

Announcements

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4 and 5, 2021

WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

If you have found that St Monica's is the place for you, 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. Under the "I'm New" tab, you'll find the form "New Member Form."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec 12	Lessons and Carols	4:00 PM	Dec 25	Christmas Service	10:00 AM
Dec 24	Family Service	4:30 PM	Dec 26	Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
Dec 24	Holy Eucharist	9:00 PM	Jan 1	New Years Day	No Service / Office Closed

LESSONS AND CAROLS

St. Monica's Episcopal Church - Sixth Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the season in scripture and song! The Service features St. Monica's Choir and Handbell Choir accompanied by professional orchestral musicians. You may attend in person or via Live Stream. A reception follows the Service in the Parish Hall – All are Welcome!

CHRISTMAS THEMED SOCIAL HOUR – SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 AT 5 PM

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 5:00 pm service on Saturday, December 11 for a Christmas-themed social hour. We will have a pot-luck celebration of light snacks, both sweet and savory. Water, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. Please feel free to bring food and other beverages, including wine to share. Single-serve portions are not required. As usual, the refrigerator, freezer, and microwave will be available, but the stove and oven will not. If you are available to help set up, we will meet at 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to help by serving during the celebration or cleaning afterward, please email Ann Hoffman at anhoffman4@comcast.net or text her at 239-404-4227 to let her know.

GUEST SOLOIST MICHELLE DECOSTE RETURNS TO ST. MONICA'S

Michelle DeCoste will bless St. Monica's Services this weekend (December 4 and 5) at both the 5:00 pm and 10:00 am Services of Holy Eucharist. She will also be singing with St. Monica's Choir for our Service of Advent Lessons and Carols on December 12 at 4:00 pm. Soprano Michelle DeCoste is a highly sought-after professional soloist specializing in opera and concert work. Distinguishing herself in the classical and musical theatre genres, she has become known for her vocal range and dramatic flair. Recently she performed the role of Mimí in Puccini's opera *La Bohème* with One World Symphony Orchestra in New York City. Michelle has also appeared with many regional companies in the US northeast including Barn Opera, Southern Vermont Lyric Theatre, Bennington Choral Society, and New Rochelle Opera. In Italy, she has performed with the Ravello Concert Society and the Amalfi Coast Music Festival. Michelle enjoys performing soprano soloist for seasonal concert works including Handel's *Messiah* and Bach's *Weihnachts-Oratorium (Christmas Oratorio)*, among others. Michelle enjoys performing contemporary works and was a featured soloist at Merkin Concert Hall, NYC debuting *Two Songs for Soprano* by American Broadway composer Jed Feuer (*Big Bang, Eating Raoul*). Michelle is thrilled to be featured regularly as a guest National Anthem vocalist for Major & Minor League Baseball including the Miami Marlins, Philadelphia Phillies, and Fort Myers Mighty Mussels.

MEAT DRIVE FOR FEED THY NEIGHBOR

Feed Thy Neighbor provides about 500 meals per day to the hungry in our community. Most of these meals come from our own kitchen! As Feed Thy Neighbor relies completely on donations, we will be hosting a Meat Drive before church services on December 11 (4:30-5:00) and December 12 (9:30 to 10:00). Frozen meat is preferred.

YOU ARE INVITED

We will have an **ALL GENERATIONS event**: all those who young, old, and in between are invited to help serve at the **Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida** on **December 18th**, from 8:30 to 11:30 am at 3940 Prospect Ave, Naples, FL 34104. We will mostly be sorting food. The younger ones may also help in creative ways. Please contact Fr. Jonathan Evans to sign up!

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETINGS

- **Contemplative Prayer**.....Wednesdays, 11 AM ➤ **MEETING ID:** 695 166 7392
- **Bible Study**.....Fridays, 9:30 AM ➤ **PASSCODE:** 7070
- **Daughters of the King**.....Monthly 1st and 3rd Monday, 7 PM

To join a Zoom meeting, visit link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6951667392> or call one of these three numbers:
(301) 715-8592 (312) 626-6799 (929) 204-6099

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 4, 2021

If you have a birthday or an anniversary this week and your name does not appear, please contact us at: administrator@stmonicasnaples.org so we can add you. We don't want to miss out on your special day!

