

## WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

If you have found that St. Monica's may be your next spiritual home, we would be delighted to get to know you better. Feel free to call or email Fr. Jonathan, as he would love to welcome you. Also, you can fill out our online form. Visit our website at: [www.stmonicasnaples.org](http://www.stmonicasnaples.org). Under "I'm New", you'll find the form.

### NEW THIS WEEK

#### TIME TO DECORATE

The Flower Guild is asking for helpers to put up the Christmas Tree and all the decorations! We are gathering on **Sunday; December 17<sup>th</sup>** right after the 10am service! We hope you'll come join in on the fun!

#### THE FLOWER GUILD IS LOOKING

The flower guild is looking for help! Right now, we only have 2 ladies that beautify the Church every weekend with the flowers you see each weekend on the Altar. We would like to grow this team! You do not need any experience as we will train you. It only takes a couple hours of your time on Saturday mornings. The task isn't hard, and we are always open to questions and willing to help. To find out more, or join the Flower Guild call Sharon Lapierre at 920.204.4165 or you can email at [Sharon-lapierre@comcast.net](mailto:Sharon-lapierre@comcast.net).

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & GREENS

Donations are being accepted for the greenery and poinsettias that will decorate & beautify St. Monica's for our Christmas celebrations. You can send in your dedication by using the form enclosed or on our website at: <https://www.stmonicasnaples.org/giving> then click on "Christmas Flowers and Greenery", or simply use your smartphone to scan the QR code on the backside of this sheet.

#### FULLFILLING YOUR PLEDGE

**Thank you all for your generosity to our shared mission and ministries at St. Monica's!** Our Director of Finance will be sending you all a statement soon so that you can make sure you fulfill your remaining pledge. The 2023 tax statements will go out in January 2024. Please watch your email. If you do not have an email, we will send yours through the US mail.

### ONGOING NEWS

#### GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Women of St. Monica's are accepting gift cards from Walmart and Target to distribute to the Highlands Elementary School. Our vestry member, Jenny Wise, is a teacher there and helps with the distribution of the cards to the most in-need children to help them have a little brighter Christmas. We ask that you purchase gift cards of \$10 value since we want to distribute them to a large number of children. All cards must be in the church office by December 13th. Last year's response to this event was a huge success. Let's share our blessings with these children!

#### MAKING OUR CHURCH OUR HOME

With your coins, we want to beautify our church, making our church our home. Please take one, fill it up, and bring it to church!

#### HEALING MINISTRY

We look forward to resuming our healing ministry this weekend, the third Sunday of each month. This will include healing prayers for those who desire it, just after taking communion.

#### AFTER CHURCH CLASS

All are invited an "After Church Class" in the library. We will watch brief videos and have rich discussion. We will begin by exploring a series on the transformative power of giving thanks with Diana Butler Bass.

#### MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Meetings are Mondays at 9am. We are now reading *Mere Christianity*, by C.S. Lewis. Please contact Ed Strong if you would like to find out more: [estrongjr@gmail.com](mailto:estrongjr@gmail.com) or 267.250.4576

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## MISIÓN PENIEL IN IMMOKALEE

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Misión Peniel is a pastoral ministry that provides food, clothing, fellowship, and emergency support to farmworkers in Immokalee, Florida. This ministry works with people of faith and compassion to act with farmworkers to achieve fundamental change in their living and working conditions while increasing public awareness of the need for bridge building. We will be collecting in our “shopping cart” the following items:

- Tennis shoes
- Non-Perishable Food
- Work boots (*men and women*)
- Personal Hygiene
- Diapers (*sizes 4,5,6 only*)

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## OLD TESTAMENT CLASS - LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE

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The Hebrew Scriptures also known as the Old Testament's class, meet on Fridays at 1pm located at Doug Ball's home. Members can get the address by logging into the directory (look under the name Dowd) or contacting Doug directly at [dcdoug@aol.com](mailto:dcdoug@aol.com).

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## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

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St. Monica's now has a Faith Community Nurse, Susan Docimo, R.N. Her ministry will include serving as a health counselor, educator, advocate, and liaison. She will also help you to promote a healthy relationship between faith, health, attitudes, and lifestyle choices through bulletin articles and health education programs.

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## GET MORE INFORMATION, UPDATES AND NEWS FROM ST. MONICA'S

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Be sure to sign up to get our announcements, news, and alerts in your email. We send the eNews every Thursday at 5pm and it provides detailed information and photos. To sign up, visit our website at:

<https://www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-eneews>

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## eNEWS UPDATE

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We have now updated our eNews to make it easier to recognize the new messages from the repeated messages. We have also changed the “weekly” birthday and anniversary to list the monthly. I hope this helps those that plan and can wish their friends a wonderful day on their special day. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the eNews – feel free to notify the office and we will certainly take it into consideration.

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## PRAYERS

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It is our privilege to pray for our sisters and brothers. If you would like to have prayer for a family member, a friend, or yourself, please let us know by visiting:

[www.stmonicasnaples.org/this-weeks-prayer-list](http://www.stmonicasnaples.org/this-weeks-prayer-list)  
or contact:

Prayer List (Bulletin)	Prayer Chain (Email Chain)
Terri Tack	Colleen Rossomando
239.593.9429	239.253.6718
<a href="mailto:ttack3@yahoo.com">ttack3@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="mailto:perkycolf@gmail.com">perkycolf@gmail.com</a>

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## PASTORAL

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If you go to or are going into the hospital, or your spouse, partner, or family member is experiencing a pastoral or health care issue, please call the Rev. Jonathan W. Evans at 786.450.5704.

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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*December 3 – December 9*

12/4	Jan Ward	12/8	Pat Murphy
12/8	Len Koch	12/8	Gordon & Ruth Macdonald

Please contact us at [administrator@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:administrator@stmonicasnaples.org) to update our records if we missed you.

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## Christmas Flowers and Greens QR Code:



### How to use:

- 1: With your smartphone, open your camera as if you are going to take a picture.
- 2: Point the camera at the QR code and center the box in your camera.
- 3: Hold still and once the camera is able to focus on the code, a link box will appear.
- 4: Click on the link and the flower dedication page will be there.

NOTE: Never trust any QR codes unless you know it's safe and internet connection is required.