

# SAINT MONICA PARISH

**MAY 3, 2026**

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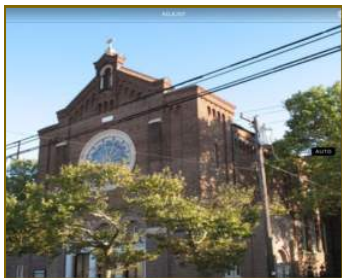


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AND THE TRUTH  
AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**REVEREND JOSEPH KELLEY,**  
**Pastor**

**Associates**  
Reverend Edward Town

**Retired**  
Reverend John Calabro  
Pastor Emeritus - Annunciation B.V.M.

**Director of Religious Education**  
Deacon Leonard D. De Masi

**Pastoral Services**  
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**Saint Monica School**  
Sister Servants of the I.H.M.  
Sister Melissa Mastrangelo, IHM  
**Principal**

Sister Therese Bauer, IHM  
**Vice Principal**

**Early Learning Center**  
Sister Rosemary Peterson, I.H.M.

**Director of Elder Care Services**  
Sister Ruth Hennessy, R.S.M.

**RECTORY HOURS**  
Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday  
9 AM to 8 PM  
Thursday  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Friday and Saturday  
9 AM to 1 PM  
Sunday - Closed

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends:**  
- St. Monica -  
**Sat: 8:30 AM | 5 PM (anticipated Sunday Mass)**  
**Sun: 8:30 AM | 10 AM | 11:30 AM**

- St. Edmond -  
**Sat: 4 PM (anticipated Sunday Mass)**  
**Sun: 10 AM**

**Weekdays:**  
- St. Monica -  
**6:30 AM (during school year) | 8:30 AM**

**Holy Days:**  
- St. Monica -  
**6:30 AM | 8:30 AM | 10 AM | 7 PM**

- St. Edmond -  
**10 AM**

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Monica**  
**Saturday, 9-9:45 AM**

**St. Edmond**  
**Saturday after First Friday**  
**3-3:45 PM**



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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Saturday, May 2

8:30 AM - William and Mary Providence

5:00 PM - Yolanda Di Giacomo

**\*\* 4:00 PM - Alfonso Dieni**

## Sunday, May 3

8:30 AM - John Casanova

10:00 AM - Richard Quici

11:30 AM - Living & Dec'd of BVM Sodality

**\*\* 10:00 AM - Anthony Forcina**

## Monday, May 4

6:30 AM - Eileen & Tom Cassidy & Family

8:30 AM - Christina Serale

## Tuesday, May 5

6:30 AM - Alfred and Angiolina Scicchitano

8:30 AM - Rocky Cedrone (1st Anniversary)

## Wednesday, May 6

6:30 AM - Beth Monaghan

8:30 AM - Alice and Antonino Lisa

## Thursday, May 7

6:30 AM - Elaine Tumelty

8:30 AM - Janet McKeever

## Friday, May 8

6:30 AM - Father Michael Rotolo

8:30 AM - Rosa Gallelli

## Saturday, May 9

8:30 AM - Mancuso and Guglielmo Families

5:00 PM - Rita Fortino (Living)

**\*\* 4:00 PM - Deacon Jim Stewart and  
Joyce Wiley**

**\*\* St. Edmond Masses**

**“NO ONE IS FAR FROM GOD”**

**- St. Monica**



## MASS SCHEDULE

Barring any unforeseen changes, the Mass Schedule for Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10, will be:

