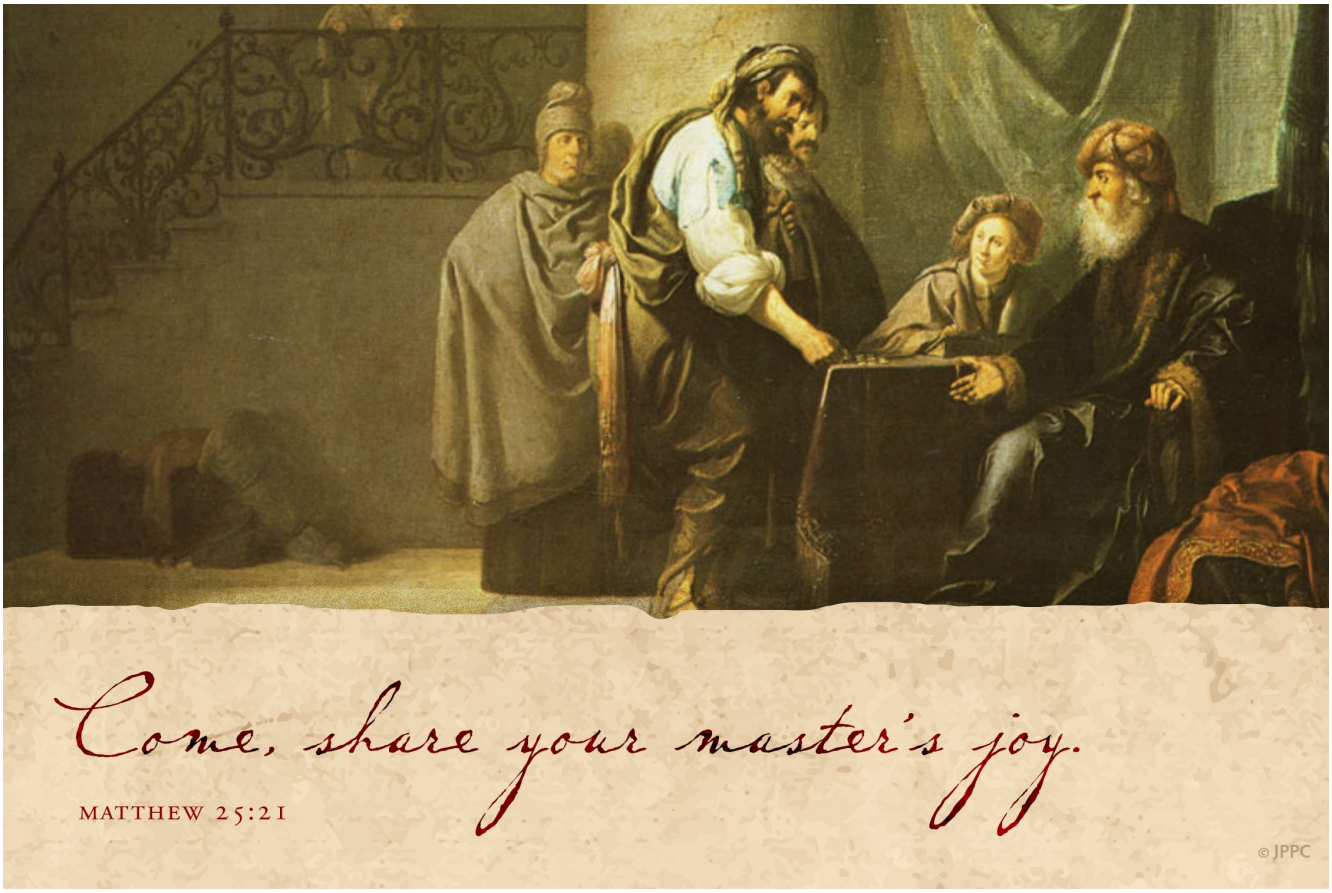
Church of Saint Monica



November 15, 2026

Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

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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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14, 2026
4:00 pm Marie Gould
(The Calsetta Family)
4:00 pm Andrew "AJ" Sabine
(Frank & Angie Trimboli)
Sunday, November 15, 2026
9:00 am Columba Bina LoCicero
(The LoCicero Family)
11:00 am Marie Gould
(Christina Quatrano)
Monday, November 16, 2026
9:00 am Available

