

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



October 19, 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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29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 19, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, October 20

9:00 am John & Margaret Piacentino
(Linda Piacentino)

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 am Bob & Dorothy Kappler
(Linda Piacentino)

Wednesday, October 22

9:00 am John Golonka
(Linda Piacentino)

Thursday, October 23

9:00 am Walter & Irene Cullen
(Linda Piacentino)

Saturday, October 25

4:00 pm Jennie D’Angelo
(The Bereavement Ministry)

Sunday, October 26

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

11:00 am Intentions of Scott Alexander
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

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 19, 2025

Monday Rom 4:20-25 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 12:49-53

Friday Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

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
FELLOWSHIP
FRATERNITY**

Drawing into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through

Come Join Us - All Men Are Welcomed

St Monica's Mens Prayer Ministry is known as the **COR** which 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 & prayer. Next meeting is on Wednesday, November 19th from 7-8 pm in the Little Church and we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Hope to see you there

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
SEPT 8—SEPT 14, 2025

Weekly Offerings \$8,575.91

Utility Collection \$ 285.00

Online Giving \$1,293.00

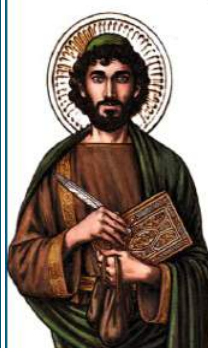
Total \$10,153.91

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



29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 19, 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



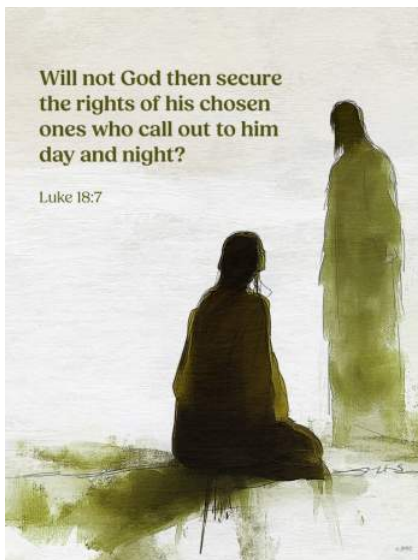
If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The late, great historian David McCullough had a way with words that made all his meticulously researched books enjoyable reads. This holds for those about several of our past presidents as well as those about famous structures. After reading all about the making of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Panama Canal, I gained a new respect for both the pioneering visionaries who planned them and the dedicated workers who built them.

As for those landmark structures, there certainly was a great degree of persistence on the part of both the designers and the doers. They had to face many hurdles and unexpected obstacles along the way, chiefly because that bridge and that canal were the first of their kind. Not the least among the problems was the naysayers who always seem to turn up when a new idea is presented.



Persistence is certainly a theme of this weekend's Scripture selections. They bring that virtue into focus on the occasion of the worldwide Mission Sunday of our Church year. First, the examples.

If Moses' arms had not been supported for the long duration of an ancient battle fought by the Chosen People, which marked the prophet's endurance as well as the two men holding up his arms, there would have been a significant loss.

If the petitioner seeking a ruling from that judge in Our Lord's story had weakened in being persistent, the judge would not have granted their request. Our Lord meant His story to teach us something about prayer.

Both of the selections underscore our need as believers to be tireless in our petitions to God for our needs. We may have a certain fervor when the need arrives, but then we tend to weaken or even drop the matter if God does not answer right away—as if we have any right to impose our timetable on God!

We live in a day and age when communication is almost instant around the world. The pope in Rome will sneeze, and somebody in Rhodesia might say “God bless you!” The whole idea of waiting for anything is nearly intolerable for so many of us.

The Church as a worldwide mission invites the realization that success comes slowly. That is one reason why our persistent prayer and generosity is so important in this matter. The occasion today of Mission Sunday is an incentive to blend our personal mission to spread the Good News with that of official Church missionaries.

Here's a closing thought on the subject: “Life is full of hard knocks but answer them all. One might be opportunity.” God love you and give you, His peace.



When: *Saturday,*
Oct 25th at 12 pm.

Where: *Outside in front*
of St. Monica's

You are invited to join us in a
Public Rosary Rally. This
Public Square Rosary will be
combined with our Knights of
Columbus Novena for Life.



Public Rosary

The Miracle of the Sun

Our Lady of Fatima

**St. Monica's Parish is
Participating in Praying
a Public Rosary for
America.**

*Please join us,
along with the
Legion of Mary's
"Mystical Rose",
Our Lord and
Blessed Mother, as
we pray for
America.*

For additional info contact
the parish office

Serving those who Serve



★ **Triennial National Collection** ★
for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
On behalf of those entrusted to my care, thank you and your parish for participating in the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS).

