



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA

Called by Name; Gifted by God; Committed to Prayer; Driven to Serve... Abiding in Hope

THE CHURCH of SAINT MONICA

Founded January 11, 1897

Parish Offices

(Pastoral Administration; Religious Education; Business & Finance; Worship & Music; Facilities)
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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass 8:30 a.m.

(Monday thru Saturday with a Communion Service on Wednesday)

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Holy Days 8:30 a.m.

of Obligation 12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.



The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Last week I introduced the start of a several-week reflection taken from a small booklet named *“Acceptance”* which offers a reflection on the “Serenity Prayer.” Last week I wrote about keeping a challenging life in perspective and keeping the focus as much in the present moment. This week, let’s look at dealing with difficult people.

A book that I have often recommended (unfortunately) is Elizabeth Brown’s *Living Successfully with Screwed-Up People*. As of 1999, over 200,000 copies had been sold. (I can’t imagine how many more have been purchased since then.)

Life can be cut down to a reasonable and manageable size. Life is only this place, this time, these people right here and now. This you can handle - at least today. It took Vincent Collins (the author of *Acceptance*) a long time to realize that at least some of his problems were of his own making. One area where he found himself constantly in trouble was thinking that it was his duty to try to solve other people’s problems, arbitrate their disputes, and show them how to live their lives. Collins writes:

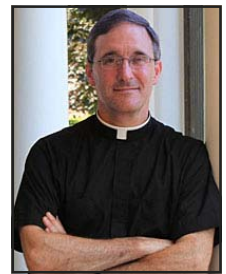
“I was hurt when they rejected my unsolicited advice. I finally learned that you cannot help people unless they really need help, are willing to be helped, want you to help them, and ask you to help them. Even then, you can only help them to help themselves.”

In *Living Successfully* ... Elizabeth Brown offers five steps to extricating yourself from difficult situations with difficult people:

Ascertain the options; Consider the costs (both of acting, and not acting, on this person’s behalf); Know your limits; Own your choice

An old Arab, whose tent was pitched next to a company of whirling dervishes was asked, “What do you do about them whirling?” His answer: “I let them whirl!”

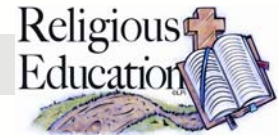
You cannot imagine how many people come and see me to talk about friends, families, work colleagues who they know, who they want to help but who are driving them crazy! I often say, “Look there is a difference between “pastoral” and “pathology.” *(Cont’d on Page 4)*



OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

All knowing and loving Father, we pray for your guidance and wisdom as Saint Monica Parish prepares to finalize the direction of the Capital Campaign. We pray for cooperation and patience among those discerning the decision. We pray for intelligent and realistic goals. We pray for support to accomplish the goals – when the decision has been made. We pray that the family of Saint Monica will unite in a spirit of love and support for the final decision. We ask all this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please see the Sacrament Spotlight announcements in this bulletin. The RE Program is NOT in session on October 24 and 25. Classes will resume on November 1 and 2.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

The Liturgy of the Word with Children Program (LOW) is held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Registration for this Sunday church program is underway for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. This cost-free program is specially designed to give the younger children of our parish a better understanding and

appreciation for Scripture through age appropriate adaptations of the Readings, Gospel, and homily. Information and registration forms can be found in the "Crying Room" and the Gathering Room of the church. The LOW leaders have obtained the required clearances, mandated by both the state of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more information about the program, please contact Mary Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR SUMMER CAMP!




EDGE CAMP
(For Students Currently in 6th-7th)
7/18-23
7/11-15(alternate date)

LIFE TEEN CAMP
(For Students Currently in 8-12th)
8/1-6
7/25-30(alternate date)



Total Cost \$750
Deposit of \$150 due by
10/25 to secure your spot

For More info visit Lifeteen.com and/or contact [Jason jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:Jason.jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org)

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...
"the world's reigning male chorus!" - *the New Yorker*

CHANTICLEER

An Orchestra of Voices

Monday, 2 November at 7:30 pm

Tickets available at:

WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG

\$25 General — \$40 Front Seating — \$10 Student



THE CHURCH OF
SAINT MONICA
 BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

Between the World Meeting of Families, the visit of Pope Francis, Edge and LifeTeen for our youth, three new Adult Faith Formation programs to be announced soon, much has been happening in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and at Saint Monica Parish recently. We certainly seem to be living the “Good News” at this time.

