



Where Christ's Light Shines

# The Messenger

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Lent, Easter 2018

## Lent and Easter at St. Monica's All Are Welcome

February 13 - Annual Meeting - The Annual Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday - Traditional liturgy at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 6:30 p.m.  
Service of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

Weekly Services - Wednesdays at 11 a.m. - Contemplative Prayer followed by a Healing Eucharist at noon in the Chapel. Fridays at 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer in the Chapel. Saturdays at 5 p.m. - Holy Eucharist. Sundays at 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist.

March 24/25 - Palm Saturday/Sunday - This marks the beginning of Holy Week with Holy Eucharist services at 5 p.m., 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

March 27 - Tuesday of Holy Week - Holy Eucharist: A Time of Contemplation at 6:30 p.m.

March 29- Maundy Thursday - Simple supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes foot washing as well as Holy Eucharist.

March 30 - Good Friday - Traditional liturgy at 12 noon and at 6:30 p.m.

March 31 - The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:45 p.m. This is the first Holy Eucharist of Easter and begins with the lighting of the new fire.

April 1 - Easter Day - Holy Eucharist with music at 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:30 a.m. service.

May 13 - The Feast of St. Monica

May 20 - Pentecost

*Look inside for ways to help you observe a holy Lent.  
A complete description of Holy Week and Easter services is found inside.*

# From Our Rector-Elect...

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My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Terri and I were overjoyed when we heard the news that we were being called to serve alongside you, God's people of St. Monica's Episcopal Church in Naples. For some time, we have been prayerfully discerning the possibility that God may be calling us back to parish ministry. We cannot tell you enough how excited, energized, and grateful to God, we are to begin this new phase of ministry with you all. May I please encourage you to thank your faithful, prayerful, and discerning search committee and your vestry, who worked so hard to listen to God's leading throughout this process.

As your new priest, I would like to share with you a little about my ministry philosophy. As pastor, priest, and teacher, I believe the gifts God has given me for ministry are that of spiritual caregiver, sacramental leader, and coach, mentor, and teacher. I am at my best when I can spend time getting to know God's people, when I can help them see in themselves gifts they may not know they have, and when I can help you use those gifts for service. In addition, I believe my years of experience outside the church, working as an entrepreneur, and as a business and aviation professional I have been gifted for a return to parish ministry.

But let me say, the mission of the church and our effectiveness together as witnesses of God's grace does not happen by the efforts of one person; ministry is a team effort. We cannot be disciples alone and we cannot carry on Christ's ministry of reconciliation through the efforts of one alone.

## **Romans 12:4-13 (NLT)**

*For, just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

This text from Romans is one of the selected scriptures for the service of the "Celebration of a New Ministry," officiated by the bishop at the installation of a new Rector. The Apostle Paul penned these words over 2000 years ago, specifically for the church in Rome, to encourage, uplift, and challenge that emerging community of faith. This is one of my favorite excerpts from scripture, because it provides the church with a model, of how she is able to live out her mission of Christ's reconciliation in the world.

In the catechism of the Episcopal Church (found on page 855 of the Book of Common Prayer) it states, "the mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." Each of us at our baptism has been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit, to be used for mission and service. Each of us is unique, and each of us is gifted so together, we might "restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

You see, all of us together represent a rich tapestry of diversity of ethnicities, languages, orientations, generations, genders, and culture. Together, we are a church on a mission. St. Monica's Congregación Latina witnesses to our common commitment to serve all, welcome all, and to be a community that reflects God's beautiful creation. I look forward to learning from our Latino sisters and brothers, whom I pray will encourage me to grow as a priest. I will ask my sisters and brothers to tutor me, and help me face my anxiety and fears about my own novice Spanish language skills. Together we will grow in a deeper love of Christ and of one another.

Nonetheless, as God's people together, we gather throughout the week to fellowship, to learn, to grow, and to be prepared for mission. We gather on Sunday to give thanks to God for all that God has done in shaping his church for service. We are fed by the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we are taught the Word of God for strength, encouragement, and empowerment for mission, and then at the end of the service, we are dismissed into the world, so that we might witness to others the grace, mercy, love, and peace of God.

My sisters and brothers, as we begin this new chapter in the life of our mutual ministry together, mine and Terri's prayers will be that our shared ministry will be one in which, God's grace abounds, excitement and enthusiasm for local mission grows, and our love and hope is so obvious, that our neighbors and friends will join us on this journey of faith, growth, mission, and ministry.

