



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.

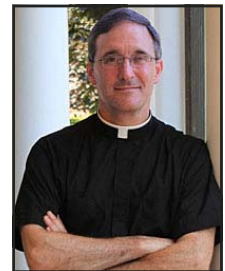


The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I have received a number of specific requests about prayer. Recently I uncovered a number of prayers about specific situations. This week, we will look at "Prayers Offered for Anxious Moments." I shall offer prayers for other intentions and categories in the weeks ahead.



Prayers for Anxious Moments:

Prayer For Employment

God, our Father, I turn to you seeking your divine help and guidance as I look for suitable employment. I need your wisdom to guide my footsteps along the right path, and to lead me to find the proper things to say and do in this quest. I wish to use the gifts and talents you have given me, but I need the opportunity to do so with gainful employment.

Do not abandon me, dear Father, in this search, but rather grant me this favor I seek so that I may return to you with praise and thanksgiving for your gracious assistance. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. St. Joseph The Worker, pray for us.

Prayer For Peace of Mind and Heart

Eternal, Holy God, I come to You burdened with worries, fears, doubts and troubles. Calm and quiet me with peace of mind, empty me of the anxiety that disturbs me; of the concerns that weary my spirit, and weigh heavy on my heart. Loosen my grip on the disappointments and grievances I hold on to so tightly. Release me from the pain of past hurts, of present anger and tension, of future fears.

Sometimes it's too much for me Lord, too many demands and problems, too much sadness, suffering, and stress. Renew me spiritually and emotionally. Give me new strength, hope, and confidence. Prepare me to meet the constant struggles of daily life with a deeper faith and trust in You. Let your love set me free, for peace, for joy, for grace, for life, for others, forever.

Prayer To Relieve Stress or Anxiety

Lord, there has been too much change in my life recently, and I feel overwhelmed.

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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

During this Year of Mercy, excerpts of the Diary of Saint Faustina's will be published weekly in our parish bulletin in the hope of bringing the parishioners of Saint Monica closer to our Lord through the knowledge and experience of His infinite mercy.

"We do not know the number of souls that is ours to save through our prayers and sacrifices; therefore, let us always pray for sinners."

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education classes are in session on the following dates this month: January 24 & 25, and 31–February 1. Progress Reports will be distributed to all current students in Grades 1-6 on Monday, January 25. Parents are asked to review the Progress Report, remove the copy of the Progress Report from its envelope, sign the envelope and return it to the child's teacher on or before February 8.

The **Saint Monica Religious Education Program Summer Session** registration forms can be found on the homepage of the parish website at www.saintmonicachurch.org. The Summer Session

registration is open to students registered in Saint Monica Parish, entering Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 in the Fall of 2016. The completed registration forms and payment must be received by February 22nd.

Sacrament Spotlight



Please pray for our parish's second grade students and parents as the children prepare to receive their First Reconciliation/Penance this coming Monday.

The Confirmation candidates are reminded to regularly review the Confirmation Study Guide, which can be found on the parish website.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

Disco Family Bingo is Back!

Friday, March 4th

5:30-7:00: Pizza Bingo

7:30-9:00: All Abilities Bingo

SAVE THE DATE

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MUSIC!

DANCING!

PRIZES!

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

On Sunday, 17 January, Saint Monica Church was filled to capacity for the fifth concert in the 2015-2016 Music at Monica's Season. David Kim, the Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, returned for his fourth visit and presented a concert of virtuosic works, masterfully performed, accompanied by friend and collaborator Jeffrey Uhlig at our Steinway piano.

A particularly poignant moment came after David finished playing an arrangement of the Bach\Gounod Ave Maria for violin and piano. The audible gasp of the audience was heard immediately following the last beautiful note.

In addition to David's incomparable playing, he spoke at length with the audience about his two treasured violins, their age, their "personalities", and even their considerable significant value. Another amazing moment came when he shared his personal stories of his experience with Pope Francis and the Philadelphia Orchestra from this past September. He said "having the Holy Father stop on stage to listen to the orchestra was an awe-inspiring moment... and of course the whole orchestra tried to take a selfie!"