BIRTHDAYS

12/6 Jerry Hill	12/7 Amy Graebner	12/8 Leonard Koch
12/7 David Lounsbury	12/8 Grace Parker	12/11 Martin Sinnott

ANNIVERSARIES

12/6 John and Jennifer Matts	12/8 Gordon and Ruth Macdonald
12/7 Jack and Yanielle Griffin	12/11 Kenneth and Donna Charnley

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Pastoral Needs and Emergencies If you are going into the hospital, or your spouse, partner, or family member is experiencing a pastoral emergency, **please call Fr. Jonathan Evans at (786) 540-5704.**

Prayer List and Prayer Chain 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. To be added to our prayer list, please contact **Terri Tack** at (239) 593-9429 or ttack3@yahoo.com To be added to our chain, please contact **Colleen Rossomando** at: (239) 352-6887 or perkycolfl@gmail.com

LET US PRAY...

Our Parish Family: Phil Baker, Sue Baker, Doug Ball, Nancy Beaupré, Susann Benson, the Benson family, Leon and Eula Burrows, Aden Chalick, Steve Corey, Bob DesJardin, Debby Edmonds, Joyce Gebhardt, Tom Gibson, Nancy Hennel and family, Pat Kearns, **Sharon Lapierre and family**, Diana Lee, Ralph and Margaret Miano, Al Neuner, Connie Potts, Jim Sacroni, Priscilla Sandler, Nancy Scofield, Betsy Smith, Mary Sprague, Terri Tack, George Traicoff, Butch Yarusevich, **Donna Luzzi and family**, and all those who have requested anonymity.

Family and Friends of Our Parish: Anthony, David Anuta, the Baker family, Kevin Bennett, Beverly Black, Jo-Ann Blatt, Bobby, Cristobal Borbor, Emma Braun, Kevin Brown, Raymond Butera, Karen C, Tony Champ, Joyce Coryea, Arline Coston, Steve Dunn, Regina Fournier, Margaret Gates, Caleb Gebhardt, Bob and Kristen Gentzel, Donna Gentzel, Joey Gentzel, Sarah Goebel, LeAnn Gomez, Lydia Gomez, Bob Harold, Lisa Herrlich, Gayle Higley, Sam Hood, the Infozino family, Charlie and Joanne, Dorie Johnson, **Michaela Jones**, Dell Kintiner, Bruce Kippenhan, John Lazara, Andy Mattox, Laurie May, David McCurdy, the Mitchell family, Lucille Moss, Dianne Murphy, Barbie Myrick, Frank Napolitano, Joe Napolitano, George Nelson, Nora, Diane O'Neil, Sue Pawlowski, the Perkins family, Agatha Pope, Tom and Yvonne Powers, Joe Randazzo, Martha Reaney, Kelly Rhoades, Paula Roberts, Carol Roman, Ginny and Dick Rossi, Peggy Royce, Rebecca Ruppert, Ken Salkeld, **Lynelle and Tom Scullard**, Mariola Shuler, Deana Smart, Barbara Swidler, Ali Tabrizchi, Karyn Terry, Mark Thiel, the Thorn family, Scott Velky, **Mary Vesper and family**, Robert Weyers, Warren Wilson, Kurt Winsellmann, Alan Yarusevich Jr, Virginia Yost, Diane's Aunt, and all those who have requested anonymity.

Those Who Are Serving Our Country: Katie Coston, Noah Evans, Sal Filardi Jr, Dane Grauer, Devin Harrity, Emma McHenry, Kate McHenry-Evans, Schaeffer McHenry-Grauer, Troy Nelson, Tristan Pate, James Pyles, Doug Ross, Drew Scullard, Daniel Williams, and Peter Witte.

* NAMES IN **BOLD PRINT** ARE NEWLY ADDED THIS WEEK