

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



October 5, 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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Religious Education: 732-928-4038

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:
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27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 5, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 5

9:00 am Craig P. Sanford
(Kathleen Pescecello)

11:00 am Joanne Trotte
(Sunrise of Jackson)

Monday, October 6

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 am Joseph Zapulla
(Arlene Toth)

Wednesday, October 8

9:00 am No Mass
Liturgy of the Word

Thursday, October 9

9:00 am Available

Saturday, October 11

4:00 pm Arita Gardella
(Frank & Lana Castellano)

To secure your Mass Intentions, contact the Parish Office.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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,, 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, Lisa Sassone

Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they

Readings for the Week – October 5, 2025

Monday Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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 Wednesday of the Month
7 PM – Main Church

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

Come Join Us - All Men Are Welcomed

St. Monica's Men's Prayer Ministry is known as the **COR**. **COR** means 'heart' in Latin. This group is open to all men in the parish and in the local community. Prayer Group draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus through fellowship, faith formation and prayer. Next meeting is on Wednesday, October 15th from 7-8 PM in the Little Church and we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
AUG 24—AUG 31, 2025**

Weekly Offerings \$2,537.00

Online Giving \$1,703.00

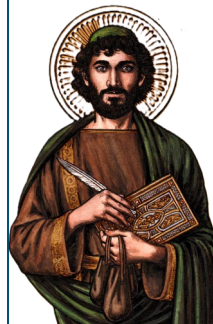
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Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.

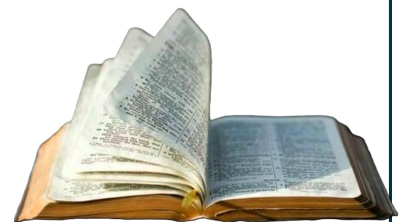
On Wednesday, October 8th there will be NO WEEKDAY 9AM Mass, only Liturgy of the Word.

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 Saint Matthew occur on Thursdays, at 1:00pm in the Little Church. Please bring your book



The Knights of Columbus Fall Rib Sale is back!!!!!! Delicious St. Louis racks of ribs will be barbecued on **SUNDAY October 26th**. Full racks are \$20 and should be pre-ordered by filling out the signup sheet in the back of church. All proceeds will go to help with church AC repairs. Please note that the sale is moved to a Sunday to coincide with mass times and Sunday football. This rib sale we are also asking for pre payment at time of sign up to guarantee your orders. Limited racks will be available for purchase the day of the sale. Payment via QR code, cash, or check will be accepted by a Knight in rear of church. Don't delay, signup and preorder your finger licking ribs today!



Ordinary Time: Anything but ordinary
by Bishop David O'Connell

When the Christmas Season ends, Catholics enter into a period referred to as “Ordinary Time” in the Church’s liturgy. In our vernacular usage, the word “ordinary” describes what is commonplace, “everyday” or without uniqueness or special distinction.

The fact is that “Ordinary Time” makes up most of the Church's calendar year, roughly 34 weeks between the first and final Sundays of the liturgical calendar. The Lenten and Easter Seasons constitute, for lack of a better term, an “interruption” of “Ordinary Time” before Advent and Christmas come again. There are also individual feast days and solemnities that appear in the liturgical calendar “interrupting Ordinary Time” here and there. What takes place in the Church’s official prayer during “Ordinary Time” is anything but ordinary. It is the unfolding in Masses, Scripture readings and prayers of the whole life of the Lord Jesus Christ between the “seasonal celebrations” of his Incarnation and Birth and his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The vestments used by the priest and deacon at Mass during “Ordinary Time” are green in color. Green is used to represent hope in Christ’s Resurrection that characterizes each day in “Ordinary Time.” Different colors are used to correspond to other seasons and times and on other days and occasions celebrated during the liturgical year – white (sometimes gold) for Christmas and Easter seasons and on special feasts of the Lord, the Blessed Mother or saints who were not martyred; violet for Advent and Lent (rose may be worn on the 3rd Sundays of these seasons) and Masses for the Dead; red for Masses of Palm Sunday, the Lord’s Passion, Pentecost, the Apostles, Evangelists or other saints who were martyred. Black is sometimes worn in Masses for the Dead.

