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JULY 5, 2026

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REVEREND JOSEPH KELLEY,
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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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PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish:		**215-334-4170**
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Pastoral Services:		**215-334-0286**
Convent:		**215-334-0745**
St. Edmond Office:		**215-334-3755**

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 4
8:30 AM - Emilia Speziale
5:00 PM - Joseph Haggerty
and Thomas Munz
***4:00 PM - Sandy and Josephine Dintino*

Sunday, July 5

8:30 AM - Vincenzo and Assunta Mannello
10:00 AM - Nicola Montanara
11:30 AM - Gabriela Reis De Carvalho
***10:00 AM - Pro Popolo*

Monday, July 6

8:30 AM - Sister Cor Immaculatum IHM

Tuesday, July 7

8:30 AM - Yolanda Di Giacomo

Wednesday, July 8

8:30 AM - Madge Forte

Thursday, July 9

8:30 AM - Mary Sellers

Friday, July 10

8:30 AM - Rose Shea

Saturday, July 11

8:30 AM - Elaine Malseed
5:00 PM - Dec'd of Maisano & Scafidi Fam.
*** 4:00 PM - Anthony & Carmella Corsaro*

*** St. Edmond Masses*

"NO ONE IS FAR FROM GOD" - St. Monica

MASS SCHEDULE

Barring any unforeseen changes, the Mass Schedule for Saturday, July 11, and Sunday, July 12, will be:

5:00 PM - Father Edward

***4:00 PM - Father Kelley*

8:30 AM - Father Edward

10:00 AM - Father Edward

11:30 AM - Father Kelley

*** 10:00 AM - Father Calabro*

*** Saint Edmond*

JULY BAPTISM MEETING

The Baptism Parent Meeting for July will be on MONDAY, JULY 6, at 6:30 PM in the Junior School. We invite Parents and Godparents to attend the meeting.

Remember: Paperwork for Baptism is filled out in the Rectory prior to your meeting. An information paper will be given to you at that time. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Analiese Quinn Coppola
Lilana Blair Coppola
Lila Grace Cusato
Skylar Victoria Hurteau
Zeke Thomas McAllister
Nora Brenna Monahan
Louis Nardini
Charles Vincent Sheridan
Christian William Sheridan
Margot Victoria Woodward

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all parishioners and friends of St. Monica's who responded so generously to our Spiritual Adoption Shower!

Your prayerful participation throughout the past nine months and the many gifts and monetary donations you brought to the baby shower indicate that St. Monica's is truly a Pro-Life community!

God bless you for your generosity.

PLEASE

Please do not drop off used clothing in Church or at the Rectory.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society sponsors two drives for used clothing - one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

There is a drop off at St. Richard school yard at 19th & Pollock Sts.

AT SAINT MONICA'S

HOSTS AND WINE
(Upper Church)

In Loving Memory of
Bruno Brunetti
From: His Loving Family

HOSTS AND WINE
(Lower Church)

For: Guiseppe Aversa
From: Catherine Cacia

SANCTUARY LAMPS
(Upper Church)

For: Nicola Montanaro
From: Palma, Lucille & Mark

For: Nicola Montanaro
From: Jim and MaryAnn

SANCTUARY LAMP
(Lower Church)

For: Nino Santisi
From: St. Monica Eldercare Staff

AT SAINT EDMOND'S

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From: Constance Magola

UPCOMING TRIPS

SENIORS CASINO TRIP

Resorts Casino and Tomasello Winery

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Cost - $85 per person (includes dinner) - Get $18 back

Departs 10:00 AM - Girard Park, 22nd & Shunk Sts.

Returns from Winery 7:00 PM - Home at 8:00 PM

Questions? Call Mary Ann Sands at 267-978-2785.

FERRAGOSTA FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
The Bronx
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$75 per person
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PITMAN, NJ THEATER TRIP

The Padre Pio Lodge of the Sons of Italy is having a bus trip to the Broadway Theater of Pitman, in Pitman, N. J. on SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th, to see the show "A Tribute to Frankie Valli, Let's Hang On."

Bus leaves at 4:00 PM from 10th & Reed Streets, and at 4:15 PM from 21st & Shunk Streets, returning at 10:30 PM.

Cost for the bus and show is $90. Dinner on your own.

If interested, call Ann at 267-259-3674.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

JULY 11: 5:00 PM - P. Jackson

JULY 12: 8:30 AM - M. Barel

10:00 AM - D. Montenegro

11:30 AM - J. Rosetti

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

JULY 11: 5:00 PM - P. Jackson, R. Rauser

JULY 12: 8:30 AM - D. Barel, M. Barel

10:00 AM - C. Palange, G. Negro

11:30 AM – J. Di Nic, J. Rosetti

ALTAR SERVERS

JULY 11: 5:00 PM - J. Andracchio, S. Accardo, N. Cordisio

JULY 12: 8:30 AM - T. Eckert, J. Eckert, L. Owens

10:00 AM - S. Bonfiglio, A. Tierney, A Cappello

11:30 AM - J. Granato, H. Curran, S. Accardo

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Saint Monica School is seeking caring and dependable substitute teachers to join our school community. Candidates must enjoy working with children and have all required clearances.

