

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

## News this Week - July 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Please welcome The Rev. Tara McGraw as our guest celebrant this week.

#### Saturday and Sunday Holy Eucharist Services

St. Monica's is offering a Saturday Holy Eucharist Rite II in-person service at 5:00 PM & a Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II in-person service at 10:00 AM. *All Are Welcome!* Per the CDC guidelines, if you are **FULLY** vaccinated, you have the option to wear your mask, it is no longer a requirement. However, if you are not fully vaccinated, masks must be worn, and social distancing must be maintained when inside St. Monica's buildings.

### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us, be it in person or online. Please take this opportunity to check out our website at [www.StMonicasNaples.org](http://www.StMonicasNaples.org) While visiting our site, if you are new, please fill out the visitor's form. You will find that under "I'm New". Thank you for joining us!

### 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 & let you know that transferring your membership is simple! Simply fill out our online form to start the process. Visit our website at: [www.StMonicasNaples.org](http://www.StMonicasNaples.org). Under the "I'm New" tab, you'll find the form "New Member Form".

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

#### THIS WEEK

##### SATURDAY

5:00 PM

- Usher Mary Gentzle
- Lector Jim Sarconi
- Altar Guild Donna Janosec-Luzzi

##### SUNDAY

10:00 AM

- Usher Bob Boyden
- Lector Joan Lazarus
- Altar Guild Linda Duffy
- Camera Team Matt Devlin / Ray Lapierre

#### NEXT WEEK

for JULY 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

##### Saturday

5:00 PM

- Usher Mary Gentzle
- Lector Ann Hoffman
- Altar Guild Kathy & Beau Crevier

##### Sunday

10:00 AM

- Usher Bob Boyden
- Lector Suzanne Bodley
- Altar Guild Sandra Kilmon
- Camera Team Matt Devlin & Ray Lapierre

### CELEBRATION TIME - OUR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

We hope that we did not miss *YOUR* special day! If you have a birthday or an anniversary this week & your name does not appear, please contact us at: [administrator@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:administrator@stmonicasnaples.org) so we can add you! We don't want to miss out on your special day!!



#### BIRTHDAYS

7/12	Carole Lusby	7/16	Steve Nolan
7/14	Ann Smith	7/16	Marcia Pardue
7/14	Jenny Wise	7/16	Marisa Votapek
7/15	Bryce Marra	7/17	Jeanne Reid
7/15	Irene Nolan	7/17	Phillip Rigby
7/16	Leon Burrows		



#### ANNIVERSARIES

7/11	Philip & Jeanne Reid
7/13	James & JoAnn Sarconi



*Celebrate*

#### BELATED ANNIVERSARY

7/4	Richard & Linda Rumpf
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## PLEASE WELCOME THE REV. TARA MCGRAW

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*The Rev. Tara McGraw* will be with us this Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM, Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM as well as next Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM, Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM. The Rev. Tara McGraw+ is a retired Episcopal priest, canonically resident in our diocese. She is a former rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here in Naples, following a dual assignment as Vicar of Church of the Resurrection and Associate Rector of St. Paul's. Tara+ has a Masters in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. She experienced a definitive call to the priesthood during a sabbatical from 16+ years as a corporate transactions attorney. Prior to ordination, she was also an officer of a NYSE-traded company. She has a Juris Doctorate and a Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Miami.



If there are any pastoral care or emergencies during the month of July as we transition, please contact the office (239) 591-4550 or reach out to The Rev. Jean Hite. (239) 980-0912 / [jeanhite@gmail.com](mailto:jeanhite@gmail.com)

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## ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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### Pastoral Needs & Emergencies

If you are going into the hospital, or your spouse, partner, or family member is experiencing a pastoral or health care emergency, please call The Rev Jean Hite at ( 239 ) 980-0912.



### Prayer List/ Prayer Chain

It is our Christian duty to pray for our sisters & brothers. If you would like to have prayer for a family member, a friend, or even yourself please let us know.

To be added to our prayer list, please contact **Terri Tack** at: ( 239 ) 593-9429 or [ttack3@yahoo.com](mailto:ttack3@yahoo.com).

