



# 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)*

Saint Monica Rectory  
635 First Avenue  
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312  
Phone: 610.644.0110  
Facsimile: 610.695.0850

### Office of Religious Education (Rectory)

610.647.4757

### Parish Website

[www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org)

### Twitter & Instagram

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### Parish Staff E-mail

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### Parish Leadership

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saintmonicachurch.org

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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.

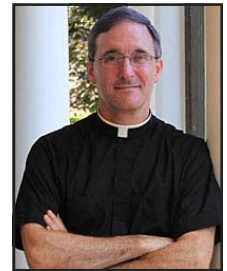


## The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2015

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Over the past few weeks, we have been taking a look at a small booklet named "Acceptance" by Vincent P. Collins who offers a reflection on the "Serenity Prayer." Last week we examined how acceptance (or "surrender") can move us from confusion and chaos to calm and composure. This week we close the reflection by looking at "The Kindness of God."



We read in Romans 8:28-39: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose." Vincent Collins calls this the "Kindness of God." The Kindness of God is the best answer to the age-old complaints:

*Why does God let them get away with it? We don't people act the way they should? Why are some people mean, arrogant, selfish, vicious, ungrateful and malicious all the time. Even some of the very best can be mean and arrogant part of the time. Why doesn't God do something about it!*

Collins closes by saying:

*God could do something about it alright; but strange to say that would ruin everything. He created us with free will - the power of choosing to do good or to do evil. He realized very well that some people would abuse free will, but He gave it to us anyway, because without it we would be robots. His plan is to reward us with Heaven, but you don't reward a machine for doing well it can't do otherwise. No free will, no reward.*

*It's a sinful world. We are a sinful people. I am a sinful person. Accept it! We don't have to remind God of that. Indeed, just read all four of the Gospels (Start at Matthew 26:36; Mark 14:32; Luke 22:39 and John 18:1). No one ever suffered more than Jesus did when He was on earth. He accepted injustice and did not rebel against it. It was through this very acceptance that He was to save us. Everything was done to Him was permitted by His Father for our salvation. For His part, He accepted it as the will of His Father. Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me; but not my will, but Thine be done (Luke 22:42).*

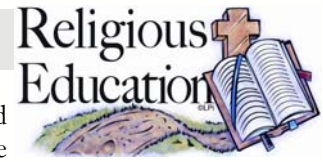
*Charles Zlock Jr*



## OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

**Most Merciful Father, we pray for the success of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We thank you for parents and students in our Religious Education program and youth ministry who are organizing this outreach for the poor. Bless their efforts and inspire us to give generously to our neighbors in need. Let us be ever grateful for your countless blessings upon us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program is in session on November 8-9, November 15-16, and November 23-24 of this month.

### 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. [mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org) or 610.647.4757.

## FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

### Audience of Over 400

#### “Over the Moon” for Chanticleer

This past Monday evening, 2 November, the “world’s reigning male chorus” descended upon Berwyn in a awe-inspiring concert event of music spanning over seven centuries. This Grammy-winning twelve member all male choral ensemble, “Chanticleer” overwhelmingly wowed the audience of over four hundred eager concert goers, some traveling from places as far as Harrisburg, Lancaster, Princeton, Southern Delaware, and Maryland.

Two standing ovations and an encore later, the program proved to be a masterful offering of some of the finest choral singing in the world, right here in our beautiful Church.

Many thanks to the many volunteers of the Music at Monica’s Committee and Parish Music Ministry who helped with this ambitious endeavor. Mark your calendar for our annual tradition of “Lessons and Carols for Advent” on Sunday, 13 December at 3 pm, with our own Saint Monica Parish Choir singing. All are welcome!

**Watch this space for future announcements...**

**New Catechetical Initiatives Coming Soon**

**Oramus**  
**Innovative Program on "Prayer"**  
**Called & Gifted II**  
**Discerning God's Call for You**



Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation of Saint Monica Parish

**L**ET THE CHURCH  
 ALWAYS BE A  
**PLACE OF MERCY**  
 AND **HOPE**, WHERE  
 EVERYONE IS WELCOMED,  
**LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . .**  
 - Pope Francis

*Coming Activities*

*Living the Holy Year of Mercy*

Sponsored by the Saint Monica Respect Life Ministry

- Adopt a Family: Spiritually and / or Financially
- Support the Diaper and Formula Drive in February, 2016
- Prepare a Celebration Supper for Moms in March, 2016
- Renovate space at on a Saturday in late Spring, 2016
- Witness Talk in January, 2016
- Rachel's Vineyard Retreats
- March for Life in Washington, D.C.:  
 Friday, January 22, 2016

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, November 1, 2015**

Sunday Collection	\$10,347
Electronic	\$10,568
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,915</b>

*We have 167 families contributing electronically.*

**POOR BOXES**

The monies collected from the poor boxes during the Month of November are for the benefit of Saint Patrick Fathers. 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](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org), under the **Parish Information** tab in the **Parish Leadership** section.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](http://www.livinginlove.org) or call 610-640-4105. Parish representatives Kathy and Dave Phelan 610-902-0654.

### MARCH FOR LIFE: SAVE THE DATE



The Church of Saint Monica Respect Life Ministry will once again be organizing a bus trip to Washington, DC for the **March for Life**. Save the date and plan to join us on **Friday, January 22, 2016**, for this important event. At this time we are also seeking financial sponsors to defray transportation costs for the trip. For more info, please contact Maurita Buhsmer at [jbuhsmer1@verizon.net](mailto:jbuhsmer1@verizon.net).

