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November 2, 2025

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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.

Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

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Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 pm

to 3:45 pm

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THE COMMENCEMENT OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED—NOVEMBER 2, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 1

4:00 pm All Souls Day
All Deceased Parishioners & Families

Sunday, November 2

9:00 am All Souls Day
All Deceased Parishioners & Families
11:00 am All Souls Day
All Deceased Parishioners & Families

Monday, November 3

9:00 am Carole Rookey
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

Tuesday, November 4

9:00 am Legion of Mary Deceased Members
(St. Monica Mystical Rose Chapter)

Wednesday, November 5

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone
(Gerarda Fallone)

Thursday, November 6

9:00 am Stephen Trimboli
(Frank & Angie Trimboli)

Saturday, November 8

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

Sunday, November 9

9:00 am John & Maddy Vera
(Diane Herceg)
11:00 am Jean Alexander
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

To secure your Mass Intentions, contact the Parish Office.

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Readings for the Week – November 2, 2025

Monday Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

Sunday Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

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 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 22—SEPT 28, 2025

Weekly Offerings \$2,812.35

Online Giving (Not Available at time
of publishing)

Total \$2,812.35

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.

If anyone would like to donate a turkey or ham or adopt a family by providing a box of food for Thanksgiving please see the sign up sheets in the back of the church.



There are a number of maintenance items that need to be addressed in the church, some necessary to fulfill safety requirements (changing batteries in Fire Exits where needed, sticky doors, etc.)

If you are mechanically inclined and can spare a few hours to assist with the church repairs please contact the parish office at (732) 928-0279.

Thank you very much!



THE COMMENCEMENT OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED—NOVEMBER 2, 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

CALENDAR**Saturday, October 25**

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (LC)
 12:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Rosary
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 26**KofC Rib Sale**

- 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, October 27

- 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

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

Saturday, November 1

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (LC)
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 2

- 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass
 12:00 pm Women of St. Monica meeting LC

Monday, November 3

- 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, November 4

- 9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Flagpole Ceremony
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, November 5

- 9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Adoration
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, November 6

- 9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Walter Stemmler Memorial
 1:00 pm St. Matthew Bible Study
 7:00 pm OCIA Class

Saturday, November 8

- 9:30 am Grief Support Group (LC)
 3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass



**ELECTION DAY
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Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One of the small delights in life is to discover who the composer was for a quotation that you have liked for a long time. That happened for me as I sat down to write this reflection for this special day in the Church calendar, namely “All Souls Day.”

The words I have in mind are these: “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” Beautiful thought, is it not?

I found those words years ago on the reverse side of a memorial card for someone. But that placement did not acknowledge the author. Nevertheless, I have often used them on the occasion of a funeral. Only recently was the mystery solved, when Archbishop Wenski of Miami quoted them and cited the author. They are the thoughts of no less a person than the great fourth century bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose.



St. Ambrose, as a Doctor of the Church, fought tirelessly against the Arian heresy prevalent in his time. He also was the bishop who baptized his prized pupil, St. Augustine, after having instructed his famous convert in the Faith.

I also prefer to think of St. Ambrose as the presider at many a funeral in his diocese of Milan, where he led the prayers for his people, the survivors.

Not only did Ambrose hold dear the Church’s teaching about life after death, but he was also a sensitive soul attuned to the situation. His words come down to us as consolation for mourners at a funeral at any time and place. They also provide motivation for such people going forward with their lives. Remembrance of their lost loved one in such a way keeps them alive in their hearts.

Ambrose’ own priestly heart was grounded in a faith perspective of the world around him. His vigor in defending the authentic Church teaching against the prevalent heresy was also part of him as a leader. The words he wrote on the occasion of a funeral had to spring from his personal prayer life. Combined with his diligent studies and his role as a teacher, they come down to us as a practical part of his heritage.

No doubt Bishop Ambrose struggled, as we all do, to maintain our faith and equilibrium in the face of a loved one’s “passing.” He also knew the need to call on that faith when our hearts are broken. That is precisely because “we have loved them in life.”

Allow me to close these thoughts of mine with an invitation to think along with St. Ambrose and apply his words to all the faithful departed, known and unknown: “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.”

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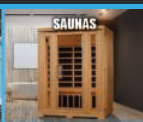
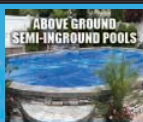
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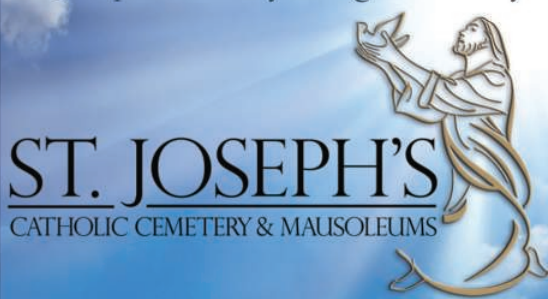
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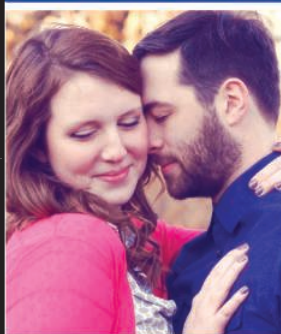
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