To be added to our chain, please contact **Colleen Rossomando** at : ( 239 ) 352-6887 or [perkycolfl@gmail.com](mailto:perkycolfl@gmail.com).

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## LET US PRAY....

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### Our Parish Family

Sue Baker, Doug Ball, Nancy Beaupré, the Benson family, Susann Benson, Leon/Eula Burrows, Aden Chalick, Al Ciano, Lorraine Ciano, Steve Corey, Sonya Delgado, Joan Fuggi, Joyce Gebhardt, Nancy Hennel & family, Pat Kearns, Ray Lapierre, Diana Lee, Ralph/Margaret Miano, Al Neuner, Connie Potts, Jim Sacroni, Priscilla Sandler, Nancy Scofield, Mary Sprague, **Lynn Swendmen**, Terri Tack, George Traicoff, Butch Yarusevich, & all those who have requested anonymity.

### Family & Friends of Our Parish

Anthony, Kevin Bennett, Richard Benson, Jo-Ann Blatt, Emma Braun, Kevin Brown, Karen C, Tony Champ, Charlie/Joanne, Joyce Coryea, Arline Coston, Dennis Doiron, Regina Fournier, Margaret Gates, Caleb Gebhardt, Bob/Kristen Gentzel, Donna Gentzel, Joey Gentzel, Sarah Goebel, LeAnn Gomez, Lydia Gomez, Lisa Herrlich, Sam Hood, Rosanne Ierardi, the Infozino family, Dorie Johnson, Dell Kintiner, Janine Lauria, Frank Luzzi & family, Laurie May, David McCurdy, Megan, the Mitchell family, Lucille Moss, Dianne Murphy, Barbie Myrick, Frank Napolitano, George Nelson, Nora, Tom P., Sam Palencia, Sue Pawlowski, TJ Payton, Jace Perkins, Kristen/Teagan Perkins, Susan Pilc, Tom/Yvonne Powers, Kathy Probst, Elliot Ralston, Joe Randazzo, Martha Reaney, Kelly Rhoades, Carol Roman, Ginny/Dick Rossi, Peggy Royce, Rebecca Ruppert, Mariola Shuler, Deana Smart, Barbara Swidler, Ali Tabrizchi, Karyn Terry, Mark Thiel, the Thorn family, Scott Velky, Warren Wilson, Kurt Winsellmann, Alan Yarusevich Jr, Virginia Yost, Virginia Yost, & 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, Schaeffer McHenry-Grauer, Troy Nelson, Tristan Pate, James Pyles, Doug Ross, Drew Scullard, Daniel Williams, Peter Witte.

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

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## OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETINGS

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- **Contemplative Prayer.....**Wednesdays, 11 AM ➤ **MEETING ID:** 695 166 7392
- **Bible Study.....**On Vacation – WILL RESUME AT A LATER DATE ➤ **PASSCODE:** 7070
- **Daughters of the King.....**Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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### LIFE LINE SCREENING THIS WEEK

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Taking preventive steps such as making lifestyle changes and getting health screenings may help you avoid a stroke or other serious health events in the future. Early intervention is important.

If you are over fifty and have diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure or if you have a family history of stroke or heart disease, you may be at risk, even if you feel great. In fact, four out of five people who suffer a stroke have no apparent symptoms and nearly 30% of strokes occur under the age of 65. The good news is that according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Life Line Screening will help you find out if you are at risk, so you and your doctor can take the next steps and be proactive about your health.

**Where:** St. Monica's Episcopal Church

**When:** Monday, July 12, 2021

Pre-registration is required. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests + Osteoporosis from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). The screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount please call 1-888-653-6450 or text CIRCLE to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

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### ST MONICA'S FACEBOOK PAGE "BIBLE QUIZ" & ANSWER

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Did you know that we have a Facebook page & we are on Instagram? Check them out!