With all that in mind, Catholics should use “Ordinary Time” to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ and his Gospel, to nourish their reading and understanding of the Word of God, to enhance and grow in their spiritual lives and prayer and to strive for personal conversion. “Ordinary Time” should be the opportunity to make progress in putting the Catholic faith into action with ongoing works of charity toward others, respect for and protection of human life in all its stages, support for marriage and family life, respect for the environment as our “common home,” and personal witness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

CALENDAR**Saturday, October 4**

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (LC)
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 5

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

Monday, October 6

- 9:00 am Mass
 4:30 pm Religious Education Classes
 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 7

- 9:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:00 am No Mass—Liturgy of the Word
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, October 9

- 9:00 am Mass
 1:00 pm St. Matthew Bible Study
 7:00 pm OCIA Class

Saturday, October 11

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (LC)
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 12

- 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, October 13—Columbus Day

No Mass - Parish Office Closed
 No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 14

- 9:00 am Mass
 No Religious Education Classes
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, October 15

- 9:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Men's COR Prayer Group
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, October 16

- 9:00 am Mass
 1:00 pm St. Matthew Bible Study
 7:00 pm OCIA Class

Saturday, October 18

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (LC)
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

2025 Rubber Duck Race Prize Winners

Place	Prize Name	Value	Winner Names
1	55" Smart TV with Blu-Ray Surround Sound	\$1,500	Diane Hromiko
2	Foursome at Country Club with Carts	\$600	Peggy Hansen
3	2 Tickets to New York Giants Game with parking pass	\$600	Moy Budrick
4	2 Tickets to New York Jets Game	\$500	Evil VFN
5	2 Tickets to Philadelphia Sixers game	\$350	Conti
6	Twosome Eagle Ridge Golf	\$200	Moy Budrick
7	Basket of Cheer with Dinner at Ninuzzo	\$200	Sylvia Piznik
8	Amazon Kindle 10" fire tablet w/case	\$125	Applegate Family
9	Visa Gift Card	\$100	Marvin
10	Visa Gift Card	\$100	Mark Jasinski
11	Plumsted Grill Gift Certificate	\$100	Lynn Huntington
12	Bury the Hatchet Gift Certificate	\$200	Steve Kallahan
13	Free Christmas Tree from the Knights Tree Sale	\$85	Ron Borrello
14	Rubber Duck Prize Package	\$75	Chris Vega
15	Adventure Crossing USA Gift Certificate	\$250	Egan Worster
16	Surf Taco Gift Certificate	\$50	Barbara Vecchiarelli
17	Knife and Wine Gift Set	\$50	Claudia Ferru
18	Gift Cards Howell Bowling Lanes	\$50	Mark Jasinski
19	Gift Card to Mangia Ristorante	\$50	Mary Boyd
20	Gift Card to Longhorn Steakhouse	\$50	Alex Markow
21	Gift Card from Tony's Ristorante, & Pizza	\$100	Christine Conti
22	Donavan's Bar, & Grill Gift Card	\$50	Chris Vega
23	Rick's Farm, Feed, Pet Store Gift Card	\$40	Heather Kelly
24	Hans Maxims Salon	\$50	Diane Hromiko
25	Swing Time Sports G.C.'s, two \$25 G.C.'s	\$40	Jonhathan Debiak

St. Monica Council 11529 Knights of Columbus wish to thank all of our sponsors and participants in this year's Rubber Duck Race. It was another successful charity fundraiser. Congratulations to all the above winners and if you see your name and have not been contacted by the Knights of Columbus just see one of the ushers to arrange to get your prize.



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Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The disasters vary, but the post-event interviews of the heroes who responded have a certain commonality. The reporter offers them praise but they almost always respond: "I was only doing my duty." Those of us with any sensitivity might even be moved to tears on hearing this. It is a certain bravery blended with sure humility. Such can restore one's faith in humanity when cynicism tries to hold sway.

Yet there are also those many smaller and very personal tragedies that include such things like temporary loss of faith and trust in God. If we have ever experienced these, we know that they rob the soul of peace. In these cases, heroism is anonymous and unknown. People like you and me, who through prayer and the support of friends have been able to triumph over the pain. We do not ever count ourselves as heroes. But God does. That is the truth to remember. It is the reward of faith.

It sometimes happens that we forget God's love for us and the support it supplies. We lose the energy it takes to be a Eucharistic person. We lapse in practice. Slowly but surely the "Mass less" Sundays pile up. We drift away from the "once upon a time" child we were the day of our First Holy Communion. And if we manage to do something good for God, we want some applause.