Peace, Eric+

P.S. Please visit my blog where you can find a short bio, and an archive of my sermons, publications, and reflections. <http://ericcooter.com>



Mis queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Terri y yo nos regocijamos cuando escuchamos la noticia de que nos llamaban para servir junto a ustedes, el pueblo de Dios de la Iglesia Episcopal de Santa Mónica en Nápoles. Durante algún tiempo, hemos estado discerniendo en oración la posibilidad de que Dios nos llame al ministerio parroquial. No podemos decirles lo entusiasmados, energizados y agradecidos que están con Dios, debemos comenzar esta nueva etapa del ministerio con todos ustedes. Permítanme alentarlos a agradecer a su comité de búsqueda fiel, orante y exigente, ya su junta parroquial, quienes trabajaron arduamente para escuchar la guía de Dios a lo largo de este proceso.



Como su nuevo sacerdote, me gustaría compartir con ustedes un poco sobre mi filosofía de ministerio. Como pastor, sacerdote y maestro, creo que los dones que Dios me ha dado para el ministerio son los de cuidador espiritual, líder sacramental, y entrenador, mentor y maestro. Estoy en mi mejor momento cuando puedo dedicar tiempo a conocer a la gente de Dios, cuando puedo ayudarlos a ver en sí mismos los regalos que pueden no saber que tienen, y cuando puedo ayudarlos a usar esos obsequios para el servicio. Además, creo que mis años de experiencia fuera de la iglesia, trabajando como emprendedor, y como profesional de negocios y aviación he sido dotado para un retorno al ministerio parroquial.

Pero permítanme decir que la misión de la iglesia y nuestra efectividad juntas como testigos de la gracia de Dios no ocurren por los esfuerzos de una sola persona; el ministerio es un esfuerzo de equipo. No podemos ser discípulos solos y no podemos llevar a cabo el ministerio de reconciliación de Cristo a través de los esfuerzos de uno solo.

Romanos 12: 4-13 (NTV)

*Porque, así como cada uno de nosotros tiene un cuerpo con muchos miembros, y estos miembros no tienen todos la misma función, entonces en Cristo, aunque somos muchos, formamos un cuerpo y cada miembro pertenece a todos los demás. Tenemos diferentes dones, de acuerdo con la gracia otorgada a cada uno de nosotros. Si su regalo es profetizar, entonces profetice de acuerdo con su fe; si está sirviendo, entonces sirve; si está enseñando, entonces enseña; si es para alentar, entonces aliente; si es dar, entonces da generosamente; si es para conducir, hazlo diligentemente; si es para mostrar misericordia, hazlo alegremente.*

Este texto de Romanos es una de las escrituras seleccionadas para el servicio de la "Celebración de un nuevo ministerio", oficiada por el obispo en la instalación de un nuevo rector. El apóstol Pablo escribió estas palabras hace más de 2000 años, específicamente para la iglesia en Roma, para alentar, elevar y desafiar a esa emergente comunidad de fe. Este es uno de mis extractos favoritos de las Escrituras, porque proporciona a la iglesia un modelo, de cómo ella puede vivir su misión de reconciliación de Cristo en el mundo.

En el catecismo de la Iglesia Episcopal (que se encuentra en la página 855 del Libro de Oración Común) dice, "la misión de la iglesia es restaurar a todas las personas a la unidad con Dios y entre sí en Cristo". Cada uno de nosotros en nuestro bautismo recibió dones espirituales del Espíritu Santo, para ser usados para la misión y el servicio. Cada uno de nosotros es único, y cada uno de nosotros tiene el don tan unido que podríamos "restaurar a todas las personas a la unidad con Dios y entre sí en Cristo".

Verá, todos nosotros juntos representamos un rico tapiz de diversidad de etnias, idiomas, orientaciones, generaciones, géneros y cultura. Juntos, somos una iglesia en una misión. La Congregación Latina de Santa Mónica es testigo de nuestro compromiso común de servir a todos, darle la bienvenida a todos y ser una comunidad que refleje la bella creación de Dios. Espero aprender de nuestros hermanos y hermanas latinos, a quienes les ruego que me motiven a crecer como sacerdote. Les pediré a mis hermanas y hermanos que me den clases particulares y me ayuden a enfrentar mi ansiedad y mis temores acerca de mis propias habilidades novadas en el idioma español. Juntos creceremos en un amor más profundo de Cristo y de los demás.