The mission of this Archdiocese is to ensure that service members, Veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

If in a position to do so, I ask you to consider in prayer a donation to help me minister to the **1.8 million** faithful throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve the nation.

The AMS does not receive financial assistance from the government or the U.S. Armed Forces, and without parishes, it cannot receive funds from weekly collections. Its mission is solely supported by the generosity of donors such as you.

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA



Did You Know?

- Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains. The AMS is the only Catholic diocese in the United States responsible for endorsing priests to serve as military chaplains and for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.
- AMS faithful are the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - and their families.
- Programs and services readily available in other U.S. dioceses, and vital to the men, women, and children served by the AMS, include *Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal, Vocations, and the pastoral care of Veterans.*
- The AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is the only U.S. Vocations Program that provides priests to serve as military chaplains, and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers.
- In 2024, the number of sacraments celebrated for AMS faithful included 1,450 baptisms, 872 confirmations, 1,127 first Holy Communions, and 143 marriages.

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"When I served as a missionary priest and Bishop in Peru," Pope Leo illustrated, "I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."

Hence, Pope Leo XIV gave all Catholic parishes some concrete homework in his video message.

"I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday," Pope Leo said. "Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories."

"This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be 'missionaries of hope among the peoples,'" the Pope said, "let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth."

"God Bless you all!"

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among the Peoples

World Mission Sunday 2025
October 19th

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:	82,498	8,749	11,992	843,785	258,540
Seminarians	Shelters and Orphanages	Health Centers	Catechists	Religious sisters	

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Leper Colony, Kon Tum, Vietnam, April 2, 2025. (TPMS USA/Margaret Murray)

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Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

IN-PERSON ONLY

TIME OUT FOR BUSY PARENTS

Wednesday, October 22 10:00 AM – Noon

Is your calendar packed? Are you constantly on the go? Do you need an occasional time out to re-connect with God and yourself? Join us on either one of the mornings listed above that will be dedicated to busy parents. There will be time to listen God's voice, find Him in our day, and spend time on the beautiful grounds of Francis House. Donation: \$20

IN-PERSON ONLY

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

CREATOR AND LOVER OF US ALL

Tuesday, October 28 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Expressing thoughts, feelings and needs through scriptures, song, silence, and our senses. Living in creation, community, and finding joy in our uniquely beautiful identity. Come experience God. Bring a friend. Make connections, build community. Donation: \$25, includes lunch.

GIVE THANKS

"...WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST"

Thursday, October 30 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Discover that we stand on Holy Ground everywhere! *Putting on the Mind of Christ* by James Woods will help us to slow down the pulse of daily life and breathe in deeply the love of God. We will practice contemplative prayer that leads to being contemplative in action. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20.

IN-PERSON ONLY

CENTERING PRAYER WEEKEND RETREAT

6:30 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday

December 12 – 14

A Centering Prayer weekend provides the time, space and discipline needed to experience the inner stillness which occurs when given the opportunity for frequent Centering Prayer periods alone and in common. Donation: \$200/\$100 non-refundable deposit with registration. Commuters are welcome, all meals included. Balance is required 2 weeks in advance of the start date.



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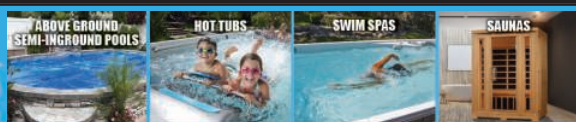
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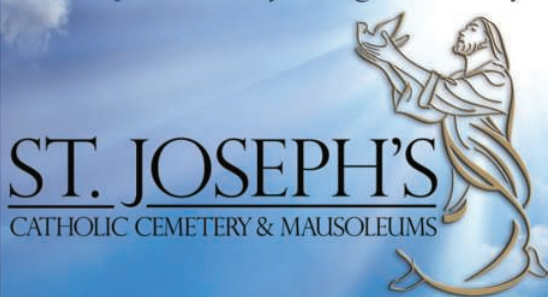
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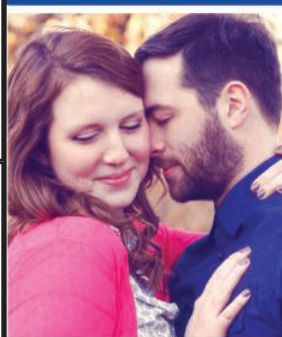
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