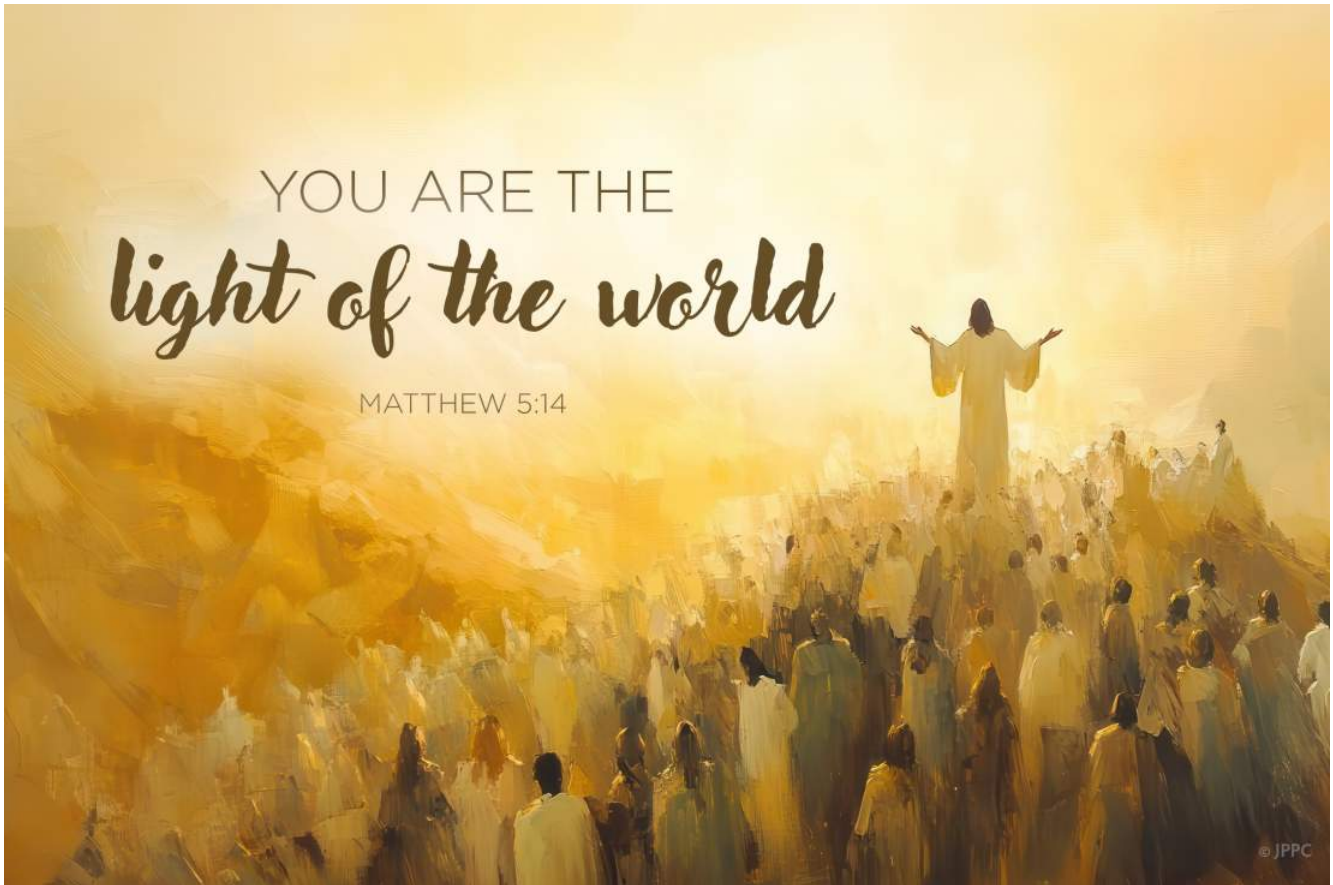


## CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

YOU ARE THE  
*light of the world*

MATTHEW 5:14



### February 8, 2026

#### 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*

website: [www.saintmonica.com](http://www.saintmonica.com)  
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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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## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 8, 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, February 7

4:00 pm Henry Jorin  
(The Jorin Family)

#### Sunday, February 8

9:00 am Marie Gould  
(Elaine Manion)

11:00 am Delores Werner  
(The Merwin Family)

#### Monday, February 9

9:00 am Marie Gould  
(Dave Gould Sr.)