Saint Monica is at an important crossroad. We need to step boldly into our future and take the important steps to enhance the parish mission, steward our resources and reach out to others. Thus we are embarking on a Capital Campaign, the rationale of which I have shared with the parish over the past year and have outlined in the accompanying bulletin insert, have sent via e-mail and have posted in the church entrance way.

The “brick and mortar” component of this process will be the “temporal” manifestation of our commitment to steward our resources in order to support the “spiritual growth” and “pastoral outreach” of the parish. This will allow us to achieve the important goals of:

- First, improving, renovating or re-purposing the facilities of the parish as good caretakers of God’s gifts to us in support of His mission (Stewardship),
- Second, to provide a pleasant, safe and welcoming spiritual atmosphere for new and returning parishioners (Evangelization),
- Third, to facilitate a focused and enhanced program to the less fortunate (Outreach).

Parishioners have been generous to Saint Monica in the past. Indeed, in our recent time of serious need, many people graciously accepted the challenge of supporting the parish through very difficult times. We are now poised to enter into a new phase and lay the foundation for future parish growth. That is why I am prayerfully asking you to consider the vision and support the campaign.

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the campaign and be asked for your commitment. I ask that you welcome the conversation about the future of Saint Monica.

Charles Zlock Jr

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2015

September 2015	\$67,258	44% Electronic	September YTD 2015	\$209,548	45% Electronic
September 2014	\$68,502	38% Electronic	September YTD 2014	\$214,520	42% Electronic
September Budget 2015-16	\$70,603		September YTD Budget 2015-16	\$217,061	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$9,399
Electronic	\$3,993
Total	\$13,392

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available on line at www.saintmonicachurch.org, under the **Parish Information** tab in the **Parish Leadership** section.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

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You need to recognize that difference. Also know that they are not going to change. They're not in enough pain. When they are in enough pain, they'll change their circumstances. In the meantime, you - can't - help - them! And you certainly can't change them."

Collins continues:

I caused myself a lot of unnecessary grief by trying to be unselfish, to think of everybody else first, myself last, and to try to please everybody. You can knock yourself out doing this and that and the other thing to please your cousins and your sisters and your aunts, and you find out that they are really not affected one way or the other.

Please everybody, nobody's pleased; please yourself, at least your pleased. Charity begins at home, and enlightened self-interest is a basic endowment of human nature. You can save yourself a lot of grief by admitting the futility of trying to please somebody who just can't be pleased.

God, give me grace to accept with serenity
the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things that I can
and Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a
time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
if I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.

Charles Zlock Jr

MASS of REMEMBRANCE



On Sunday, November 1st at the 11:30 Mass, the Parish of Saint Monica will be remembering those whose funerals were celebrated here since November 1, 2014.

The Bereavement Ministry has placed a *Book of Remembrance* at the rear of the church beginning Saturday, October 17th. Those recently deceased have been entered and we invite parishioners to add their own deceased family and friends' names. The Book will remain at Saint Joseph's altar throughout the month of November.

ALL-ABILITIES BOWLING—TODAY!

If you have a child with physical or intellectual differences, you are cordially invited to come to the **Saint Monica All Abilities Bowling Social at Devon Lanes**. This very informal get together will take place **Today - Sunday, October 25 from 12:00-2:00 pm**. Cost is \$5/bowler. **This event is open to the community, so please share this invitation with non-parishioners as well.** If you have any questions, please contact Wendy and Gary Brooks at wenobrooks@aol.com or Trish O'Brien at tobrien77@comcast.net.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
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A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

A program to promote vocations to the priesthood will begin in our parish next weekend. **Please pray for vocations.**

God of gracious love, You gathered us first at the waters of baptism, and you lead us through life with faithfulness.

Raise up from among our parish family, leaders to serve your people as Priests.

