

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

News this Week - July 31<sup>st</sup>, & August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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## OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

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Please welcome The Rev. Jean Hite 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.

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### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

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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](http://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!

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### WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

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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](http://www.StMonicasNaples.org). Under the "I'm New" tab, you'll find the form "New Member Form".

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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### THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY

5:00 PM

- Usher Donna Janosec-Luzzi
- Lector Pat Kearns
- Altar Guild Team 2 - Leader: Linda Duffy

#### SUNDAY

10:00 AM

- Usher Betty Gamel
- Lector Michael Gaynor
- Altar Guild Team 2 - Leader: Linda Duffy
- Camera Team Matt Devlin / Ray Lapierre

### NEXT WEEK

for AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Saturday

5:00 PM

- Usher Ray Lapierre
- Lector Ann Hoffman
- Altar Guild Team 3 - Leader: Ruth Ann Turley

#### Sunday

10:00 AM

- Usher Scott McCurdy
- Lector Betsy Smith
- Altar Guild Team 3 - Leader: Ruth Ann Turley
- Camera Team Matt Devlin & Ray Lapierre

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## PLEASE WELCOME THE RETURN OF THE REV. JEAN HITE

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*The Rev. Jean Hite* has returned to us to worship with us this Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5PM, & Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10AM. We would like to thank her for coming to St. Monica's to Worship with us during our transition.

Remember, 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](mailto:jeanhite@gmail.com)


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## CELEBRATION TIME - OUR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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 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](mailto:administrator@stmonicasnaples.org) so we can add you! We don't want to miss out on your special day!!

### BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Laura Zambelli      8/3 William Richards II  
8/2 Lorri Jacobs      8/6 William Hise  
8/2 Diane Miller      8/6 Brian Yarusevich  
 8/3 Chuck McHenry

### ANNIVERSARIES

8/2 Michael & Grace Kennedy  
8/4 William & Patricia Long  
8/4 Douglas & Jill Peck  
8/6 Wil & Jan Ward



*Celebrate*

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## FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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Now that we are slowly but surely returning to Church, we wanted to remind everyone of the ability to post a dedication in the worship bulletin. We have created an online form that will allow you to submit your dedication request & send a donation all at the same time. Flowers provided each week help beautify the Sanctuary of our church, and are a gift to God and those who attend our worship services. The altar flowers are funded through generous donations from parishioners. A contribution to the Flower Fund is a meaningful way to honor, remember or celebrate a loved one. It's also tax deductible.

There will also be flower dedication forms at the back of the Sanctuary for anyone that would rather mail in or drop their dedication in the offering plate. Let's help decorate our Church by remembering, honoring, or celebrating a loved one! You can use your smart phone to scan the QR code or visit our webpage by typing: [www.St.MonicasNaples.org/giving](http://www.St.MonicasNaples.org/giving) in your browser; then click on the "Flower Dedications" link.



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## PARISH LIFE IS RETURNING!

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### 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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!"

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## OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETINGS

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- Contemplative Prayer.....Wednesdays, 11 AM
- Bible Study.....On Vacation - WILL RESUME AT A LATER DATE
- Daughters of the King.....Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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## ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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### 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](mailto:ttack3@yahoo.com).

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

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## LET US PRAY....

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### Our Parish Family

Sue Baker, Doug Ball, Nancy Beaupré, Susann Benson, the Benson family, Leon/Eula Burrows, Aden Chalick, Al Ciano, Lorraine Ciano, Steve Corey, Sonya Delgado, Ron Doiron, Debby Edmonds, Joan Fuggi, Joyce Gebhardt, Tom Gibson, Nancy Hennel & family, Pat Kearns, 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