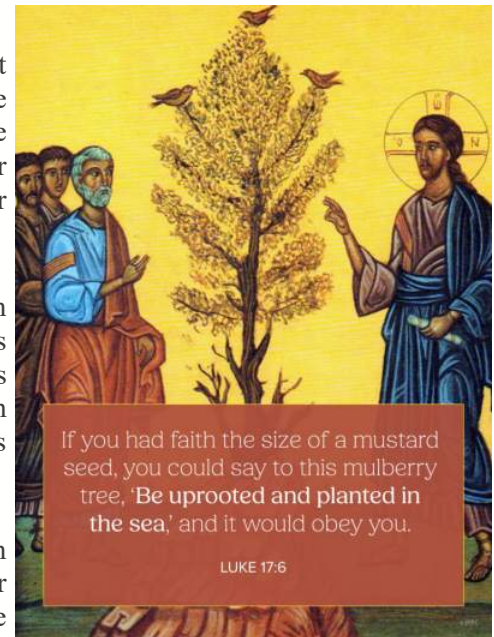
It is really an exceptionally good gift the Holy Spirit gives us, through this weekend's gospel passage, to remind us of a certain fact. It reflects that "full transparency" so prized in public discourse these days. What is it? This: we are unworthy of the personal and tender love of God. When we live as He asks, we are not heroes but only doers of our duty as His adopted children.

Even so, that attitude brings its own reward. What is that? The smile on the face of Christ when He notes that we are doing our best, day after day. It is the Sacred Smile we hope to see in person some fine day. The guarantee of that event is based on humility, the true touchstone of healthy spirituality. Here is a good example of that virtue in ordinary life:

Once upon a time, an ardent music lover unexpectedly met the great Johannes Brahms. On recognizing the composer, the man asked: "Master, would you please write here a small portion of a masterpiece and sign it so I can have precious memory of this fortunate encounter?"

Brahms took the pencil and paper, scribbled the initial bars of "The Blue Danube" by Johann Strauss II and signed "Unfortunately, not by me. Johannes Brahms."

God love you and be among His humble heroes.





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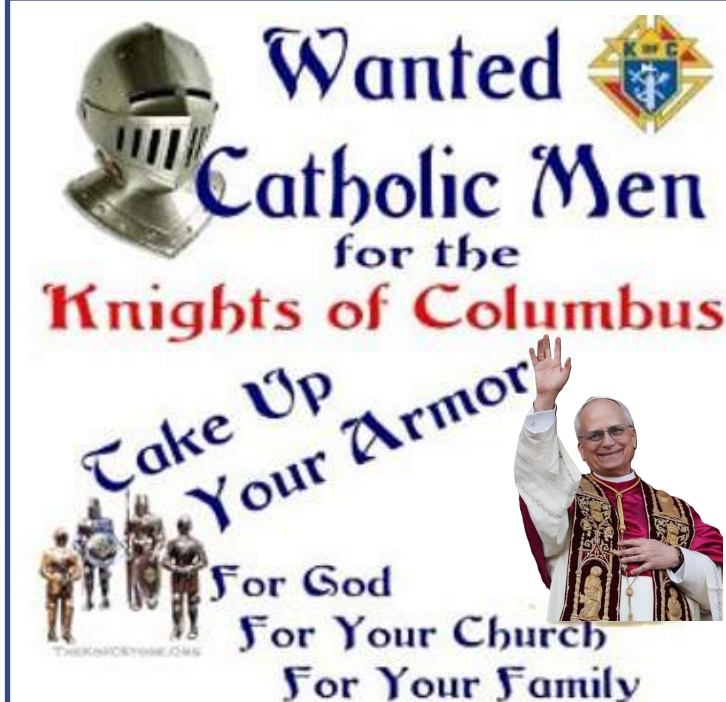
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Grief Support Group

A Journey From Grieving to Healing



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

On Saturdays at 9:30am in Little Church

To Register call Deacon John 848-992-1652 or email - dcnjohnw@gmail.com or use the sign-up sheets in the back of the church

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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.

OLIVERIE'S UPCOMING EVENTS



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September 27: Pittie Palooza

11am-3pm in the Wisteria parking lot

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November 4: Veteran Lunch & Learn Seminar

1-3pm at the Wisteria, Jackson

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OCTOBER 11, 2025

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27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 5, 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

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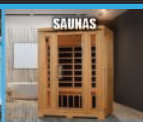
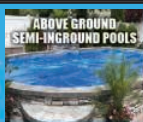
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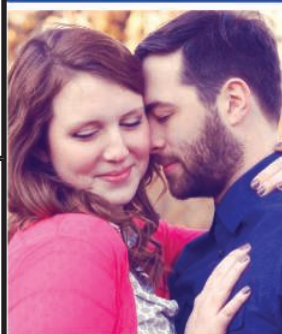
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