

# CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

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JOHN 3:16



## May 31, 2026

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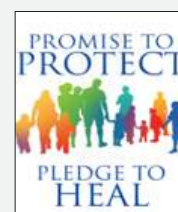
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## FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - MAY 31, 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, May 30, 2026

4:00 pm Frances & Joseph Kopacz  
(Barbara & Jerry Santangelo)

#### Sunday, May 31, 2026

9:00 am Errol W. Frantz  
(The Goldner Family)

11:00 am Daniel Petolino  
(Kate Scott & Bob Maras)

#### Monday, June 1, 2026

9:00 am Michael Coady

#### Tuesday, June 2, 2026

9:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory  
(A Friend)

#### Wednesday, June 3, 2026

9:00 am Patricia Rosinski  
(Nina Scogramiglio)

#### Thursday, June 4, 2026

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone  
(Gerarda Fallone)

#### Saturday, June 6, 2026

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

#### Sunday, June 7, 2026

9:00 am Deacon William Carragher  
(Mary Gould)

11:00 am Kathleen Rivera  
(Kristen Cladek)

### 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, Bob Toth, Ashley & Cameron Dlugosz, Bernadette VanDerberg, Elizabeth Maras, Charles Thompson, Janet Noordzy

*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 – May 31, 2026

**Monday** 2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday** 2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Mk 12:28-34

**Friday** 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday** 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15AB, 16-17, 22 Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

**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.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS  
APRIL 20 — 26, 2026**

Weekly Offerings \$ 2,947.50

Online Giving \$ 1,630.00

Total \$ 4,577.50

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

**BAKE SALE**



Women of St. Monica are holding a Father's Day Bake Sale on June 20 and June 21 after all masses. Proceeds to benefit St. Monica's.

**COR**

**Men's Prayer Group**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month**

**7:00pm in Little Church**



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FESTIVAL**

**AUGUST 30, 2026**

**PICNIC 12-4PM AFTER**

**11AM OUTDOOR MASS**



## FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - MAY 31, 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](http://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 [jwhite@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:jwhite@dioceseoftrenton.org)

#### *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



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)

**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, May 23**

3:15 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, May 24**

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass

**Monday, May 25**

**Memorial Day - Parish Offices Closed  
No Masses Scheduled**

**Tuesday, May 26**

9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Legion of Mary  
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Wednesday, May 27**

9:00 am Mass

**Thursday, May 28**

9:00 am Mass

**Saturday, May 30**

11:00 am Autumn Rieder Baptism  
3:15 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, May 31**

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass

**Monday, June 1**

9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, June 2**

9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Legion of Mary  
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Wednesday, June 3**

9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Adoration  
11:00 am Memorial Mass Paul Gallo

**Thursday, June 4**

9:00 am Mass  
6:00 pm Pre Baptismal Training  
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

**Saturday, June 6**

3:15 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 7**

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Women of St. Monica Meeting

**Monday, June 8**

9:00 am Mass

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**The 2026  
Deacon Mike Principato  
Scholarship Contest**

Please read the directions and questions very carefully before answering them. Your essay will be evaluated by many people. Scoring will be based on you formulating your values in the form of an essay.

This year we are adding a smaller contest to students entering High School. For the High School contest pick **one** of the 10 Commandments and show how that commandment helps you lead a good Christian life.

In order to participate in the Elementary Scholarship Contest the applicant must be entering their first year of High School and be a registered parishioner of the Church of St. Monica, or the child of a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church, or the child of a member of St. Monica's Knights of Columbus. Prizes for the High School contest are **First place award \$50 - Second place award \$25**

For the College Contest choose **one** of the gifts you receive from the Holy Spirit and show how its life principle inspires the guidelines you base your life on. The applicant must be graduating HS and be attending college for their first semester in the Fall of 2026 or Spring 2027 and (2) be a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church, or the child of a registered parishioner of St. Monica Church, or the child of a member of St. Monica's Knights of Columbus. **First place award \$500 - Second place award \$300 - Third place award \$200. GOOD LUCK!**

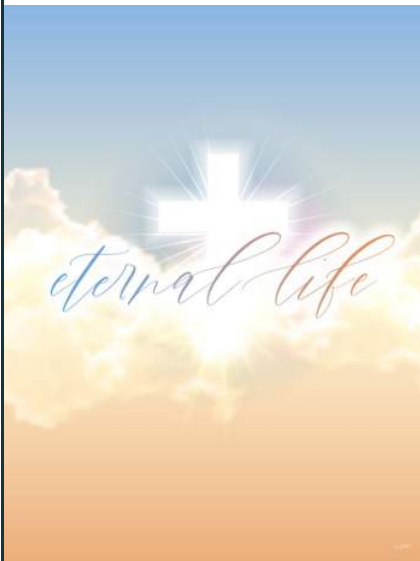
Please submit all essays by email to [tinman1017@optonline.net](mailto:tinman1017@optonline.net) as a Word Document. Please **do not** include your name on the essay or anything that may easily identify you, but **do include** your name and contact information in the body of the email in which it's submitted. Submissions are due by July 31, 2026. -

# Reflection

*By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

It does not take much time viewing Facebook to see the truth that people are fascinated by other people. Whether it is cute toddlers scolding a puppy that is looking right at them, two senior ladies giving advice on living longer, or a middle-aged man revealing details of his model train hobby, we look or laugh or maybe even cry over what has been revealed—but “we’re there.” Maybe for hours on end, or until someone lets us know it is time for supper.

The same holds true for the less electronic fans of biography and autobiographical books. We just want to know as much as we can about as many people as we can. For many, it is an itch that needs scratching. And Facebook editors, booksellers, and movie makers know all about it and do their best to make the stories interesting and even profitable.



So it is no surprise that we humans who believe in a “Higher Power” wish to know as much as we can about the subject—especially if we’re convinced that such a being is a person with intellect and will, and not just a special ape or calf or some force of nature.

When we come to this particular Sunday on the Church calendar that invites us to focus on the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, we know automatically that we have entered into “the realm of the unusual,” to say the least.

The fact that we can even conjecture or discuss anything about so holy a matter as the inner nature of God is a tribute to God’s loving nature in the first place. He knows we can never truly understand it. Our minds are too small. Even when we claim to speak authoritatively about the Holy Trinity, using the names of “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,” we know we are only using the language given to us by God Himself in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

But just as the gift of human friendship grows richer and deeper the more we know and share experiences with our friend, so it is with this friendship and love we share with God. Yet there is a marvelous difference. As St. John so wonderfully phrased it: “It is not that we have loved God as much as that God has first loved us.” He has told us the truth about Himself in order to be loved in return as far as we are able.

There are no secrets between real human friends. So, it should be in our friendship with God. If any secrets do exist, they are ours. That is what God’s “omniscience” reminds us of: He already knows us completely and still loves us.

## **THANK YOU!**

**We thank you for your generosity with the second collection taken in on the weekend of May 16th and 17th for our Security and Emergency Operation Plan. A total of \$2,980 was collected and we will be doing it again the weekend of June 20th and 21st. We will also be scheduling a Town Hall Meeting to help address and answer any questions you may have regarding the new procedures. More information will follow and we thank you for your support, patience and understanding.**

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