**Amy**, Anthony, Kevin Bennett, Richard Benson, Patricia Blake, Jo-Ann Blatt, Emma Braun, Kevin Brown, Raymond Butera, Karen C, Tony Champ, Charlie/Joanne, Joyce Coryea, Arline Coston, 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, the Infozino family, Dorie Johnson, Dell Kintiner, **John Lazara**, Frank Luzzi & family, Laurie May, David McCurdy, **Michaela**, the Mitchell family, Lucille Moss, Dianne Murphy, Barbie Myrick , Frank Napolitano, Joe Napolitano, George Nelson, **Lucas Nelson**, Nora, Angie Pahleleg, Sue Pawlowski, TJ Payton, Jace Perkins, Kristen/Teagan Perkins, Tom Platz, Denise Platz, Agatha Pope, Tom/Yvonne Powers, Kathy Probst, Elliot Ralston, Joe Randazzo , Martha Reaney, Abby Reed, Kelly Rhoades, Carol Roman, Ginny/Dick Rossi, Peggy Royce, Rebecca Ruppert, Ken Salkeld, Mariola Shuler, Deana Smart, Barbara Swidler, Ali Tabrizchi, Dennis Tack, 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, Kate McHenry-Evans, Emma 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*

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

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

**FACEBOOK:** [www.FaceBook.com/StMonicasNaples](http://www.FaceBook.com/StMonicasNaples)

**INSTAGRAM:** [www.Instagram.com/StMonicasNaples](http://www.Instagram.com/StMonicasNaples)

We ask simple, but fun bible question on our facebook page sometime during the week to have you, test your knowledge of the Bible. 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 & have fun with it!

**THIS WEEKS QUESTION:** When the people went to Capernaum & found Jesus, what did he say to them?

**ANSWER:** C: My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

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## CDC UPDATES & WORSHIP IN-PERSON

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Dear Friends,

We hope that you have been enjoying summer and that you are as excited as we are about our new Rector, Fr. Jonathan Evans. We are so grateful to so many who have joined our "Prepare the Way" campaign so that we can do the ministry to which we are called.

We have also been joyous as the mask requirements changed for those who are vaccinated. As you probably know however, the CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings have changed due to the Delta variant. This change is to protect those who are immunosuppressed and the unvaccinated, which includes children. The CDC's recommendations are that if our area is experiencing more than 100 positive cases per 100,000 residents and/or more than a 7% positive test rate, then the masking recommendations are in effect. As of this writing, we have a 16% positive test rate per covidactnow.org.

Therefore, the St. Monica's Vestry highly recommends mask wearing during services. Those who speak during the service have the option of not wearing a mask while speaking or praying. In consultation with Dr. Dorion, the choir will return to masking also. For our receptions for Fr. Jonathan on August 7th and 8th, we will have other mitigation measures in place. We anticipate that the recommendation for mask wearing will be a temporary measure, and we pray for an end to this pandemic.

Yours in Christ,  
Matthew Devlin  
Sr. Warden  
The Vestry of St. Monica's

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### COME TO THE CELEBRATION WEEKEND AUGUST 7 & 8 \*\*\* NEXT WEEKEND \*\*\* TO WELCOME FR. JONATHAN & THE EVANS FAMILY!

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FIRST SATURDAY SOCIAL on AUGUST 7  
&  
SUNDAY SOCIAL on AUGUST 8



Please join us in welcoming our new Rector, Fr. Jonathan, his wife, Barbara Evans, and their children, Luca and Vittoria:

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 following the 5:00pm service.** We will have a pot-luck celebration of light bites, both sweet and savory, and beverages of many kinds. Water, lemonade, club soda and decaf coffee will be provided as well as a selection of individually wrapped snacks.

In the spirit of our pre-Covid "First Saturday" pot luck tradition, please feel free to bring other food and beverages to share. Please note that the refrigerator, freezer and microwave will be available, but the stove/oven will not.

If you bring food that needs to be served, e.g. out of a big bowl, please help us keep everyone safe by staying at the food table to serve it to other people. We want to minimize many hands touching the same serving utensils.

If you can volunteer to help set-up at 4:00pm, pour and serve during the celebration, and/or clean up afterwards, please email Ann Hoffman at [anhoffman4@comcast.net](mailto:anhoffman4@comcast.net) or text her at (239) 404-4227. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered: Theresa Miller, Nancy Nick, JoAnn Sarconi and Val Ouillette.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 following the 10:00am service.** We will be serving "Welcome Back" cake and cupcakes as well as coffee, tea and lemonade. Thank you to Jill Ducatman for volunteering to help. We also need volunteers to help with the clean up afterwards. Please email Heidi Varsames at [havarsames@gmail.com](mailto:havarsames@gmail.com)

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

## FROM THE VESTRY

St Monica's Senior Warden, Matt Devlin, today announced the call and acceptance of The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans as our new Rector. "We are excited about Rev. Evans upcoming service as St. Monica's new Rector. Many of us are familiar with him and he knows St. Monica's. There is no place he would rather be, and we would not want him anywhere else!" Said the Senior Warden in announcing the call.

