viewers can tune in to "EWTN News Nightly" and "EWTN News In Depth" for an exclusive preview of the canonizations. "EWTN News Nightly" airs at 6 p.m. ET and 9 p.m. ET, Friday, Sept. 5; and "EWTN News In Depth" airs at 5 p.m. ET and 10:30 p.m. ET the same day.

EWTN News correspondent Colm Flynn will host a one-hour special from the rooftop of EWTN's Rome studio, which overlooks St. Peter's Square. Father Patrick Briscoe, OP, EWTN News' guest expert on Carlo Acutis; Acutis biographer and EWTN Vatican correspondent Courtney Mares; and EWTN Vatican correspondent Kristina Millare will provide commentary on the canonizations and share reflections on the impact of Pope Leo XIV's first saints. This will air at 1 p.m. ET and 6 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sept. 6, and 11 p.m. ET and 4 p.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 7.

In the half hour leading up to the canonization Mass and the half hour after it ends, EWTN News Vatican correspondents will conduct live interviews and candid reactions with pilgrims from around the world. This will air at 9:30 a.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 7, as well as 30 minutes after the Mass.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, Pope Leo XIV will preside over the Mass and canonizations of the two young blessed from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This will air live at 3 a.m. ET and the encore presentation will be at 6 p.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 7.

For those looking to get to know these two soon-to-be saints better, EWTN will be airing an abundance of programs throughout the week on the lives of Acutis and Frassati:

The YouTube live feed of the events can be viewed by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBGx2KBubxE>

Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether your job is to design a plane or design a plain dress, it is always easier when you have a model. It makes the concept not only more realistic but also quite tangible. Take the matter of following Christ in the contemporary world. Are there possible models available for that? The answer is a compelling "yes." They are our saints.

Happening today, at a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Pope Leo IV will be canonizing two people who are just such models for us. Happily, both were young men, handsome in life; fun loving; athletic; and popular with friends. Above all, they were both courageous. They both put their friendship with Christ as their top priority. Unfortunately, each contracted a disease that took them away from us much too soon. Still, they exemplify today's Gospel.

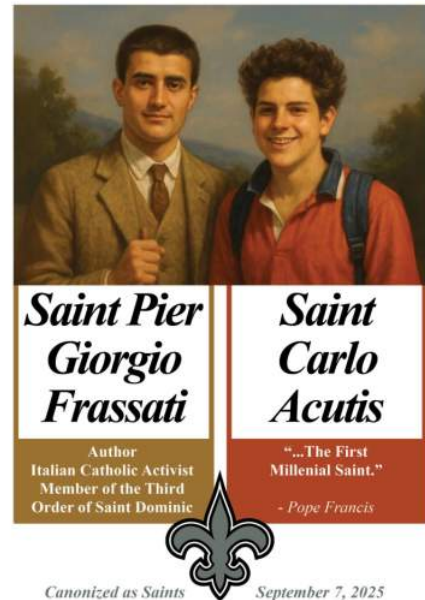
The first man named Pier Giorgio Frassati, who lived in Turin, Italy, and died of polio at age 24 on July 4, 1925. Pier from an early age loved his faith. He joined the St. Vincent de Paul society at his parish at age 17, which led him to love serving the poor. Often, he would do things like give his bus fare to a poor beggar and then run home in time for dinner.

His favorite hobby was mountain climbing. He would regularly organize trips into the mountains with his close friends and organize prayers, liturgies, and conversations about the Faith on the way up or down from the summit. After what would be his last climb he wrote on a photograph the words "Versa Alto" which means "To the heights.!" His remains were found incorrupt and now lie in the cathedral of Turin.

The second was named Carlo Acutis, born in London on May 3, 1991, moved to Italy where he grew up to be a happy go lucky soccer player and computer whiz, but with an early devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. He died of leukemia in 2006, and so, at age 15 he becomes the first saint of the millennium. He researched and created a website, which is still available, on which he documented many Eucharistic miracles up to our own time. He was faithful to daily Mass, and he also wanted to promote the Real Presence, that he called "my highway to heaven." There is a traveling exhibit of his findings that has been on display in the United States. Carlo's remains are also incorrupt, and you can view them in the church at Assisi.

These are just sketches of these two new saints. Much more information is available about them in books and online. The gift of these two new young saints is surely one that can inspire young Catholics and all of us at any age. We need them as models. So often we can be victims of lethargy about the Mass and the Real Presence in our churches. So good to remember that: "A good example has twice the value of good advice."

God love you and give you, His peace.





*As we look back to the events of
September 11, 2001, we
remember the bravery, courage,
and humanity shown that day,
and the many that have
followed.*

*Please join with us in
remembrances of the lives that
have been forever changed*

Knights of Columbus Council 11529 and Council 6201

Remembrance Ceremony

Wednesday, September 10th - 6:30 PM

401 Bartley Road, Jackson, NJ 08527

Light refreshments to follow



Grief Support Group

A Journey From Grieving to Healing

Program Intro
September 21, 2025
At 12:15 pm
Main Church



Weekly Support Group Fall Session Begins Sept 25th - Nov 20th 2025
(9 weeks)

On Thursdays at 10 am in Little Church

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 use the sign-up sheets in the back of the church

Church of St. Monica, 679 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson, NJ 08527



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.

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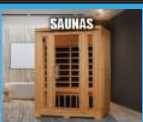
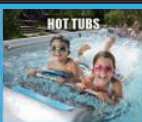
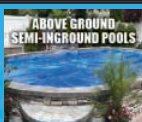
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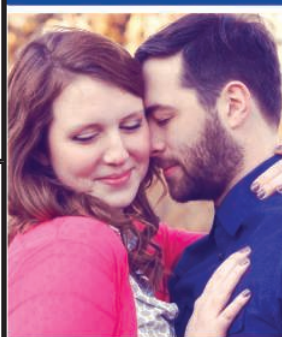
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