

Announcements

Christmas Weekend Services

December 24 - 26, 2021

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

The biggest understanding that we gain from the event of Christmas is the incarnation. That's a packed theological term that deserves unwrapping. The event of Christmas, that the Holy becomes flesh with us, provides an entirely new lens through which we can see our world. This means that our earthly experience matters, that our relationships with one another and with God's creation matter, that every bit of our life matters. It all matters to God. And that God enters our world in the humblest of persons, through Mary, a little teenager in a marginal town, tells us that we can find God in the most humble of circumstances, in the most surprising places. No wonder so many of our Advent texts implore us to be alert!

So, as we see the instability of our time in our experience of being human, let us together see the Holy take flesh among us and in the most unsuspecting and humble places.

I am so glad to be with you this Christmas. Let us see the Holy be born among us again.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jonathan

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We give a **special thanks to the Altar and Flower Guilds** whose members provide such a generous and excellent ministry of helping our experience of the Eucharist be a fuller one.

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

Jan 1 New Years Day *No Service / Office Closed*

There will be **no Sunday School or Nursery on December 26 or January 2.**

We will have our monthly Family Service on January 9.

WEEKLY EUCHARIST IN SPANISH WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 6TH 2022

Weekly Eucharist in Spanish will begin on February 6th at noon. Recently, some interested people from the community have been asking for a service in Spanish. In response, Fr. Jonathan Evans, has offered to lead the services. Linda Flores, who was active with the previous Latino ministry, is also helping to make this exciting development happen. We are starting with a small group, and we plan on slowly building with strong lay leadership.

CHURCH OFFICE ASSISTANTS STARTING THE FIRST WEEK OF 2022

We are excited to announce that beginning in January, those who want to give their time and talent to help the church office during the week, can do so. If you have a knack for welcoming visitors and attending to small office tasks, you can put your passion to work by serving with us. Time slots in the morning or the afternoon are available. If you feel called to serve in this way, please see the days and times available on our webpage (<https://www.stmonicasnaples.org/front-desk-help>) or contact Laura at administrator@stmonicasnaples.org.

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 - DECEMBER 26 – DEC 31, 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!

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	12/27 Fran Poston	12/28 Richard Perez	12/31 Dolores Markgraf
	12/27 Todd Garfield	12/28 Molly McCurdy	12/31 Candy Nelson
	12/28 Peter Ferris	12/29 Tanya Buck	12/31 Diane Vigneri

ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Sue and Philip Baker 12/28 George and Diane Traicoff 12/31 Dwight and Dot Rasmussen

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, Debby Edmonds, Joyce Gebhardt, Nancy Hennel and family, Pat Kearns, Sharon Lapierre and family, Diana Lee, Donna Luzzi and family, Ralph and Margaret Miano, **Beth Moss and family**, Al Neuner, Connie Potts, Jim Sacroni, Priscilla Sandler, Nancy Scofield, Betsy Smith, Mary Sprague, Terri Tack, George Traicoff, Butch Yarusevich, and all those who have requested anonymity.

Family and Friends of Our Parish:

Anthony, David Anuta, **Doug Arnold**, the Baker family, Kevin Bennett, Beverly Black, Jo-Ann Blatt, Bobby, Cristobal Borbor, Emma Braun, the Brousseau family, Kevin Brown, Raymond Butera, Karen C, Don Campese, Tony Champ, Sherry Corbett, Joyce Coryea, Arline Coston, Steve Dunn, Avery Evans, Regina Fournier, Margaret Gates, Caleb Gebhardt, Bob and Kristen Gentzel, Donna Gentzel, Joey Gentzel, Sarah Goebel, LeAnn Gomez, Lydia Gomez, Gisela Grelack, Bob Harold, Lisa Herrlich, Gayle Higley, Sam Hood, Ellen Hutcheson, the Infozino family, Charlie and Joanne, Dorie Johnson, Michaela Jones, Dell Kintiner, the Kippenhan and Walsh families, John Lazara, Angie Lee, 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, **Bob Pappa**, Sue Pawlowski, the Perkins family, Agatha Pope, Tom and Yvonne Powers, Joe Randazzo, Martha Reaney, Kelly Rhoades, Paula Roberts, Brian Roland, 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, 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