
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. Under "I'm New", you'll find the form.

NEW THIS WEEK

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR

I hope you stayed safe during the tropical storm. If you missed the notice about Sunday's service cancellation, join our eNews at www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-news. I'll be in Atlanta for my uncle Lewis's funeral—please keep my family and him in your prayers. Rev. Kathy Schillreff will be celebrating and preaching this weekend. For my full message, please be sure to read our eNews that goes out every Thursday at 5pm!

LECTOR MINISTRY INVENTION

Anyone who would like to become a Lector for the Saturday 5pm service is welcome! This role generally involves reading once a month, and occasionally twice. I'm currently organizing the Sept-Dec schedule. If you're interested, please contact Frank Dowd at DCFRANK@AOL.com or call me — my home number is in the parish directory. Thanks!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Exciting News! The Vestry has been crafting a dynamic strategic plan for St. Monica's future, with a big focus on your participation. Discover how you can be part of this journey and what exciting steps lie ahead. Read the full story in our eNews!

T-SHIRTS ARE ALMOST GONE - BUT...

We only have a few sizes left (S and L) If your size is unavailable, you may conveniently order online at www.floridaycreations.com/stmonicas for direct delivery. They do cost a bit more online due to shipping cost. All proceeds benefit St. Monica's Episcopal Church.

LEAD OUR SUNDAY GREETING TEAM

We want to thank Mrs. Ann Hoffman for her many years of dedicated service as the Sunday Greeters Leader. With her stepping down, we need a new leader for this ministry. As the leader, you'll coordinate the schedule by working with the Sunday lector team. We can provide training and guidance. If interested contact Laura, our Parish Administrator. Read the full message in the eNews for more details!

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES LUNCHEON

We'll be meeting up at Doug's Seafood this coming **Monday, Aug 12, at 12:30pm**. You can find it at 3411 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - NOCHE CUBANA

On **Saturday, September 14 at 6pm**, we will have a "Noche Cubana" in our Parish Hall. We will enjoy authentic Cuban food prepared by Padre Gerardo's family. Additionally, we will hear one of our new parishioners, Everton Azevedo, play guitar for us!

www.youtube.com/@EvertonVidalAzevedo

Donations will be accepted and go to support our Latino ministries.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our group is reading *A Different Way; Recentering the Christian Life Around Following Jesus* by Christopher A. Hall in the conference room at 9:30am Monday mornings. Please join us. If you have any questions contact our leader, Ed Strong at estrongjr@gmail.com. Reading assignments can be found in the Constant Comment sent out every Monday Morning at 7am ET. To be added to the notification notices sent out every Monday morning, send your information to Deacon Ken at Ken@stmonicasnaples.org.

MISION PENIEL

We have scheduled another workday at Mision Peniel for **Friday, August 23** from 2:00pm to 6:30pm. We will meet at St. Monica's at 1:15 to carpool. This is a rich experience, distributing food and clothing to those in need. Please contact Debbie Corey for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

We are currently on a summer break and not meeting. However, we will resume our gatherings after Labor Day. We invite you to join us on **Friday, Sept. 6**, at 9 am in the Library. Whether you are a familiar face or new, we would love to have you with us. We enjoy starting our time together with a light breakfast snacks, followed by a time of fellowship and reflection on the word. We look forward to seeing you there!

THREE NEW RENTERS

We are happy to announce that we have three new renters at St. Monica's. BNI, a business networking group, returned to us last month. They meet on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall. On Saturdays, from 9:00am-3:00pm, a Messianic Synagogue, El Ahava, will use the Parish Hall and the kitchen space. And the third group is a youth fencing academy that will meet in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Mon, Wed and Fri. Our relationships with these groups give us visibility in the community as well as help us with the costs of maintaining our buildings. They are a vital part of the ministry of St. Monica's.

BABY BASICS

St. Monica's has been active with Baby Basics of Collier County for many years supplying those in need with free diapers. During this time, we have been very fortunate that Steve Popper and Meals of Hope have been housing our diapers at their warehouse. However, Meals of Hope is growing and they need all of their space for their charitable mission. The good news though, Fr. Jonathan offered space here at St. Monica's to continue our mission for Baby Basics. We will be using some of the closet space in the Parish Hall. This will help us tremendously! We are excited to have the diapers housed here at the church!

PRAYERS

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

HEALING MINISTRY

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

PASTORAL

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 Fr. Jonathan at 786.450.5704.

HELP US KEEP ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to find and wear your name tags, as it allows visitors and other parishioners to not only recognize you by name but allows the office to note your attendance which is a requirement for the Diocese. As you leave the church, please leave them in the baskets toward the back doors and they will be placed back on the board for pickup the following weekend.

WAYS TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME

- Sign up for hosting coffee hour - we will train you. Just call or email the office.
 - Learn how to do wonders with flowers serving our flower guild.
 - Learn the prayerful experience of serving in the altar guild.
- Give of your time by help with small administrative tasks, answering phones and greeting visitors.

MAKING OUR CHURCH OUR HOME

We need your help to make our church home more beautiful and welcoming. Please take a coin collection cup from the back of the church, fill it with your spare change and bring it to church. Thank you.

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

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-enevs>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 11 - 17, 2024

8/11 Kathy Connelly

8/17 Ralph Pike

8/14 Michael and Susan McCampbell

CONSIDER A BEQUEST!

Your thoughtful Will should be the cornerstone of your estate plan. A Will give form and substance to your thoughtful concern for the future of your family and other beneficiaries. A Will represents a person's final wishes and intentions. After providing for your loved ones, please consider one final testament of faith through a bequest in your Will or living trust that will prove an enduring foundation for our mission.

We would be happy to provide instructions to your legal advisor.

- ◆ **Specific Bequest:** You may leave a percentage of your estate or a fixed dollar amount using cash, securities or property.
- ◆ **Residuary Bequest:** You may gift the remaining balance of your estate after all specified distributions are made and obligations have been satisfied.
- ◆ **Contingent Bequest:** You may gift your estate if one or more beneficiaries does not survive the benefactor.



Simply contact St. Monica's at finance@stmonicasnaples.org