Special thanks to Michael and Catherine Cappelletti for generously sponsoring this very special afternoon of music with one of the world's leading classical musicians.

HELPING HANDS *at* SAINT MONICA PARISH!

Registration Opens on January 30th!

SAVE THE DATE

LEND A HAND
this Lent by
PACKING MEALS
FOR THOSE IN NEED



Join your family & neighbors at a
HELPING HANDS EVENT
 a
FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St. Monica Parish in Berwyn invites you to take action to feed our brethren overseas and help reduce global poverty. Join us on Sunday, March 13th at 2pm for a Helping Hands meal-packaging event presented by Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now.

Our goal is to pack 40,000 meal bags to help feed vulnerable children, women, and men in the West African country of Burkina Faso.

We provide the food and packing materials. Just bring yourself and your servant's heart after you **RSVP at cyacc.org/hands**.

WHEN

Sunday, **March 13th** 2-4:30pm

WHERE

St. Monica Parish Center
 601 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312

HOW

Please **RSVP at cyacc.org/hands**



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS *for* DECEMBER 2015

December 2015	\$76,798	44% Electronic	December YTD 2015	\$433,360	44% Electronic
December 2014	\$83,202	37% Electronic	December YTD 2014	\$422,824	40% Electronic
December Budget 2015-16	\$82,758		December YTD Budget 2015-16	\$453,416	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$8,324
Electronic	\$3,963
Total	\$12,287
Christmas	\$63,452

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the Catholic Relief Services. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 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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Because I try to be a responsible person, I sometimes forget that it is unwise for me to allow my sense of duty to override my common sense.

Lord, help me to allow myself more time to rest, relax, and pray. Guide me toward something spiritual to read every day and a quiet time afterwards to reflect on what I have read and how it pertains to my life. I truly want to simplify my life and live more as Christ did. Help me remember that there is no loss or problem I must face alone. You are always near, with Your love and compassion to comfort me. Amen.

Prayer Before Surgery

Loving Father, I entrust myself to your care this day; guide with wisdom and skill the minds and hands of the medical people who minister in your Name, and grant that every cause of illness be removed, I may be restored to soundness of health and learn to live in more perfect harmony with you and with those around me. Into your hands, I commend my body and my soul, Amen.

Charles Zlock Jr

ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTION

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

with Father William Trader, O. Praem.

Date: February 10

Offering: \$25 per person *(includes simple Lenten lunch)*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: Daylesford Abbey, Paoli

Call for a schedule for the day! 610-647-2530 ext. 135

A Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis opened the extraordinary Jubilee Year on December 8th, 2015, the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican council. This Ash Wednesday's Day of Reflection will center on the Pope's call to all to be mirrors of God's mercy. The presentations will allow the participants to revisit the Mercy of God in the Psalms, the Gospels and the Sacraments. There will be 2 presentations, time for quiet reflection. There will be time to celebrate the Sacrament of Mercy and all are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be several mercy-filled confessors available.

MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

Internationally-Acclaimed Concert Pianist

MERAL GUNEYMAN

Sunday, 28 February at 3 pm

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the Saint Monica Religious Education Program catechists who were recently honored at the Cathedral Basilica for their years of dedicated service to our Lord and Saint Monica Parish. Mr. Nick Kennedy and Mrs. Amy Brown were recognized for their 5 years of service, receiving the Saint John Neumann Award. Mr. Bob Schubert received the Saint Charles Borromeo Award for his 25 year commitment as a catechist. May God bless these award-winning catechists and all of our parish catechists for their faithful and faith-filled service!



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, January 26 at 8:00 a.m. Thanks for helping our inner city neighbors!

A 2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



2016 Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 31st 12:30- 2:00 PM &

Monday, February 1st 9- 10:30 AM

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 info: Cathy Link, 610.644.1670 or clink@stnorbert.org.

