

St. Monica's Episcopal Church

News this Week - July 17th, & 18th, 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 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. 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 Ann Hoffman
- Altar Guild Kathy Crevier

SUNDAY

10:00 AM

- Usher Bob Boyden
- Lector Suzanne Bodley
- Altar Guild Team 3 - Leader: RuthAnn Turley
- Camera Team Matt Devlin / Ray Lapierre

NEXT WEEK

for JULY 24th & 25th

Saturday

5:00 PM

- Usher Ann Hoffman
- Lector Kathy Crevier
- Altar Guild Donna Janosec-Luzzi

Sunday

10:00 AM

- Usher Betty Gamel
- Lector Sue Adams
- Altar Guild Team 1 - Leader: Kathy Crevier
- 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 so we can add you! We don't want to miss out on your special day!!

BIRTHDAYS

7/18	Sarah Kelsey	7/22	Gabriela Phillips
7/18	Sarah Kelsey	7/23	Nelda Riggins
7/19	Haven Montroy	7/24	Steve Borchers
7/20	Frances Marta	7/24	Pauline McCown
7/21	Kylie Rogers	7/24	Scott McCurdy
7/21	Bobby White Jr	7/24	Heidi Varsames
7/22	Nancy Beaupre	7/24	Bob White Sr

ANNIVERSARIES

7/18	Jack & Robin Baumgartner
7/20	Ray & Sharon Lapierre
7/24	Jerry & BJ Hill

Celebrate

PLEASE WELCOME THE REV. TARA MCGRAW ONCE AGAIN

The Rev. Tara McGraw has returned to us to worship with us this Saturday July 17th @ 5PM, Sunday July 18th @ 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

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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.

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

LET US PRAY....

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

AAAnthony, Kevin Bennett, Richard Benson, **Patricia Blake**, JoAnn Blatt, Emma Braun, Kevin Brown, **Raymond Butera**, 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, **Bob Harold**, 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, **Angie Pahletog**, Sam Palencia, Sue Pawlowski, TJ Payton, Jace Perkins, Kristen/Teagan Perkins, Susan Pilc, **Denise Platz**, Tom Platz, 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, & 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*

BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER VACATION



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!

PARISH LIFE IS RETURNING!

WE CONTINUE TO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HOST SUNDAYS
SOCIAL & COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE
10 AM SERVICE.

Sign up sheets can be found in the Parish Hall on the bulletin boards, or you may email Heidi Varsames at HAVARSAMES@GMAIL.COM or call (239) 776-2173 for available dates.



Please help continue our special St Monica's tradition by volunteering.
If there is not sufficient help we will need to schedule only one Sunday per month.

... AND FOLLOWING THE 5 PM SERVICE

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 7th.

There will also be a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board outside of the kitchen in the Parish Hall to sign up for either of these gatherings!

Thank you in advance!"

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETINGS

- Contemplative Prayer.....Wednesdays, 11 AM
 - Bible Study.....On Vacation - WILL RESUME AT A LATER DATE
 - Daughters of the King.....Monthly 1st Monday, 7 PM
- MEETING ID: 695 166 7392
➤ PASSCODE: 7070

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

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



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

FACEBOOK: www.FaceBook.com/StMonicasNaples
INSTAGRAM: 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:

After the apostles gathered around Jesus & told him what all they had done, what did Jesus say to them?

ANSWER:

A: Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest.

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.