

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



October 12, 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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28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 12, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 11

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

Sunday, October 12

9:00 am Stephanie White
(Sally & Phil Houde)

11:00 am Joseph Patrick Bozza
(Bereavement Ministry)

Monday, October 13

No Mass or Services—Parish Office Closed
Observance of Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 am The Souls in Purgatory
(Natalie Lucas)

Wednesday, October 15

9:00 am Robert & Coletta Spuhler
(Linda Piacentino)

Thursday, October 16

9:00 am Available

Saturday, October 18

4:00 pm Normand “Redd” Trydel
(The Giblock & Calsetta Families)

Sunday, October 19

9:00 am Owen Monaghan
(The Monaghan Family)

11:00 am Dorothy Skowronski
(Sunrise of Jackson)

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,, 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,

Readings for the Week – October 12, 2025

Monday Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Lk 11:47-54

Friday Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Sunday Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8

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.



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
SEPT 1—SEPT 7, 2025

Weekly Offerings \$2,641.05

Online Giving \$1,823.00

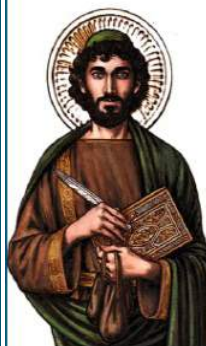
Total \$4,464.05

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

Calling All New Altar Servers

St. Monica's is now recruiting for new Altar Servers to assist Fr. Alex and deacons during Mass. Requirements to serve as an altar server include: be a registered member of St. Monica's Parish, regularly receive the sacraments, must be in 3rd grade or higher and have been baptized and made their First Holy Communion.

If your child is interested, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. We will notify you when we schedule the training session for all altar servers.



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



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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, 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—KofC Donut Membership

Sunday, October 19**KofC Donut Membership Drive**

- 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:15 pm Juliet Rozko Baptism
 12:15 pm Luciano Pietro Marcano Baptism

Monday, October 20

- 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

- 9:00 am Mass
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, October 23

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

Saturday, October 25

- 9:00 am Rel Ed Confirmation Retreat
 9:30 am Grief Support Group (LC)
 3:15 pm Confessions—4:00 pm Mass

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 to-day!



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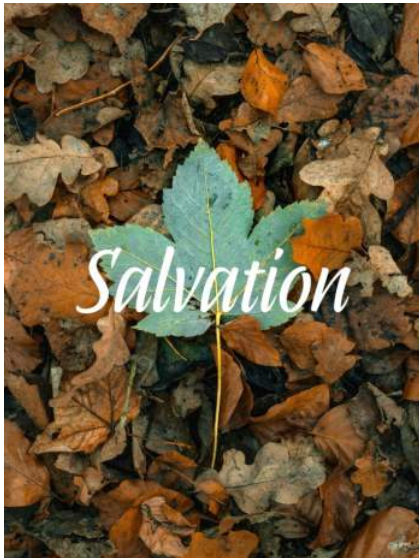
Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It seems that Bob had agreed to paint Fred's backyard storage shed while the latter was on vacation. Well, Fred has been back from his trip for four days now, but no thanks have come Bob's way yet.

Cheryl had volunteered to babysit Maureen's twin boys for the week while Maureen visited her ailing mother. That was two weeks ago now, but Cheryl has yet to hear a word of thanks.

Charlie volunteered to tutor his friend Pete in physics for an upcoming exam. Pete did well, but Charlie was a bit peeved that he never got thanked for his efforts. Especially because Pete was not an easy student.



These three are just modern-day incidents of ingratitude that are hardly earth-shattering. But were any of us to be transported back to the days when Jesus walked the earth and did so as victims of dreaded leprosy, we would experience our whole world turned upside down. Not only would we have been cast out of our homes. We would also be banned from normal society. So, meeting up with this young Rabbi from Nazareth who offered us a cure would be a genuine Godsend. So, after certification by the priest that our cure was real, the next logical step for us would be to thank Jesus profoundly. So, as you rushed to do so, you find to your chagrin that you are alone before Him. Naturally, He asks you: "Where are the other nine?" You have no satisfactory answer.

That question of Jesus reverberates down through the tunnel of time in the face of all the indifference, neglect, and ingratitude of God's children in every age. "Where are the others?" (Well past the number 9.)

The question was posed suggests an examination of conscience before every good Confession, does it not? Do we view our sins, even though they may be venial in nature, as "leprosy of the soul"?

Even though there is no banishment from visible society due to this form of "leprosy," we know in our deepest parts of mind and soul that we are "temporary outcasts" from association with His love until that confession is made and absolution given. But oh! The relief afterward! The joy! The smile on Jesus' holy Face and the hug He offers is priceless!

And if you think you have nothing to thank God for, consider this truth that I found: "There is one thing for which you should be abundantly thankful—only you and God have all the facts about yourself."

God love you and give you, His peace.



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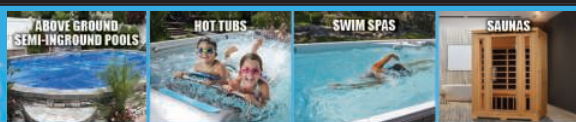
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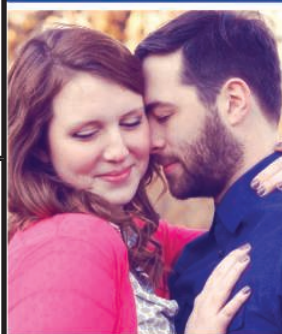
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