#### Tuesday, February 10

9:00 am Marie Gould  
(Janet Noordzy)

#### Wednesday, February 11

9:00 am Delores Werner  
(The Merwin Family)

#### Thursday, February 12

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone  
(Gerarda Fallone)

#### Saturday, February 14

4:00 pm Bob Purcell  
(The Calsetta Family)

#### Sunday, February 15

9:00 am Marie (Mary Margaret) Gould  
(Estelle Scuzzese)

11:00 am Marie Gould  
(Iris Biely)

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Toni Hetteroth, Dianne Smith, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, 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, Carol Spezzano, Br. Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Grace 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, Mark Legato, Tom and Carol Ringwood, Bob Toth, Ashley & Cameron Dlugosz, Bernadette VanDerberg, Elizabeth Maras

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

### Readings for the Week – February 8, 2026

**Monday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

**Friday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday** Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33 - 34a, 37

**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.

We are recruiting new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Lectors proclaim the Scripture Readings at Mass, and Extraordinary Ministers assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick.

If you feel called to serve the parish in one or both of these ministries, please add your name and contact information to the sign up sheets at the back of the church.

Training sessions will be held in February and March. Lector training will take place on Saturday, February 21, after the 4:00pm mass, and on Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00pm. Extraordinary Minister training will be held on Sunday, March 8th after the 11:00am mass, and on Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00pm.

Attendance at one training session is required. Each session will last approximately one hour


**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS**  
**DEC 29, 2025—JAN 4, 2026**

Weekly Offerings \$ 4,237.10  
 Building Maintenance \$ 599.00  
 Online Giving \$ 1,753.00  
 Total \$ 6,589.10

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

**COR**  
**Men's Prayer Group**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month**  
**7:00pm in Little Church**

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

*Come Join Us - All Men Are Welcomed*

**SOUPER BOWL**  
**SOUP & CHILI SALE**  
**TODAY!!** after all masses  
*Homemade soups: \$5.00 & \$7.00*  
*Homemade Chili: \$5.00*  
 Proceeds to benefit St. Monica Church  
 Organized by the Women of St. Monica  
 For Questions contact Janet  
 732-814-4501



**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, February 7**

10:00 am Grief Support Group  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass  
 5:00 pm **Women of St. Monica Soup Sale**

**Sunday, February 8**

**Women of St. Monica Soup & Chili Sale**

9:00 am Mass  
 10:15 am Special Communion Prep  
 11:00 am Mass

**Monday, February 10**

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

**Tuesday, February 11**

9:00 am Mass  
 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes  
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, February 12**

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

**Thursday, February 13**

9:00 am Mass  
 10:00 am Grief Support Group  
 7:00 pm OCIA Classes

**Saturday, February 14**

10:00 am Grief Support Group  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, February 15**

9:00 am Mass  
 10:15 am Special Communion Prep  
 11:00 am Mass

**Monday, February 16**

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

**Tuesday, February 17**

9:00 am Mass  
 5:30 pm Religious Education Classes  
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, February 18**

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

**Thursday, February 19**

9:00 am Mass  
 10:00 am Grief Support Group  
 7:00 pm OCIA Classes

**Saturday, February 21**

10:00 am Grief Support Group  
 3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Mass

**Join Fr. Alex on a Spiritual Cruise**

**Alaska Cruise**

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**AUG 14-21, 2026**

**FR ALEX ENRIQUEZ**

(SPIRITUAL CHAPLAIN)

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**SKAGWAY, ALASKA**

**GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK**

**KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

**VICTORIA, CANADA**

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

**(see next page for itinerary)**

**Included in Group Reservations:**

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## CRUISE TO ALASKA WITH FR. ALEX

### ITINERARY

#### AUG 14: SEATTLE

Depart from your origination city and arrive in Seattle. Ship departs at 4:00P.

#### AUG 15: AT SEA

While at sea, take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues on-board, until we arrive at the next amazing destination.

#### AUG 16: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA (7:00A-4:00P)

You've never tasted salmon so fresh. Known as the 'Salmon Capital of the World', Ketchikan is also the ancestral home of the Tlingit people, who have carved the world's largest collection of totem poles. If you're up for an adventure, take a canoe and nature trail excursion through the rain forest or a wilderness exploration followed by a sumptuous crab feast you'll long remember.