No obstante, como pueblo de Dios juntos, nos reunimos durante toda la semana para tener comunión, aprender, crecer y estar preparados para la misión. Nos reunimos el domingo para dar gracias a Dios por todo lo que Dios ha hecho al dar forma a su iglesia para el servicio. Somos alimentados por el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo, y se nos enseña la Palabra de Dios para la fortaleza, el aliento y el empoderamiento para la misión, y luego, al final del servicio, somos despedidos en el mundo, para que podamos testificar a otros la gracia, la misericordia, el amor y la paz de Dios.

Mis hermanas y hermanos, mientras comenzamos este nuevo capítulo juntos en la vida de nuestro ministerio mutuo, la oración de Terri y la mía será que nuestro ministerio compartido será uno en el que la gracia de Dios abunda, la emoción y el entusiasmo por la misión local crezcan, y el amor y la esperanza son tan obvios, que nuestros vecinos y amigos se unirán a nosotros en este viaje de fe, crecimiento, misión y ministerio.

Paz, Eric +

PD Visite mi blog donde puede encontrar una breve biografía y un archivo de mis sermones, publicaciones y reflexiones. <http://ericcooter.com>

# *From Our Junior Warden. . .*

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WOW St. Monica's! Another successful campaign concluded in our continued quest to improve our church campus. The Blue Cup program as well as challenges from several of our very generous parishioners helped us reach the goal of \$20,000 for the renovation of our parish hall kitchen. As junior warden, I get great pleasure to be a part of this wonderful parish of St. Monica's. I appreciate your willingness to support our visions and allow us to reach our goals.

Now that the money is in the bank, we can begin to negotiate with restaurant equipment vendors for the purchase of commercial grade stoves, refrigerator, freezer, ice machine and more. These upgrades to our kitchen will give us the ability to hold functions in our parish hall more efficiently. We also plan to market our facility as a function hall for group meetings, special events, parties, to generate revenue in the future.

Hurricane Irma's ferocity took a toll on our campus infrastructure and grounds, none of which significantly affect the usual and regular utility of our facilities. Some repairs have been completed and we will continue our diligence in identifying and managing all necessary repairs. Because our members have been generous with donations, we were able to repair our roof, remove the trees that were unearthed and replace our sewage pump. A special thank you goes out to our youth for their help in moving storm related debris to the roadside for FEMA collection. We still need to repair some signs that are bent and repair damage to our entrance sign.

I hope that everyone has noticed the new pots and planted foliage at the entrance of our church building. These decorative pieces were purchased with funds from a generous donation from the Endowment Committee.

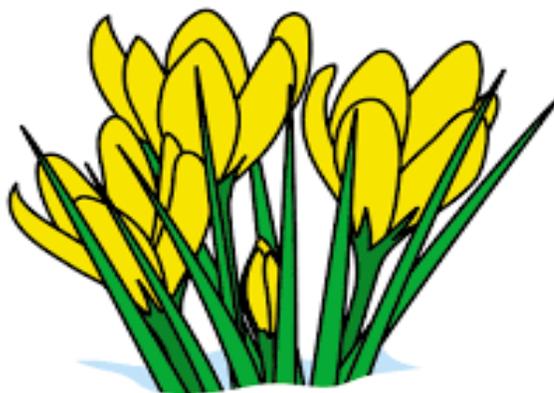
Unfortunately, the hedges (podocarpus) that define the memorial garden have developed a fungal disease which is killing the bushes. Our landscape company has replaced many of the bushes as well as the soil to try and eradicate this fungus but their efforts were not successful. It may be necessary to replace the podocarpus with a more disease resistant bush.

As we enter 2018, I hope that we can continue our visions of making St. Monica's a place of visual beauty and spiritual appeal. With this vision, we hope to attract our neighbors and friends to want to be a part of our faith community. It is your spirituality and generosity that we can accomplish our goals of growth and prosperity. During this period of our stewardship campaign and the calling of our new rector, keep St. Monica's in your prayers so that through your contribution and volunteering we can continue to make our goals a reality.

Happy Easter

Tom Coté

Junior Warden



# Farewell From Padre...

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Words are never enough to express what can only be described through acts of love. God has allowed me the honor of being with you for the last two years and ten months.

When Kathryn retired in 2016, I was scared. I did not know if I could really survive without her company. But some time ago, I learned a definition about courage that says: "*Courage is when only God and you know you are afraid.*" And so, I have been able to get ahead during the last 14 months: offering my fears to God and walking forward, trying to do my best in every situation and aware that to overcome myself, I must always be willing to learn.

The experiences and the memories lived are like eternal traces, sometimes sculpted by joy, others by stress, tears; others by peace, love, affection, but traces at the end ... Undeniable and unavoidable signs that we have walked together, we have dreamed together, and we have even been able to laugh at each other.