If you are interested in supporting our students in a faith-filled learning environment, please contact the school office for more information, 215-467-5338.

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Steven Tomiselli
Josephine Vice

MONTHLY ASPIRATION FOR JULY

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I adore You.

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!

A SUMMER PRAYER

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your Presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

SUMMER CHURCH ATTIRE

Now that Summer weather is here, it is important that all of us are aware of the clothing we wear to come to Church.

Please dress appropriately for Mass on the weekends.

You are in God's house.

Please respect it and have respect also for yourselves!

SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SAINT MONICA STUDENTS EXCEL

The following students have achieved Academic Honors for Fourth Quarter of 2025-2026 school year:

SS NEUMANN & GORETTI HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

CLASS OF 2026

Daniella Benales	**Francesca Bongiovanni**	**Ryan Coleman**
Giselle Crocetto	**Alyssa Del Campo**	**Bianca DiCara**
Joseph Girardo	**Sophia Guokas**	**Salvatore Kerns**
Claudia Recigno	**Daria Taylor**	**Claudia Zungolo**

CLASS OF 2027

Jenna Caponigro	**Simon Dinh**	**Ava Fiorenza**
Juliana Foschini	**Adrianna Fosco**	**Sophia Grosso**
Giselle Michetti	**Eva Minniti**	**Avery Rosati**
Ava Silvanio	**Mia Ziejewski**	

CLASS OF 2028

Alexis Leiphart **Aiden Picano**

CLASS OF 2029

Layla Miraglia **Hayden Piacentini**

SECOND HONORS

CLASS OF 2026
Oscar Briskin

CLASS OF 2027
Ava Doyle

CLASS OF 2029
Demarco Taylor

ARCHBISHOP RYAN HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

CLASS OF 2027
Makenzie Novelli

SECOND HONORS

CLASS OF 2028
Brianna Stone

CONGRATULATIONS - WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

A MOTHER TO US ALL

(prepared by Edmond Johnson, Your Seminarian - St. Monica & St. Edmond)

Our Lady of Coromoto (Nuestra Senora de Coromoto) - Guanare, Venezuela

It was my intention to highlight an apparition of Our Blessed Mother which took place quite literally on the other side of the world, but as I began, the first image on the screen that caught my eye was that of Our Lady of Coromoto. While it seems coincidental, I've been in seminary formation long enough to know that God governs all things. With the people of Venezuela currently experiencing such great devastation, their Patroness, Our Lady of Coromoto is calling all of us to pray for them.

The story of Our Lady of Coromoto reminds us that running from our mission doesn't make it disappear; it only delays the grace waiting for us on the other side. It is proof that Mary doesn't give up on us. One day in 1651, the chief of the Coromoto Indian Tribes of Cospes, accompanied by his wife and children, was going to his farmland. While crossing a creek, a beautiful lady of incomparable beauty, holding in Her arms a radiant and precious child, appeared to them walking on the waters of the stream. They marveled, staring spellbound at the majestic Lady who smiled lovingly at them and spoke to the chief in his language, telling him to be baptized and to lead his people into the Christian faith so that they can go to Heaven. The chief listened...but only halfway. Afraid that becoming Christian might weaken his authority or change how others saw him, he refused baptism and discouraged his people from receiving it as well. Some went forward anyway. Many followed his hesitation.

A year later, in 1652, the Blessed Virgin Mary returned. When the chief least expected it, She appeared at his hut. All her being gave off rays of light that bathed the narrow precincts of the hut and were so powerful that they were like the midday sun and yet did not blind the vision of all who watched Her. Once again, she gently asked him to be baptized. And once again, he resisted. But Mary, like any loving mother, did not give up. Although the chief expressed anger at being pursued by Our Lady, She remained smiling and serene with a tender and loving look that was able to melt the most hardened heart. In his anger, the chief launched himself at Our Blessed Mother to grab Her and remove Her from his hut, but just then, She suddenly disappeared. Before leaving, She placed a tiny image of herself holding the Child Jesus in the same hand that he tried to grab Her with. It is imprinted on a parchment-like material and now venerated as a miraculous relic at the Basilica National Shrine of Our Lady of Coromoto. Like Our Lady of Guadalupe's tilma, the image does not appear to be painted on the paper but seems to hover upon it, without ink soaking in the fibers. How it was made remains a miracle.

Not long afterward, the chief was bitten by a poisonous snake and seemed close to death. In that moment, everything became clear. Remembering Mary's promise that baptism would lead him to heaven, he urgently asked to be baptized. He survived and his heart was changed, eventually encouraging his people to embrace the faith.

Our Lady of Coromoto, please pray for and help Venezuela in its time of need!

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