#### AUG 17: ENDICOTT ARM - CRUISING

Alaska's Endicott Arm Fjord marks the southern edge of the 653,179-acre Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness area. As you sail through its 30-mile-long stretch, you can't help but be amazed by the untouched beauty of the surrounding granite mountains, verdant valleys and numerous waterfalls. Drifting icebergs, deep blue waters and a spectacular tidewater glacier only add to this natural spectacle's appeal. Endicott Arm is one of the largest breeding grounds for harbor seals on the planet. Keep your eyes open for these creatures splashing in icy waters near the ship or floating with their pups on giant chunks of ice. Along the shore you might also glimpse brown bears, bald eagles, sea ducks, deer, moose and wolves. Your journey through scenic Endicott Arm Fjord ends with a front-row view of the striking Dawes Glacier. Standing over 600 feet tall and a half-mile wide, this very active icecap is known for its spectacular calving displays which noisily produce huge, chunky icebergs that float in area waters. Remember to dress in wind-resistant layers for viewing scenery outside on deck.

#### AUG 17: JUNEAU, ALASKA (1:30P-10:00P)

Here's your chance to take a glacial dogsled adventure in Alaska's capital, where cultured sophistication meets the ruggedness of the Last Frontier.

#### AUG 18: SKAGWAY, ALASKA (7:00A-6:00P)

The great Klondike Gold Rush lives on in Skagway's charming downtown of restored 19th-century buildings and its historic railway. Located on the edge of the wilderness, this small town saw its fair share of gold rush, get rich dreamers pass through. Today, it's

residents are more than welcome to share the stories of its untamed past. And there's so much fascinating history to uncover on a Skagway cruise. Head to Klondike Gold Rush National Park Museum for an in-depth look at Klondike and the two routes out of Skagway – Chilkoot Pass and White Pass. From the vintage train, admire the mountains and see the 1898 trail that fortune seekers traveled on foot. The White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad runs the vintage locomotives through the famously steep Chilkoot Trail and offers sweeping mountain views during its climb toward Canada.

#### AUG 19: ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE - CRUISING

You'll sail beyond the Inside Passage Cruise into the more protected Alaska Inside Passage, a complex labyrinth of fjords and bays where whales and sea lions find refuge during the summer months.

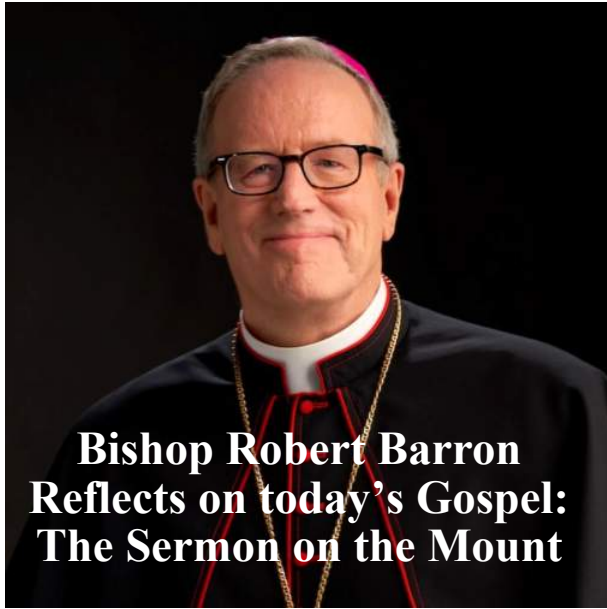
#### AUG 20: CRUISING

While at sea, take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues on-board, until we arrive at the next amazing destination.