I'm leaving, but I'm not leaving ... I think it's impossible to escape from this place without leaving part of my heart and my memory tied to you. It is like not preaching in your last service, thinking that will help you to avoid all the emotions that are revealed and start to come out through your eyes ... and your nose ...

Although everything I'm saying sounds, looks and feels like a farewell, I would rather say this is an opportunity to strengthen our ties as companions on the road of life, as a family. After all, being church is about that, about expanding our family ties by creating new bonds of love and helping each other grow as human beings.

I'm leaving, but God does not move. Do not think for a moment that I was going to leave without telling you that Jesus Christ is the most extraordinary and real person you will ever meet in your life, and that I believe with all my heart, with all my mind and with all my strength that God has a great purpose for this community.

The time has come for me to say goodbye. But I want to honor many people in this community who intentionally or not, have been an inspiration for my ministry.

I honor the vestry of St. Monica's Episcopal Church because thanks to them, my family and I have permanent residence in this great country, which has opened the doors to a better future. God bless you always.

Kathryn Schillreff: When I look back and think about your nights of prayer, your questions to God, your techniques to be patient, your dedication, your hospitality, your generosity and your inevitable addiction to work, I realize that really you did not know what you were getting into when you invited me to come here! But I am so grateful that you have heard the voice of God and that you have taken the risk! I take many things from you to my new church ... Thank you forever.

Thanks to all those who gave me their sincere friendship (Sorry I don't have space to write all the names) ... Thank you Don Mc. Cleary and Barbara Metcalfe for your friendship, your service and advice. Thanks to all the volunteers that keep coming to put everything together and support this church. I've learn a lot from you!!

Thanks to all those who were brave and dared to tell me when my pronunciation was worse than normal. Thanks to those who, although they never told me that they liked my sermon, at least they gave me a smile.

Thank you, Linda, Betsy and Ron, for being the best staff in the world. Thank you for making me feel part of you. You have been more than coworkers, friends and colleagues in the ministry. If someone deserves to be honored, it is you. You will always find a place in my heart!

I do not intend to prolong my article with an endless list of thanks. Although I have good reasons to do so, my words are to be counted!

So, I say *Adiós*, St. Monica's! Every day I will be thinking of you.

With love,

Padre Hipolito+



# Liturgically Speaking...

## A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Palm Saturday/Sunday - March 24/25:** Palms will be blessed and distributed as we begin our worship in the church. We will hear the story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem in triumph. Our service will conclude with

a reading of the Passion according to Mark. Palms are waved, cloaks are spread. Jesus enters Jerusalem.



**Tuesday - March 27:** A Holy Eucharist will be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday - March 29:** This service begins at 5:30 p.m., with a shared meal, then continues to foot washing, and Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin *mandatum*, for the new commandment which Jesus gave on that night: "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13). This liturgy recalls the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples.

We share in the washing of feet and the institution of the Last Supper as a means of participating in Christ's new covenant with us, made in his final hours.

As the service draws to a close, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the chapel altar (the altar of repose), where it will remain until Good Friday services. You are invited to pray at this altar after the service or during the morning on Friday. The altar in the church is stripped, darkness descends. The church is empty and bare, symbolizing the desertion of Jesus by his followers. We depart in silence.

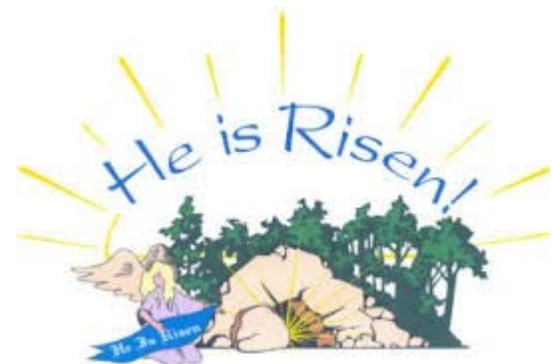
**Good Friday - March 30:** The Good Friday liturgy recalls and commemorates the death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The liturgy of the word and ancient prayers, the "Solemn Collects," frames the liturgy. Each worshiper is given the opportunity to come forward to make acts of devotion at the foot of the cross. The veneration of the cross in our liturgy is based on this ancient practice.

At the 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. services we hear the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of John, join in the solemn collects, and share the Eucharist from the reserved sacrament.