**5:00 PM - Father Kelley**

**\*\* 4:00 PM - Father Edward**

**8:30 AM - Father Kelley**

**10:00 AM - Father Edward**

**11:30 AM - Father Edward**

**\*\* 10:00 AM - Father Calabro**

**\*\* Saint Edmond**





**We will have a farewell for Deacon Sandun Thruka as he will be returning to his home country of Sri Lanka this June.**

**He will preach the 5:00 PM Mass on **SATURDAY, MAY 16.****

**After Mass we will have a social in the Junior School Cafeteria where we can bid him farewell .**

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

## **Saint Edmond Lottery (March 2026)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Seller</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Seller</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3/1	(Not Sold)		695		3/17	J. Collaretti	R. Sanvitale	902	\$100.00
3/2	T. Golini	D. Paolino	891	\$100.00	3/18	(Not Sold)		083	
3/3	M. Tesauro	J. McGarrity	237	\$100.00	3/19	(And.&Olivia	R. Sanvitale	529	\$100.00
3/4	(Not Sold)		846		3/20	C. Ciferri	M. Ciferri	625	\$100.00
3/5	A. Kelley	D. Paolino	653	\$100.00	3/21	L. Picozzi	R. Sanvitale	107	\$500.00
3/6	C. Orlando	Same	116	\$100.00	3/22	L. Picozzi	R. Sanvitale	580	\$100.00
3/7	K. Butts	S. Moore	697	\$500.00	3/23	D. Paolino	Same	569	\$100.00
3/8	E. Santarlas	Same	415	\$100.00	3/24	J. Ferriolo	J. McGarrity	605	\$100.00
3/9	(Not Sold)		966		3/25	L. Picozzi	R. Sanvitale	104	\$100.00
3/10	L. Picozzi	R. Sanvitale	108	\$100.00	3/26	L. De Masi	R. Sanvitale	831	\$100.00
3/11	(Not Sold)		757		3/27	(Not Sold)		787	
3/12	T. Golini	D. Paolino	052	\$100.00	3/28	L. Picozzi	R. Sanvitale	580	\$500.00
3/13	D. Paolino	Same	598	\$100.00	3/29	L. Picozzi	R. Sanvitale	658	\$100.00
3/14	(Not Sold)		969		3/30	L. Picozzi	R. Sanvitale	740	\$100.00
3/15	E. Santarlas	Same	214	\$100.00	3/31	(Not Sold)		726	
3/16	M. Coombs	I. Bivins	381	\$100.00					



**AT SAINT MONICA'S**

**HOSTS AND WINE**

(Upper Church)

For: Bruno Aloisio

From: Alida Mirarchi and Family

**BOTH SANCTUARY LAMPS**

(Upper Church)

For: Anne Anderson

From: The Toritto Family

For: Bruno Aloisio

From: Alida Mirarchi and Family

**AT SAINT EDMOND'S**

**VOTIVE CANDLES**

in Honor of

**OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

For: Ronnie O'Keefe (Missing You)

From: Alyssa Capo

For: Improved Health of Bing

From: Fran and Michael Calabro

For: Sarah Sanvitale

From: Jimmy and Terri Dintino

and Rosemary Sanvitale

**SANCTUARY FUND REQUESTS**

For: Anita De Nardo

From: Joe and Joan Sole, Patricia  
Pistilli, Nicholas & Denise Branco

For: Phyllis Wadsworth

From: Jeannie and Louise

For: Roy Di Liberto

From: Mikki Capo & Rita Sanvitale

For: Mary Ann Hopper

From: Jean McGarrity

For: Dina Silvestro

From: Ron & Mila Salamat & Family



## **A MESSAGE FROM DEACON LEONARD**

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia all priests and deacons must resign at the age of seventy-five. If the priest or deacon is physically and mentally able, he can request an extension one year at a time from the Archbishop.

For the past two years I have requested an extension and the Archbishop granted it.

In January of this year I asked the permission of the Archbishop to retire from active duty as the Director of Religious Education here at Saint Monica and he has granted it.

For 59 years it has been my privilege to have taught, mentored and prepared youngsters for reception of the sacraments.

In 1967 when I began teaching I promised to do my best to teach my students to be active American Citizens and faithful, faith-filled Catholics. Teaching in a Catholic school has been an honor and a privilege!

I promised Father Kelley that for as long as I am able I will continue to assist him in any way I can.



## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **LECTORS**

MAY 9: 5:00 PM - J. Rosetti

MAY 10: 8:30 AM - B. Perpiglia

10:00 AM - P. Jackson

11:30 AM - A. Moore

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

MAY 9: 5:00 PM - J. Rosetti,  
M. Di Febbo

MAY 10: 8:30 AM - B. Perpiglia,  
D. Di Stefano

10:00 AM - D. Siciliano, P. Jackson

11:30 AM - J. Di Nic, A. Moore

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

MAY 9: 5:00 PM - S. Juliano,  
A. Caswell, L. Tolomeo

MAY 10: 8:30 AM - A. Tierney  
J. Granato, T. Eckert

10:00 AM - E. Birmingham,  
A. Capello, S. Le

11:30 AM - N. Lacontora,  
A. Arcentales, J. Lacontora



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Gianna Scavetti  
and  
John Garbarino  
May 16, 2026*

**Gerri Abbott  
Fran Campanella  
Joseph Campanella  
Rebecca Carpino  
Matthew Cella  
Dom. Chiancone  
Joseph Cirella  
Rita Cirella  
Agnes Dougherty  
Rita Fortino  
Sean Fox  
Stephanie Fox  
Sam Germana  
John Gualtieri  
Barbara Guarnere  
Virginia Hayes  
Yuliana Chris Herlan  
Maureen Kelly  
Tina Locchetto**

**Marlea M.  
Roseann Marino  
Diane McDowell  
George McKain  
Edwina Mendicino  
Simon Moshe  
Donato Musci  
Vincent Novielli  
MaryAnn Riccobono  
Pasquale Riccobono  
Marie Rosatti  
Carmela Rotolo  
Jim Santangelo  
Rosemary Sanvitale  
Donna Sarne  
Teri Scogna  
Pat Simone  
Steven Tomiselli  
Josephine Vice**



**MONTHLY ASPIRATION FOR  
MAY**

**My Queen, My Mother,  
remember I am yours. Keep me,  
guard me as your property and  
possession. Amen.**

**ST. MONICA PARISH ONLINE ROSARY**

There is an online parish rosary every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity to utilize the gift of social media as a parish family to pray for our families, friends, nation, and the world.

Everyone is welcomed to join the prayer on Zoom using the information below:

**Meeting ID: 785 2002 5150**

**Passcode: 242217**

**COME PRAY WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**



### **MAY BAPTISM MEETING**

**The Baptism Parent Meeting for May  
will be on**

**MONDAY, MAY 4th**

**at 6:30 PM in the Junior School.**

### **BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

**St. Monica Parish Bereavement Team  
meets on the First Thursday of the  
month.**

**A meeting will be held on**

**THURSDAY, MAY 7th**

**at 4:00 PM in the Parish Rectory.**

**Know of prayers for all those who  
have lost a loved one.**

### **FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS**

**Saint Monica Upper Church**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

**After 11:30 AM Mass**

**MONDAY, MAY 4, 6:30 PM**

**(Confirmation Class and 8th Grade  
will attend)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 6:30 PM**

**(Grade 2 and Level 2 will attend)**

**FATHER ROB BOLLINGER  
is the Guest Speaker.**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Shane Michael Creamer  
Sienna Rose DeLeo  
Alara James Fulginiti  
Jordan James Harrity  
Apollonia Olivia Ligambi  
Aubrey Rae Macker  
Nicholas James Pinardo  
Meadow Michele Ruark  
Aidyn Lynn Simeo  
Lucia Gina Vogel*

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - MONTH 8

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight. She may be making her mother uncomfortable with her size.

She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

Please continue your daily prayer: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

## SAVE THE DATE

Next month on Father's Day, our parish will celebrate the "birth" day of our spiritually adopted babies with a **BABY SHOWER** at all the Masses on **JUNE 20-21**. We will be collecting disposable diapers, layette and baby care items, formula, new baby clothes (newborn-24 months), onesies, sleepers, blankets, etc. More details will follow.

**Please join us for our annual MEMORIAL DAY concert**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

**following the 10:00 AM Mass.**

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