### IHM DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13-15, 6PM - SUNDAY 1PM**  
**VILLA MARIA HOUSE OF STUDIES**

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. For more information, please contact: [ihmvoc@aol.com](mailto:ihmvoc@aol.com) or 610-889-1553.

### SAINT MONICA TOILETRY MINISTRY

Saint Monica's Parish has started a Toiletry Ministry benefiting Saint John's Hospice in Philadelphia. Saint John's Hospice provides shower facilities to 160 homeless men a week and are in great need for travel size toiletries. Please donate any travel size toiletries – shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, body lotion, razors, toothpaste, etc. that are unused from a hotel stay or purchased. The bins are located inside the church entrance to the right. Our collection at Saint Monica can help these men live with some dignity. If you or your group would be interested in helping sort, pack and or deliver the toiletries to Saint John's Hospice, please contact Molly Arbes at [mollyandpeter@gmail.com](mailto:mollyandpeter@gmail.com).

### FOR THESE URGENT TIMES: SACRAMENTS. HEALING. DELIVERANCE.

Malvern Retreat House will offer a mid-week **healing retreat** in November titled *For These Urgent Times: Sacraments. Healing. Deliverance*. World-renowned preacher, author and minister of healing Kathleen McCarthy will direct this retreat that begins the evening of Monday, November 16 and lasts through mid-day Friday, November 20. Fr. Dermot A. Roache, SMA, known internationally for preaching and healing, will participate along with other notable priests. Please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

### SAINT PIO PRAYER GROUP



The Padre Pio Prayer Group, of Chester County meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, at SS. Philip and James Church, Exton, beginning at 8:00 AM. All Chester County Parishes are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is November 21st. For more information call 484-433-9401.

### EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Due to the Bulletin publishing schedule, all information for the November 29 Bulletin is due by 12 Noon on November 17.

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION



Our Parish's annual Thanksgiving Bag Collection which benefits Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard in Southwest Philadelphia is underway. Empty paper bags are available at all exits of the church. Please take a bag and fill it with the items noted on the "checklist" placed inside the bag. All donations must be returned by November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help transport the donated food to Saint Gabriel, please 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 across the parking spaces at the base of the stairs on the dates and times posted below. It's that easy!

**November 7:** before the 5:00pm 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 11th. We thank you in advance for your participation in this important food drive.

### SAINT MONICA WOMENS SOCIETY



OPEN HEARTS



OPEN DOORS

NEW FOR 2015

#### CREATE YOUR OWN HOLIDAY BOXWOOD TREE

No crafty experience necessary, just a desire to join the women of Saint Monica in a night of fun and fellowship while creating a beautiful Holiday Boxwood Tree.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

**Education Center Cafeteria**

**Cost per tree, approximately \$25.**

Any questions, please reach out to Women's Society Co-Chairs, Nancy Lafferty & Betsy Coyle at

[smswomenssociety@gmail.com](mailto:smswomenssociety@gmail.com)

### SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT



The parents of First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation candidates are reminded to return the envelope containing the completed sacrament documents by the designated due date.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**CALLED BY NAME**  
A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

#### Reminder:

Visit [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org) and find out how you can recommend or encourage someone who has been *Called by Name*. Please continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish, especially during this time of prayer for vocations.

### SAINT NORBERT'S PARISH PRESENTS:

**JASON EVERT**



Please join us **Thursday, December 10**, at Saint Norbert's for an evening with **Jason Evert** founder of the [ChastityProject.com](http://ChastityProject.com) and author of over 10 books including *How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul* and *Theology of the Body for Teens*. This will be a **FREE** event for Parents and Teens.

Jason will be giving a talk for **Parents Only** on *Parenting for Purity* at **6:00 PM**, while teens are having a Pizza Party.

At **7:30 PM**, Jason will be talking to **Teens Only** on *Love or Lust?*

The evening will end with **FireHill Worship Band** performing fresh from their appearance before Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families. Adoration and Benediction will conclude the evening.

For more information contact Heather Makowicz at [hjmo41370@gmail.com](mailto:hjmo41370@gmail.com).

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for November 8

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:30 pm	RCIA	Youth Room
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 7:00-10:00 pm	Legion of Mary Living in Love	Rectory Parish Center
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm 7:00 am-10:00 pm	Confession Living in Love	Church Parish Center
Sunday	7:00am-5:00pm	Living in Love	Parish Center

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## FATHER ZLOCK



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Fr. Charlie Zlock



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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifeteen: High School Youth Group



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CSMLifeteen



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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](mailto: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 November 8 — November 15

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ David A. Williams, Jr.	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Deceased Members of the Piombino and Tenaglio Families	Fr. Cortese	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Joseph DiOrio	Fr. Cortese	Cantor	
Monday, 9th	+ Nelda Ragan	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 10th	Gertrude and Kathleen O'Malley	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 11th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 12th	Julia Rocks	Fr. Jaehwa		
Friday, 13th	+ Marie MacFaun	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 14th	+ Nelda Ragan	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Agatha Susack	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Marguerite Cantley	Fr. Serano	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Nelda Ragan	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

## 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, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, 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: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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**Reverend Charles Zlock, M.Div., M.A., M.B.I.S., Pastor**

**Reverend Jaehwa J. Lee, Priest-in-Residence**

**Reverend Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., Ph.D., Pastoral Assistance**

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