**The Great Vigil of Easter - Saturday, March 31:** This year the Vigil begins at 7:45 p.m. with the lighting of a new fire and the Paschal Candle. The light slowly engulfs the congregation. We hear the stories and promises of salvation from Hebrew scriptures. Jesus' resurrection is proclaimed, the lights come on and we process around our beautifully decorated church, ringing bells and singing "Alleluia!" We renew our baptismal promises, and we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. All of this points us toward the Light of the World, the Risen Jesus Christ. Bring a bell to ring at the "Alleluias."

**Easter - April 1:** Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. Jesus spoke to Mary and sent her to tell the disciples the good news - Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! The 9:30 a.m. service includes the flowering of the cross by the children and glorious anthems by our choir and guest musicians. An Easter Egg Hunt follows this service.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OF  
THESE SERVICES





# From the Endowment Committee...

## ST. MONICA'S ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REVIEW OF CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Your Endowment Committee thanks all new and repeat members of the Endowment Birthday Club who donated in 2017.

Sue Baker	Patrick Dearborn	Sandy Kilmon	Janet Ross
Doug Ball	Bob DesJardins	Sue Lemons	John Ross
Joan Blessing	Matt Devlin	Rankin Lusby	Hal Schillreff
Jeri Borchers	Frank Dowd	Ruth MacDonald	Kathy Schillreff
Steve Borchers	Jonathan Evans	Bill McCowen	Frank Shrewsbury
Bill Chairs	Luca Evans	Molly McCurdy	Susan Shrewsbury
Debbie Chairs	Linda Freund	Scott McCurdy	Betsy Smith
Al Ciano	Betty Gamel	Stacy McCurdy	Stephen Stafford
Lorraine Ciano	Constance Gaynor	Margaret Miano	Fred Swendeman
Debbie Corey	Islay Hedger	Ralph Miano	Lynn Swendeman
Donna Cote	John Hedger	Barbara Reiss	Ann Tabrizchi
Cooper Dearborn	Ann Hoffman	Bill Richards	Terri Tack
Lisa Dearborn	Ruth Kalwinsky	Ed Romatzick	Norm Williamson

Your contributions to the Birthday Club have helped to increase St. Monica's Endowment Fund to \$57,456 as of December 31, 2017. We hope when you receive an invitation to join the Birthday Club in 2018, you will consider becoming part of this most generous group. If you contributed to the Birthday Club in 2017 and your name is not listed, please let me know so I can make sure you are recognized for your gift. My email is [s.borchers@aol.com](mailto:s.borchers@aol.com).

**Friends of St. Monica's Endowment Fund:** The following individuals have contributed to the Fund in 2017 outside of the Birthday Club.

Ann Frazer	Ruth & Gordon MacDonald	Leila & Thomas Safford
John & Islay Hedger	Ralph & Margaret Miano	Curtis, Allen & Janenne Steiner
Lois Helwig	Elizabeth Oakleaf	Dawn & Mitchell Weis

**St. Monica's Legacy Society Members:** The following individuals have included St. Monica's in their estate planning or donated \$5,000 or more to the Endowment Fund since its inception.

Jeri & Steve Borchers	Susan & Tom Gibson	Tammi R. Pittaro
Dr. Ronald Doiron	Marjorie Keenoy	Hal & Kathy Schillreff
Jill & Steve Ducatman	Barbara Metcalfe	Bill & Betsy Smith
William & Ann Frazer	Margaret & Ralph Miano	Helen Strong
Betty Gamel		Fred & Lynn Swendeman

Please seriously consider a Legacy Planned Gift to our Endowment Fund in 2018. St. Monica's has blessed us with so much through its many ministries, let us pass on these gifts to those who will come after us. For more information on Planned Giving, please see St. Monica's website under Giving Ministry/Endowment Fund or contact any member of the Endowment Committee listed below.

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# From Our Music Director...

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## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Please consider joining our Music Ministry Family this year! Remember: **All are invited to participate! Seasonal and Easter singers are welcome now (see below)!** All you need is a willingness to rehearse and participate as we experience an incredible joy serving the liturgy and our parish through our shared music ministry. Below is a schedule for each group. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me at the church office. I hope to see you soon!

Dr. Ronald Doiron  
Director of Music Ministries

### ST. MONICA'S CHOIR

#### ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADULTS WELCOME!

Weekly choir rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. The Choir sings regularly for the 9:30 am Service on Sundays and sometimes at 5:00 pm on Saturdays.

A calendar and music schedule through the end of the season is now available. Please contact Dr. Doiron in advance at the Church Office or via email ([drdoiron@aol.com](mailto:drdoiron@aol.com) or [rdoiron@stmonicasneples.org](mailto:rdoiron@stmonicasneples.org)) so that a music folder and robe may be prepared for your use!