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
9:00 am Marie Gould
(Deacon John & Caroline White)
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
9:00 am Cesar Angeles
(Marisol Garced)
Thursday, November 19, 2026
9:00 am Elizabeth Annino
(Barbara & Jerry Santangelo)
Saturday, November 21, 2026
4:00 pm Alison Bishop
(The Calsetta Family)
4:00 pm Joanne Venneri
(Geanie Rizzo)
Sunday, November 22, 2026
9:00 am Margaret & Thomas Young
(The Merwin Family)
9:00 am William E. Solewin
(Deacon John & Caroline White)
11:00 am Cheryl Vega
(The Bereavement Ministry)

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, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Andrew G Sabine, Stephen Alexander, Angela Belmont, Danny Merwin, Diane Hromiko, Kathy Reynolds, Margie Smith, Kevin Finnerty, Mark Hoffman, Lisa Kelley Sassone, Mark Legato, Bob Toth, Bernadette VanDerberg, Elizabeth Maras, Charles Thompson, Kim McCafferty, Janet Noordzy, Jennifer Aponte

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 – November 15, 2026

Monday Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 / Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 / Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 / Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday Revelation 4:1-11 / Psalms 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 19:11-28
Thursday Revelation 5:1-10 / Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 9b / Luke 19:41-44
Friday Revelation 10:8-11 / Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 / Luke 19:45-48
Saturday Revelation 11:4-12 / Psalms 144:1, 2, 9-10 / Luke 20:27-40
Sunday Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 / Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 / Matthew 25:31-46

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.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 14
10:00 am Grief Support Group (LC)
1:00 pm Patterson Wedding
3:15 pm Confession
4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, November 15
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
Monday, November 16
9:00 am Mass
10:30 am Columba LoCicero Memorial Mass
4:30 pm Religious Education
5:45 pm Religious Education
Tuesday, November 17
9:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Religious Education
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice
7:15 pm Legion of Mary
Wednesday, November 18
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm KofC Deceased Brothers Mass
Thursday, November 19
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm OCIA
Saturday, November 21
10:00 am Grief Support Group (LC)
12:00 pm Kripinski Baptism
3:15 pm Confession
4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, November 22
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
Monday, November 23
9:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Religious Education
5:45 pm Religious Education
Tuesday, November 24
9:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Religious Education
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice
7:15 pm Legion of Mary
Wednesday, November 25
9:00 am Mass
Thursday, November 26 — Thanksgiving
9:00 am Mass
Saturday, November 2
9:00 am Breakfast with Santa
10:00 am Grief Support Group (LC)
4:00 pm Mass

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 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 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. During the summer meetings are at St. Monica every Tuesday at 5:30 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 con tact 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

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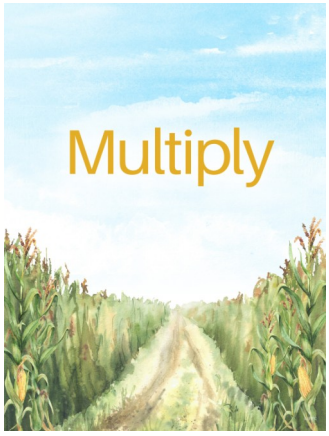
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Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Here's a question: "Have you noticed how investment brokers ride the airwaves with abandon these days with cautions for the unwise to 'buy gold or silver now, especially for those wanting a crash-proof retirement?'" I'm sure you have, especially if you follow the newscasts. Granted, the world right now is replete with chaos and uncertainty. We have daily reports of enduring wars and religious persecution. Cameras record it all, and commentators ply their trade.

So a parable of Our Lord's teaching about the best way to handle investments with wise stewardship fits right in. But the teaching is not just about earthly finances. Nor is the spiritual lesson the Master teaches limited to any one time or season.



This Parable of the Talents is a story for mid-November, with an eye not only to the ending of the calendar year, but also to that of the Church year. We can extend its lesson to include the context of the ending of the world.

Just as financial wisdom lies in careful planning and thorough consultation with knowledgeable experts, so spiritual wisdom comes from consultation with Christ and the saints.

Note how the nervous servant in the story may have been envious of the servants who were given more money. That made him wary and distrustful of his master. He became less a helper. He is not anything like the good wife who is praised in our First Reading from Proverbs.

So, if we learn one lesson today, it is to be wise in using the particular gift or talent God has given us. That precludes any undue nervousness about the Last Day.