**FACEBOOK:** [www.FaceBook.com/StMonicasNaples](http://www.FaceBook.com/StMonicasNaples)

**INSTAGRAM:** [www.Instagram.com/StMonicasNaples](http://www.Instagram.com/StMonicasNaples)



We will start asking simple, but fun bible question on our facebook page sometime during the week to have you, your family & friends to answer. We will drop a "Hint" and this will allow you to find the answer in the Bible. This is a simple, but fun way to open our bibles, discover something new or remind us of a story we once heard. Share this with the people you know & have fun with it!

**THIS WEEKS QUESTION:**

**ANSWER:**

Who was it that had a quarrel against John the Baptist?

B: Herodias

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### PARISH LIFE IS RETURNING!

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**Volunteers  
Needed!**



**Social Hour Volunteers Needed!**

If we wish to continue this St. Monica's tradition, please email or contact Heidi Varsames at (239) 776-2173 to sign up to help on the Sunday 10am Coffee Hour, or you may reach out to Ann Hoffman to help with the Saturday 5PM Social Hour at (239) 404-4227 which will be held on the first Saturday of each month starting on August 7<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board outside of the kitchen in the Parish Hall.

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### BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER VACATION

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The bible study group that meets on Fridays at 9:30AM is currently taking a summer vacation. Please watch the announcements to know when the Bible Study group returns. Have a great summer!

Dear Fellow Parishioners of Saint Monica's Episcopal Church,

Have you heard the good news? The Reverend Jonathan W. Evans has been called and has accepted the call to be our new Rector. Father Evans will begin his ministry with us on Monday, August 2nd. He is well known to us, and he knows us well. It is a great fit!

Having interviewed Fr. Jonathan in depth, the Vestry is excited about the possibilities before us. His understanding of our community, his love for us, and his enthusiasm are hard to be contained. We look forward to his leadership, as he is filled with hope and vision for all our ministries.


We need to create a partnership with our new shepherd, Father Evans, as he helps us emerge from the pandemic, and "Prepare the Way" for his arrival and his ministry. Father Evans needs to be totally focused on moving forward and renewing our mission and dedication to do the work he has been called to do. St. Monica's needs to be free from the financial constraints which currently restrict our ability to be fully engaged in God's work. Currently, we are anticipating a 2021 deficit of \$80,000.00. We are praying that our congregation can come together with financial support. For those who have not completed their 2021 pledge, this would be an opportune time. For those who have not pledged to do so now. For those who have fulfilled their pledge to give an additional contribution in order to eliminate this deficit. We need Fr. Evans to concentrate on our spiritual and pastoral needs, not a financial deficit, as we gradually come out of the COVID era.

This campaign's intent is to prepare the church to welcome Father Evans with a balanced budget, not a budget deficit. The biggest challenge we give to our new Rector should not be an unbalanced budget. Those of you who did pledge for 2021, perhaps you can find a way to increase that pledge or catch up if you are behind. Some of you pledged for 2020, but not for 2021. We need you to answer the call this time. Others hopefully will consider a pledge or a one-time payment to help "Prepare the Way".

As part of Saint Monica's family, we are appealing for your pledge of support for Father Evans' ministry as he continues to do God's work on our behalf. Time is critical, if we are going to truly commit to "Prepare the Way" you will need to respond by July 30. Then come to a service on the weekend of August 6 and welcome him as the Rector of St. Monica's.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

*The Stewardship Committee*



*Prepare the Way 2021*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will share from God's abundance in our lives, & I/we are committed to support God's mission through the ministry of St. Monica's Episcopal Church.

**To help Prepare the Way we offer: (Check One)**

A New Pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year.

A One-Time Contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Cor 9:8 NIV

PS: Feel free to fill out the attached pledge card to either mail to St. Monica's or drop it in the offering plate.

If you prefer, you are welcome to visit our website at <https://www.stmonicasnaples.org/giving> & click on the "Prepare the Way" pledge form link to fill in this form electronically & securely send in your contribution.

If you have any questions, call our Treasurer; Ray Lapierre at (920) 251 - 3489 or email him at: [rlapierre@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:rlapierre@stmonicasnaples.org).