#### AUG 20: VICTORIA, CANADA (5:30P-11:59P)

Start your day in Victoria with a walk through the enchanting Butchart Gardens and experience one of the world's finest floral display gardens. Meander along the flower-lined paths and marvel at the brilliant composition of color in Japanese, Mediterranean, and Italian themes, plus much more. Experience the time-honored English afternoon tea at the historic Fairmont Empress Hotel. The menu includes many traditional favorites, like dainty finger sandwiches, scones, and a host of sumptuous varietal teas. Venture 35 miles northwest to Cowichan Valley for a day hike, golfing, or winetasting. There are six regional parks with trails for mild walks around lakes or more intense climbs. This region is also increasingly becoming known for its wines as well. Take a guided wine tour on your Victoria cruise and discover the delicious wines that are being produced at the wonderful vineyards in the valley and perhaps pick up a few bottles as mementos, too. For a full introduction to the history and culture of Victoria and Western Canada, head to the Royal British Columbia Museum. Explore the fascinating indigenous artifacts dating as far back as 10,000 B.C. to British royalty pottery, glass and papers, plus a wonderful native plant garden. The museum also has a wonderful IMAX theater and rotating special exhibits. The large waterfront park Beacon Hill Park in downtown Victoria is within walking distance of the inner harbor. With more than 200 acres, there's a lot of ground to cover in the sprawling grounds. This unspoiled park features many walking trails through the forest, a children's zoo with baby lambs, ducks, and piglets and an abundance of relaxing nature. Victoria's Chinatown is the oldest of its kind in Canada. Stroll the colorful streets of this National Historic district and enjoy a wonderful Chinese-style brunch (dim sum) or shop for locally made unique trinkets and souvenirs.

#### AUG 21: SEATTLE (6:00A)



**Bishop Robert Barron  
Reflects on today's Gospel:  
The Sermon on the Mount**

My friends, we talked about the Beatitudes last week. This week is something very interesting to me. Jesus now is speaking to His disciples and He compares them to three things. You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. You are a city set on a hill. All three of those things do not exist for themselves. They exist for the sake of something else. Look at salt. You're the salt of the earth.

In Jesus' time, way before refrigeration, it's a way that you preserved something. It existed for the sake of something else, to preserve something else.

Salt was also used in the ancient world to make sure that nothing ever grew in that place. Tear down the walls, and they would salt the earth. It was used for that purpose, for the sake of something else, to enhance, to preserve, and to destroy.

You're the light of the world. Well, think about it. We

don't really see light.

Light is that by which we see other things. It brings beautiful things to light. It enhances them. The point is it's for the sake of something else. How about a city set on a hill? Well, that's how people navigated in his time. Long before maps and GPS systems and all that, what they would do is they would find a landmark, like it's a hill or a mountain, or a city. See that city up there. I know I've got to go south of that or north of that. It was the means of navigation.

Without the city set on a hill, I wouldn't know where I was going. Okay, what's he saying now to his disciples? That means to us. You who follow me, you who take in my teaching, you are meant for others. The purpose of this is not primarily to make you holy. That's, in a way, a means to an end. Jesus says, I'm making you holy and happy that you might become the vehicle by which others become holy and happy.

I want to send you out into the world. I want you to be a beacon of light that illumines the way for others. I want you to be salt that preserves and enhances others. I want you to be a city set on the hill by which others navigate their lives. Only then, my followers, are you really doing what I want you to do.

Now, the devastating line that follows, what if salt loses its savor? With what will it be, you know, re-salted? Salt that loses its savor is no good at all. Doesn't preserve anything. Doesn't destroy what needs destroying.

It's lost its power. A light under a bushel basket, what good is that? That makes nothing beautiful around it. It exposes nothing that needs exposing.

Well, don't let the salt lose its savor. How is your Christianity impacting the world around us, making it better and getting in the way of evil and wickedness? That's a challenging question that goes right back to the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount.

How do we think about our spiritual lives? For our benefit or for the benefit of the world? I think everything will change depending on how you take in these words.

And May God bless you.

# Reflection

*By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

One sure proof that the “now” is so different from the “then” is the presence of so many blue screens in our world and what you see on them. While they are small on smart phones, they grow a bit larger on various “pads.” But they reach the ultimate on those like the billboard-size screens available in stadiums and even in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican.

Technology is so much with us that we must scratch our heads to remember when it was not. Watching a toddler imitate his elders fingering the keys of a phone can make you laugh at first, and then perhaps later make you ponder what technology lies ahead for that tiny human being. “AI” may be antique by then.



It becomes a necessity to think about the place of religion in all of this, and of our place in the world as believers. The changes that will inevitably come our way might scare us into thinking faith and religion will become obsolete.