Born and raised in Atlanta and Charlotte, Fr. Jonathan returns to Naples, after spending the last four years in Sarasota. He began his career working as a psychotherapist with adolescents in mental health settings. He had a concurrent call of working with children in impoverished countries as a missionary. In his late 20's, he heeded the call and served through a ministry with street children in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2000-2001. During his year in mission, he discerned a call to ordained ministry. At the time, he was a Presbyterian and soon married his wife, Barbara, who was and is an avid Episcopalian. After several years of taking her to the Episcopal Church on his free Sundays away from the Presbyterian Church, the beauty of the liturgy, the reverence, and the mystery pulled him into the Episcopal Church. Just over six years ago, he became an Episcopalian at St. Monica's and then served as a Transitional Deacon with us until becoming an Associate Rector at St. Boniface in Siesta Key.

In his ministry at St. Boniface for the past four years, Fr. Jonathan was instrumental in establishing the Center for Spiritual Transformation ([centerforspiritualtransformation.org](http://centerforspiritualtransformation.org)), a Deaf worshipping community (now meeting at St. Margaret's, a more accessible location for the Deaf), and the Boniface Migration Ministry Workgroup (which has educated hundreds on matters of immigration, has helped immigrant families with legal fees, and now sponsors asylum seekers).

Fr. Jonathan and Barbara (Bryan) have been married for 19 years. They have two children, Luca (11) and Vittoria (six). Fr. Jonathan loves spending time at the beach with his family, cooking, and enjoying anything outdoors - cycling, paddle boarding, fishing, boating, and hiking.

In a show of appreciation, St Monica's will host a welcoming coffee on Saturday August 7th following the 5 PM evening service and again on Sunday, August 8th, following the 10 AM service. Those wishing to welcome Fr. Evans may do so at that time.



## FROM THE REV. JONATHAN EVANS

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to write to you now as your next Rector. I am also deeply honored. When my family and I joined St. Monica's six years ago after having left the Presbyterian Church, you welcomed us with open arms. Simply put, we truly enjoyed being with you, sharing in ministry together, and living into our common faith. Although I was assigned to work with the youth at the time, I felt connected to the

larger congregation, and I dreamed of what it would be like to serve as Rector with you.

After serving as Associate Rector at St. Boniface since we left St. Monica's, I found out there was going to be a possibility of an opening at St. Monica's. For the next several months, I kept a steady eye on the developments of the profile and the opening. And at last, I was able to interview with the Search Committee and then the Vestry. During the process I just felt at home. When I visited for the final interview, again, I felt like I was coming back home. I felt lightness and joy. There is no other place I'd rather be than with you all. There is no other position I would rather have than this one with you.

I envision my first months getting to know newcomers, reacquainting myself with many of you, visiting ministry groups, engaging in mission together, and seeing where the Spirit takes us! The Spirit always takes us forward, not backward. I want to imagine with you what this future will look like. I invite you to pray with the Spirit, allowing dreams to form and to notice what is unfolding before us.

God's blessings be upon you!

In Christ.

Fr. Jonathan Evans

# Prepare the Way

Dear Parishioners,

The initial response to our "Prepare the Way" effort has been amazing! As of the writing of this letter, we have received over \$65,490 in commitments toward our goal of \$80,000! If you have already committed to the campaign; we thank you and this will serve as an update.

We realize that it is summertime, and that many of you are out of town. We also realize that your summer has probably been busy. Our original letter explained that we are working to prepare both our hearts and our household before we welcome the Reverend Jonathan W. Evans. Preparing our household means filling the \$80,000 gap in our parish budget. We cannot achieve our goal without you.

There are several ways to "Prepare the Way": Write a check, fill out a pledge form and pay by the end of the year or use a credit card / debt card on our E-Giving site.

We want to "wrap up" this effort by the end of the month. We hope to hear from you soon, because we know, with God's help, together we can do this!

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](mailto:rlapierre@stmonicasnaples.org).

# Prepare the Way