To those whom You call, give grace and courage to discern how they may best serve you. To all of us, give us good hearts so we might encourage them along the way.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, and with your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT



The parents of our First Penance candidates are reminded of the “Afternoon of Reflection” which is scheduled on Sunday, November 1 in the Saint Monica Education Center at 12:30 pm. The afternoon will include discussions on the topic of forgiveness and practical tips on how to prepare your child to receive the sacrament of Penance for the first time. The afternoon is intended for parents only.

Sacrament Saturday I is scheduled on Saturday, November 7th for each previously registered First Communion and Confirmation candidate and a parent. (2:30-4:45pm in the Education Center) **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN START TIME.**

RETREAT WORKSHOP FOR COUPLES

NOVEMBER 14-15

Living in Love Discover what makes your husband or wife feel “in love” and enjoy a refreshingly positive proactive approach to put the fun and delight into marriage for the sake of the whole church. Do your part to fill our parish with **joyful marriages** because our children deserve to see marriages that are worth waiting for!

For more information or to register on line visit www.livinginlove.org or call 610-640-4105. Parish representatives Kathy and Dave Phelan 610-902-0654.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Our Parish’s Annual Thanksgiving Bag Collection which benefits Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard in Philadelphia, begins this weekend. Empty paper bags will be available at all exits of the church. Please take a bag and fill it with the items noted on the “checklist” found inside the bag. All donations must be returned by November 11th. Questions? Contact Karen Peterson by calling 484.614.7669. NEW! Volunteers will be available to unload your Thanksgiving food donation at the base of the “Old School” stairs adjacent to the Church. Just pull your car up to the stairs on the dates and times posted below. It’s that easy!

November 1: before 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses

November 7: before the 5:00 pm Mass

November 8: before the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses

Your donation can also be dropped off in the Gathering Room of the Church between October 31 and November 11. We thank you in advance for your participation in this important food drive.

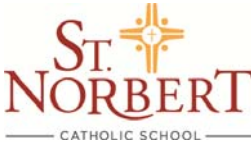
OUTREACH



Saint Gabriel’s Food Cupboard Collection is this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? Cash and donations payable to Saint Gabriel’s Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the designated box in the gathering space. Canned goods and donations can be left through Tuesday, October 27 at 8:00 a.m. Thanks for helping our inner city neighbors!

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE: *Thank You!*

Thank you for so generously supporting the Saint Monica annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive! The jars were donated locally to the Saint Agnes Day Room in West Chester.



ST. NORBERT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A 2015
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

FALL OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, October 29, 6-7:30 pm &
Tuesday, November 3, 9- 11 am

Learn more about our faith-based community dedicated to the education of all students from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade in a Christ-centered atmosphere.
 Tours of the school and classroom visits will be offered.

Staff, students, and parents will be on hand to answer your questions and share their experiences.

For more information, contact Cathy Link, Advancement Coordinator, at 610.644.1670 or clink@stnorbert.org for more information.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for OCTOBER 25			
DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday			
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday	7:00-9:00 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:15-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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Lifteen: High School Youth Group



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The Saint Monica Parish Bulletin is published weekly and is available both on the parish website and distributed to the assembly after Sunday Worship.

Submissions are due each Monday by noon and should be e-mailed to parishbulletin@saintmonicachurch.org with formatting left to a minimum.

Please include a contact name and phone number with your submission. In the case where announcements must be submitted handwritten, please make sure the text is legible.

BULLETIN INSERTS

All inserts must be submitted to the Rectory Office for approval a minimum of **two weeks** before you would like it to appear.

MASS INTENTIONS for October 25— November 1

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Russell Hurst	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Thomas Stewart	Fr. Serano	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Mercedes Castellano Anchorena	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 26th	Edward McKenna Family and Friends	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 27th	+ Edward Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 28th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 29th	+ John and Kris Erbey	Fr. Jaehwa		
Friday, 30th	+ Nelda Ragan	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 31st	+ Regis Filtz	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Danny McCormick	Fr. Zlock		<i>Collection Month for Saint Charles Seminary</i>
7:30 am	+ Pat DeHaven	Norbertine		
9:30 am	+ Tom McGee	Fr. Fitzgerald		
11:30 am	Deceased Members of Saint Monica Parish	Fr. Zlock		

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Margaret Annechini, Jack Barausky, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

H.O.P.E. — HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES

Leader for this week: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

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