In the 1973 movie "Papillon," the main character was a criminal who was imprisoned for life for crimes against the French state. The movie portrayed the dreams he had while in prison. In one dream, he stood before a tribunal for a crime. He pleaded with the judge that he was not guilty of the crime for which he was being tried. The judge replied that he was not being tried for that crime, but for a crime that is the most heinous crime of the human race. Papillon asked what crime it was. He replied, "The crime of a wasted life." Papillon wept, "Guilty, guilty." The judge pronounced the sentence of death.

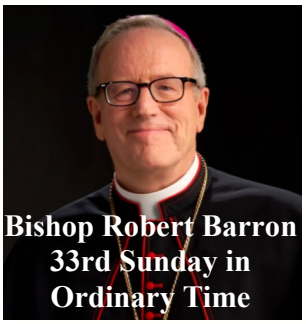
God love you and give you His peace.



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Social Concerns Ministry

Thank You & God Bless!



Peace be with you. Friends, our first reading for this weekend is taken from the marvelous book of Proverbs. It's a great book to kind of peruse. You don't have to read it cover to cover, but you can find wisdom in these aphorisms. Well, the reading for today is taken from chapter 31, the final chapter. When I was coming of age, I can't tell you how many times I heard this little adage. It's not about what you do, it's who you are, right? It's not what you do, it's not doing that matters so much, it's being that matters. Well, I'll admit, there's something to that distinction. Work has a lot to do with the kind of people that we become. When you're feeling down, one of the great things you can do is get to work. Get to work on a project. Tends to make you feel better. Why? Because work engages the powers. Think of your powers of mind, your powers of will, your powers of creativity and imagination. All of it is awakened when we give ourselves over to a project.

John Paul II made this point many times. In our work, we become collaborators with God. God gives us the extraordinary privilege of cooperating with his work. He draws us into this activity so that we can, with him, bring about a greater world. Now, with all that in mind, I want you to look at this wonderful passage from the 31st chapter of Proverbs as the author sings the praise of an industrious, intelligent woman. She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She's like the ships of the merchant. She brings her food from far away.

Furthermore, she rises while it's still night and provides food for her household. Go out and hunt it, or you had to grow it, and you had to prepare it. So, of course, she's up in the middle of the night, every day working, working, engaging her powers for the sake of her family. She considers a field and buys it. With the fruit of her hand, she plants a vineyard. Well, this woman's not just doing manual labor, she's a business person, going out there and looking at different options. She engaging not just her manual powers, but her intellectual powers.

Then how about a different type of handiwork. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. How wonderful. Her clothing is described as being a fine linen and purple. That means it's a very high level. But listen, strength and dignity are her true clothing. Terrific, isn't it? So she is wearing fine clothes, but the real beauty of her clothing is in her strength and dignity. How does she become strong? Through work. Where's her dignity come from? From her work. You know, those who suffer with unemployment, that's a curse in our society. What they feel, it's not just the financial burden of that, but it's the loss of dignity that people often feel when they lose their work, they lose their livelihood.

The proverb continues. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She also does intellectual work. She does the work of the mind. John Paul II talked about—and he was a man that knew both manual labor when he was a young man, and then a lot about intellectual labor. Terrific, terrific. And then here's the wonderful coda with which the reading ends for today. Charm is deceitful, beauty is fleeting. True, isn't it? Oh, that person's charming. Man, that could be deceitful. Maybe they're charming because they want something out of you. They're charming because they're playing a game. Beauty, we all know is fleeting. Even those beautiful people, how long does that last? Not that long.

But listen. A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands. Let her works praise her in the city gates. You see what he's doing now at the end is correlating all of this wonderful work that this woman does. Intellectual, moral, physical. All this work by which she realizes herself, and he puts it now under the aegis of the fear of the Lord. Quite appropriate.

It's under God that we do the work which conquers our melancholy. Yes, indeed. But more than that, which awakens our powers. But more than that, gives us the dignity God wants us to have. So in light of this beautiful reading, could I invite everybody listening to me now, when you go off to work, and whatever that is— I mean from doing the dishes to going off to your office in a high-rise building to caring for your family to intellectual work—I don't care what it is. But think of this now as collaborating with the purposes of God. See it as a spiritual act, a moral act, an act that brings you into union with the purpose of God.

And may God bless you all.

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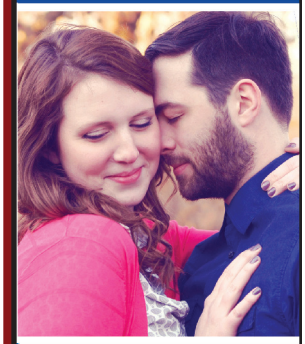
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