

Announcements

Sept 28 and 29, 2024

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. 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

NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISRIES

We are excited to announce that we will have a new Director of Music Ministries, Carl Marucci. His first weekend will be November 9/10. His first choir practice is November 6. Carl is a deeply spiritual person with incredible talents. He will be a gift to our church! More information to follow.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING

Healthcare observations for the Eucharistic Visitor, join Susan Docimo, RN our Faith Community Nurse, on **October 6** at 11:10am, as she shares things you might encounter while on your visits and how best to manage it.

HELP SHAPE ST. MONICA'S

We're forming a Strategic Planning Committee to work with Fr. Jonathan and the Senior Warden. The committee will include seven congregational members and three Vestry members. Responsibilities include engaging the congregation, administering a survey, and maintaining confidentiality. For the full article, see the eNews.

ACOLYTING

Have you ever wanted to take part in the liturgy in a hands-on way? Please let Fr. Jonathan know, and you can be trained to be an acolyte.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON

For the next 3 Sundays' Cheri and I will be away. Cheri will be at a retreat and I will be checking in on my 99 year old aunt. The very last part of September and beginning of October, we will return to our previous Church home, St. David's Radnor Pennsylvania, and participate in their 173rd Church Fair. We will return on Sunday October 13. Blessings, Deacon Ken

LADIES LUNCHEON

We will be meeting at Jimmy P's on **October 14th at 12:30**. It is located at 1201 Piper Blvd., on the corner of Immokalee Rd and Airport across from Sam's Club. We are not going to meet at the new Jimmy P's as planned because they are not open yet. This is the last lunch for the year. November and December is busy for everyone, so we will meet in the new year.

HEALING MINISTRY

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

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

You're invited to the workshops of Diocesan Convention on Oct 11. Our diocese is offering fascinating workshops, and convention is open to all who want to come. See more information and register at www.conventionswfl.org/workshops

PRESENTATION ON CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Join the Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida us for an evening with John Pavolitz: activist, storyteller and author of 7 books including "Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion when Cruelty is Trending." **October 22, 2024, 7:00 pm** Naples United Church of Christ 5200 Crayton Rd, Naples 34103.

DIOCESAN NEWS UPDATES

Stay connected with the heart of the Diocese through their bi-weekly E-newsletter Bridges which illuminates the community with stories of transformation, unity, and positive impact. This free newsletter is a testament to the vibrancy of our community, featuring uplifting tales from Diocesan House, our parishes, DaySpring, and our diocesan schools. <https://episcopalswfl.org/bridges-e-newsletter-subscription>

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

This ministry is launching soon and offering monthly communion to people in senior living facilities. Join our training sessions after the 10am service: Sept. 8 (Listening Training-Pt 1), Oct. 6 (Medically Aware as a Visitor), and Oct. 27 (Listening Training-Pt 2). For more details, see the full article in the eNews.

LECTOR MINISTRY INVITATION

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!

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 at the back doors and they will be placed back on the board for pickup the following weekend.

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

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.

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:

www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-eneews

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September 29–October 5, 2024

9/30 Phil Baker	10/2 Sue Baker
10/3 Frank Shrewsbury	10/3 Shirley Woolaway
10/2 John and Heidi Varsames	
10/3 Scott and Stacey McCurdy	