### ST. MONICA'S HANDBELL CHOIR

#### ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADULTS WELCOME

Weekly bell rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5:40 pm-6:40 pm. The Bells ring every 4-6 weeks for either the Saturday or Sunday Service

A calendar and music schedule through the end of the season is now available. Please contact Dr. Doiron in advance at the church office or via email ([drdoiron@aol.com](mailto:drdoiron@aol.com) or [rdoiron@stmonicasneples.org](mailto:rdoiron@stmonicasneples.org)) so that we may welcome you and determine your possible position in the handbell choir - no previous experience necessary!

### ATTENTION SEASONAL AND EASTER SINGERS!

Are you here for a month? Two months? Three months? Rehearsals have begun for Lent and Easter. Would you like to sing for Easter? If you are a "Seasonal Singer," or would like to sing for Easter, you are welcome to join the Choir when you arrive. Please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office or via email before you arrive so that a music folder and robe may be prepared for your use.

### ST. MONICA'S INSTRUMENTALISTS

We are blest to have many fine instrumentalists here at St. Monica's. If you play an instrument and would like to contribute your talents as part of our music ministry, please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office.



# More From Our Music Director...

Join St. Monica's *Friends of Music* this year!

## About the St. Monica's *Friends of Music*...

Designed as an outreach to the parish and the greater Naples community, our *Friends of Music* provide a means of supporting new choral and instrumental music programs presented on *St. Monica's Concert Series* and for enhancing special Sunday and holiday services with guest soloists and instrumentalists. In addition to memorial donations to the music fund, offerings received at future concerts, and the continued support of St. Monica's parishioners, our *Friends of Music* program is supported by specific tax-deductible donations throughout the year.

## How to join St. Monica's *Friends of Music*...

We always appreciate your support for our special programs through your attendance and any contributions in memory or in honor of loved ones to our Music Fund. However, we hope that you will also consider supporting plans for our 2016-2017 Concert Series by becoming a St. Monica's *Friend of Music*! Your tax deductible donation for 2016-2017 includes the following benefits:

### \$50 - \$99 - *Friend of Music Support*

- ◇ Preferred seating for all special concert and worship programs.
- ◇ Although gladly accepted, there is no sense of obligation to make additional contributions when attending special concert programs.

### \$100 - \$199 - *Friend of Music Angel*

- ◇ In addition to the benefits above, with your approval, your name will be listed as a *Friend of Music* in all concert series programs and you will be recognized publicly in the *Messenger* at the end of the season.
- ◇ Invitation to purchase tickets to attend a private champagne reception at the end of the season (details to be announced)

### \$200 - \$499 - *Friend of Music Benefactor*

- ◇ In addition to the benefits above, you and a spouse or guest are invited to attend a private champagne reception in April, 2017 (details to be announced)

### \$500 or more - *Friend of Music Benefactor Underwriter*

- ◇ In addition to the benefits above, you and your spouse or guest will be invited to attend a special dinner at the home of our Music Director, Dr. Ronald Doiron (details to be announced)

If you are ready now to join us as a 2017-2018 *Friend of Music*, please mail your tax deductible donation to: *St. Monica's Friends of Music*, 7070 Immokalee Road, Naples, Florida 34119 - or you may wish to leave your donation designated "Friends of Music" at the church office. Call the office if you wish to charge your donation.

Your questions or suggestions are greatly appreciated - please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office. We look forward to having you join us this year!

## St. Monica's *Friends of Music*

As of January, 2018

### Benefactor Underwriters

Phil and Sue Baker  
Marilynn Dessauer  
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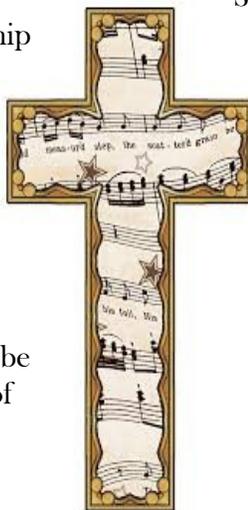
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# Community Involvement...



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY YOUR GIFTS BUILD HOPE AND DREAMS



### WILL YOU PARTICIPATE WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DURING LENT?

St. Monica's has a long history of supporting Habitat for Humanity. We have contributed money, hosted information gatherings and currently have members who are volunteering at Habitat. Once again during Lent we will focus on the work of Habitat and all the families who are waiting for affordable housing.