No worries! Once you come back to reality you will quickly notice that an awful lot of our fellow travelers are in dire need. That not limited to luxuries. The plain truth is that, as humans, we all need more than the basics of food, clothing, and shelter. Science cannot provide love. That is precisely where God and true religion enter the scene.

Nowadays we realize that there is a type of human pain that stretches beyond the obvious. Well past material needs. Sometimes that need is no more mysterious than having a fellow human being nearby who will listen to us. That is one way that we become salt and light in the world as the Lord Jesus would have us be.

What is our energy source? The “battery,” if you will? It is the love and grace of God, coming to us through the Holy Spirit that never gets outdated. We cannot neglect being “charged by Love.” We need to “think large.”

When James Garfield, later to become for a short time the President of the United States, (and the subject of a current TV series) was the principal of Hiram College in Ohio, one father asked him if the course of his son’s studies could not be shortened, so that his son might be able to complete his studies in less time. “Certainly,” Garfield replied. “But it all depends on what you want to make of your boy. When God wants to make an oak, He takes one hundred years. When He wants to make a squash, He requires only two months.”

God love you and give you, His peace.

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 8, 2026

### **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)



## Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House

84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501

609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

### PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Wednesday, February 11 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Come to as many as you can. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

### ST. TERESA OF AVILA OVERNIGHT RETREAT

February 12 – 13

Begins 4:30 PM Thursday – Ends 2:00 PM Friday

The life of Teresa of Avila is remarkable and surprisingly relevant to our times! We will have an overnight pajama party and enjoy watching Teresa on her rocky road to sanctity. Led by Teresa herself with the help of S. Marcy. Donation: \$100, meals included. Commuters are welcome.

### UNDERSTANDING & BEFRIENDING DIFFERENCES

Monday, February 16 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Why is it so difficult to relate to those who are different from us? If you need a little understanding and compassion in dealing with challenging personalities, including your own, please come and join our Interns in Spiritual Direction to learn the art of accepting and appreciating people with personalities contrary to our own. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$50. Please bring your own lunch.

### ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT

Wednesday, February 18 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

LITURGY AT NOON

We love beginning Lent together with this retreat at Francis House because it provides a gentle structure for the six-week journey ahead. This year I think you will enjoy reading *Give Up Worry for Lent* by Gary Zimak ... to guide your Lenten journey. Liturgy is included with the reception of ashes within it. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$40, includes lunch and book for your Lenten journey. Zoom \$25

### A CONTEMPLATIVE TELLING OF THE STORY: MARY & HER SON

Thursday, February 19 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Many people attended Father Bill's one day retreat on the *Reed of God* in the Fall. Father Bill now invites us during this Lenten Season to enter the heart of Mary as she accompanies her Son and all of us in the passion of our lives. Led by Fr. Bill Lago. Donation: \$30, lunch included. Zoom: \$20

### PASSION OF CHRIST, STRENGTHEN ME

Friday, February 20 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

If you need strength to deal with your life at this time, come. The Passion of Christ IS your strength! You will receive *The Passion and the Cross* by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI to accompany you on your Lenten journey. What a wonderful way to begin Lent! Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$45, includes lunch and book. Zoom: \$25

### SOWING SACRED SEEDS

Monday, March 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

This Lenten retreat will focus on the seeds of love that have been sewn in us and for us by others. We will notice, too, the seeds of love that we have sown in others' lives. You will receive Vince Gallagher's new book, *Sowing Sacred Seeds*, to further your Lenten journey in following Christ in all things. Good Lenten reading fills your soul with consolation and peace, so needed at this time. Led by Vince Gallagher. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



**TUESDAY FEB. 24TH**

All CCD Students & Staff

(Grades 1-8)

**Must Attend Adoration**

**Please arrive for 6:15pm**

ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN

*Parents are welcome to join their children and spend this peaceful, face to face time with our Lord.*



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026**

**2-4PM**

**RSVP TO 732-719-7250**

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## LUNCH & LEARN ESTATE PLANNING

**MARCH 18, 2026**

**11:00AM-1:00PM**

THE WISTERIA AT OLIVERIE FUNERAL HOME  
125 S. COOKS BRIDGE RD. JACKSON, NJ 08527



**HOST**

**GERI OLIVERIE**

Manager & Funeral Director  
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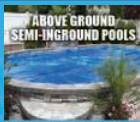
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