#### FACTS ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY

- \* 100% of Habitat homeowners are U.S. Citizens or legal residents who have lived or worked in Collier County for at least a year.
- \* Each prospective partner family undergoes an exhaustive application process verifying legal status, employment history, income verification, and both criminal and credit background.
- \* Each family invests 500 hours of "sweat equity".
- \* Families must complete classes including Budgeting, Family Support, and Home Maintenance.
- \* Houses are sold at cost with an interest free mortgage.
- \* Average annual income of Habitat families is \$24,000.
- \* Rated #1 in the nation for Community and Housing Development by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest evaluator of charities.
- \* Habitat Collier has an all-time foreclosure rate of less than 1%.

#### GET INVOLVED WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR COLLIER COUNTY

- \* Volunteer Orientation - Learn more about Habitat's work in Collier County and how you can get involved to make a difference on February 16 and March 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Naples Office. Please contact Derek at 239-775-0036 or [dperry@habitatcollier.org](mailto:dperry@habitatcollier.org).
- \* Home Building - Construction is ongoing year-round in both Naples and Immokalee. No skills are necessary, just a willing heart. For more information visit [Habitat Collier.org/volunteer](http://HabitatCollier.org/volunteer) or contact Director of Volunteers, Derek Perry at: 239-775-0036 or [dperry@habitatcollier.org](mailto:dperry@habitatcollier.org).
- \* Selection Committee - after undergoing an extensive application process, qualifying families have a visit in

their current living conditions from members of our selection committee. Committee members help assess housing need, ability to repay and willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity. Then they present each family at the monthly selection committee meetings. The selection Committee meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Habitat office in Naples.

- \* Take a Habi -Tour - Experience the work of Habitat of Collier firsthand and join for a complimentary Habi -Tour. After a light breakfast, at the Habitat Office 11145 Tamiami Trail East Naples, FL 34113, you will board a charter coach for a guided tour where you will see Habitat Neighborhoods, construction sites, and the untenable housing conditions that families were living in before purchasing their Habitat homes. The highlight of the tour is when a grateful Habitat family welcomes you into their house allowing you to see with your own eyes the difference made by a home. Contact Karen at 239-775-0036 or [kaldana@habitatcollier.org](mailto:kaldana@habitatcollier.org) to reserve a seat for Monday, February 5 or Wednesday, March 7, 2018.
- \* Dedication ceremonies are a great opportunity for volunteers, donors, and homeowners to come together to see the end result of their hard work! The dedication ceremony includes the presentation of a home-warming basket to each family, the blessing of the homes, and an opportunity to tour homes, and meet grateful families. On Feb. 3, 2018 a dedication will take place at Legacy Lakes in Naples at 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Also on Feb. 10, the 2000th house dedication at 5206 Hardee St. in Naples Manor, as well as Feb. 17, March 3 and 17 at 10 a.m. at Legacy Lakes. All are welcome to attend.

Do you know what your "LIVING FAITH" at St. Monica's can do?

Prayer, fasting, self-denial, and alms-giving are among the disciplines we are encouraged to develop as part of a Holy Lent. Pray for Habitat for Humanity and its volunteers and the families who are waiting for homes. Fasting and self-denial can free up both time and money that you can contribute to Habitat. Have a Holy and Blessed Lent.

Partnership Team

# What's Coming . . .

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## REMAINING SPECIAL FRIENDS OF MUSIC PROGRAMS FOR 20187 - 2018

There will be instrumental accompaniment at our Easter Services and the following special programs this year:

**Sunday, February 11, 2018 - 4:00 pm**

**Epiphany Concert: *Festival Evensong for the Last Sunday Before Lent***

with St. Monica's Choir, Handbell Choir, Soloists, Orchestra and Congregational Participation  
A free-will offering received. A reception follows in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 4:00 pm**

***The Irrera Brothers in Concert!***

John and Joseph Irrera (piano and violin) are the only two siblings to graduate with Doctorates from the Eastman School of Music at the same time. They are excited to return to St. Monica's for another program! A reception follows the program in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, May 6, 2018 - 9:30 am**

***Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday Chamber Orchestra, Choir, Soloists and Handbells***

Join us as we celebrate the end of our Music Ministry Season to thank the many volunteers participating in St. Monica's Music Ministry Program.

**Community Concerts at St. Monica's**

***The Oakridge Middle School Choir Spring Concert -***  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 - 7:00 pm

***The Oakridge Middle School Orchestra Spring Concert -*** Thursday, April 26, 2018 - 7:00 pm

**St. Monica's Summer Music Camp - Grades 1 through 6**

**Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 - 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

Concert and Light Lunch on Friday, June 8, at Noon.

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## ACS RETREAT

All members of St. Monica's church, their families and friends are invited to attend a retreat sponsored by The Association of Contemplative Sisters (ACS) to be held in the St. Monica's chapel on Sunday, March 11,

2018 from 1 to 7 pm. Dr. Rich Byrne, D.Min., will facilitate a Lenten/Easter prep entitled The Risen Christ Among Us: the two points of His ministry.

The day will be divided into three sessions, each with a presentation, contemplative prayer/walk, and discussion. There will be no charge for the day's event, however a free-will offering will be used to defray costs to use the St. Monica's facility.

Please bring a bagged meal for dinner (or several people may join together to order in pizza) and a snack to share if you wish to do so. Drinks (water, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee will be supplied).

Dr. Rich Byrne of Ft. Myers, has more than 40 years experience as a retreat leader and spiritual director. A former Roman Catholic priest, he has been associated with several universities across the country and is currently at FGCU.

To reserve a spot at the retreat or for more information, please contact Terri Tack at 593-9429 or [ttack3@yahoo.com](mailto:ttack3@yahoo.com)

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING ST. MONICA'S ENDOWMENT FUND EVENTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2018

- Dedication of 2017 Endowment Fund Gift to the Parish enabling the beautification project at the entrance to the Church.
- Recognition weekend to honor all those who have made Endowment Gifts to St. Monica's including Birthday Club members, Friends of the Endowment and St. Monica's Legacy Society members.
- Dedication of the St. Monica's Legacy Society Plaque honoring those who have formally named St. Monica's in their estate planning or have contributed \$5,000 or more to the Endowment Fund.
- Also look for information on the annual Legacy Society members recognition Event in March.



# This and That...

## WOMEN OF ST. MONICA'S

The Women of St. Monica's started 2018 with a bang and have fun and interesting plans for the upcoming month.

In January, we donated dental hygiene products—soft toothbrushes, tooth paste, mouthwash, and dental floss. The Women of St. Monica's has donated these products to the Senior Friendship Center for the last 5 years or so and our speaker, MJ Scarpetti, shared that there has been a noticeable improvement in dental health since we started this project.

Our February program will be exciting. A representative from Pampered Chef will cook for us! She plans to bring a display of kitchenware, spices and cooking kits for purchase. The great news? St. Monica's will earn money from your purchases which will fund new equipment for our recently funded kitchen upgrade. We'll have a 'wish list' posted, so that we can purchase kitchen prep items to donate, but we can purchase for our own kitchens, as well. Remember, one doesn't have to be a member of the Women's of St. Monica's to make purchases. Catalogs and order sheets are located in the office for those who want a sneak peek or to order early.

The March program will feature Grace Place. Our speaker will talk about the work that Grace Place does...did you know that Grace Place is the largest Harry Chapin Food Bank provider, serving 250 families per week? She will also share volunteer opportunities with us. There are many volunteer opportunities from teaching English, their Bright Beginnings pre-school, After School programs, and one time volunteer opportunities for those of us who can't commit to a regular schedule. Wouldn't it be great to have a team of volunteers from St. Monica's?

Jill Ducatman is our new representative from St. Monica's on the Grace Place Church Council!

Planned for April, but not confirmed are our new Rector and Spouse. What a great opportunity to spend time getting to know our Rector and understanding direction and plans for St. Monica's.

We have a very important program being planned for our May meeting, but it's too early to share it. Please listen for announcements in Church, our Thursday email and church bulletin.

Susan Gibson

## THE ALTAR GUILD

One reason we are Episcopalians is our liturgical worship. The music and prayers are inspiring, and the most important thing that we do each week is to receive the sacrament. When we come to the altar we are surrounded by beauty - the linens, the chalice—all contribute to our experience.

The altar is kept that way by a group called the Altar Guild. They are dedicated women and men who work to clean and press those linens and polish the silver. It is truly holy work.

Right now we need more people in that guild; we will gladly train newcomers. The more volunteers the lighter the task for each member.

At this time, we have three teams. The team leaders are: Kathy Crevier, Linda Duffy and Barbara Myrick. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. Speak any of us to discuss any questions you may have.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Weekend Services

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

Christian Formation: 10:30 a.m.

Age 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Godly Play

Grade 5: 'Tweens

Grades 6 - 7: Rite 13

Grades 8 - 9: J2A

Grades 10 - 12: YAC

Adults: Adult Forum 10:30 a.m.

### Weekday Services

Wednesday:

11:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer

12:00 noon Contemplative Holy

Eucharist with Healing Prayers

## PASTORAL CARE AND EMERGENCIES

In the case of any pastoral need or emergency,  
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