YEAR OF MERCY:

High School Mission Trip Support Opportunity

A Saint Monica high school student is preparing for a 10-day service trip from June 4 - June 13 to Chulucanas, Peru. Chulucanas is a Spanish-speaking area of around 89,700 people located on the northeast side of Peru and is 87% Catholic. The Poverty rate is extreme: 63.3%. The area has suffered numerous natural disasters including the 2013 Narino Earthquake and four other earthquakes in the past year. Political and Economic instability is significant.

This student is a true model of someone "going to the fringes" to assist others. Saint Monica is looking to co-support this student with assistance from his own parish community. We will match any parishioner financial support up to \$250. If interested, please contact Father Zlock who will provide a "program portfolio" from the student.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT 2016 - *Save the Date!* Mark your calendars for our 19th edition of **Team Trivia Night - Saturday, March 12th**. *More details to come . . .*

SAINT MONICA PARISH INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE A NEW AND PERSONALIZED SPIRITUAL WORLD FOR YOURSELF!
Come As You Are, Come When You Can, Stay If You'd Like!

ALPHA

Dates: Sundays January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28; March 6 & 20; April 3
Location: Parish Education Center Cafeteria
Time: 12:45pm-3:15pm

OREMUS PRAYER PROGRAM

Dates: Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27; February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16
Location: Parish Center
Time: 7:00-8:00 pm **Cost:** \$20

CALLED & GIFTED II

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
Location: Parish Center **Time:** 9:15-Noon
Cost: \$10 if you attended **C & G I** and completed *The Spiritual Gifts Inventory*; \$35 if you did not attend **C & G II**;
 Participants must complete *Gifts Inventory* in advance.

It's Not Too Late to Register!

Registration for **ALPHA, OREMUS & CALLED AND GIFTED II** programs are available on our parish website at WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG

Questions? Please contact Aagee Lane 610-908-7007 or aageeclane@gmail.com

Celebrate Valentine's Day by



February 13-14, 2016

Whether you are newlyweds or married many years this retreat is a Valentine's gift you will never forget! It is guaranteed to get you back in touch with what you fell in love with in the first place and to unleash more joy and delight in your marriage. Husbands and wives will both love the fun, practical, proactive approach, and couples of all faiths or no faith will feel welcome.

Saint Monica's will host this two-day **Living in Love Retreat Workshop** **Saturday, February 13 from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday, February 14 7:30 am Mass to 3:00 pm**

Includes a lovely romantic dinner Saturday night, and continental breakfast each day. Cost \$125 per couple.

For more information, contact Dave and Kathy Phelan at 610-902-0654. To register, go to www.livinginlove.org or call 610-640-4105.

and / or Enjoy a

Valentine Evening of Reflection

Presented by Father Zlock at the Malvern Retreat House, **Sunday evening February 14, 2016**. Give your spouse the perfect gift right on Valentine's Day! This special evening for couples includes: prayer, cocktail hour, romantic dinner, opportunity for confession, spiritual reflection, adoration and renewal of Vows. Cost \$100.00; to register call 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com/retreats/days-and-evenings-of-reflection.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 24

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	12:45-3:15 pm	ALPHA	Hagenbach Room
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm 6:15-7:15 pm	Adoration First Penance	Church Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:30 pm	RCIA	Faith Formation
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study OREMUS	Youth Room Parish Center
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	2:15-4:45 pm 4:00-4:45 pm	Sacrament Saturday Confession	Parish Center Church

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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 January 24 — January 31

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Joe Babbas	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services</i>
7:30 am	+ Geraldine Burke	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Wilbur Wilson Oaks	Fr. Fitzgerald	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 25th	+ Anne Morath	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 26th	+ Russell Hurst	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 27th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 28th	+ Mildred Shudy	Fr. Novielli		
Friday, 29th	+ Marie and Bob Agnew	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 30th	+ Edward Brannick	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent de Paul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ J. Kevin Mueller	Fr. Kielhorn	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Sadie and Nick Borzillo	Fr. Zlock	Choir is off.	
11:30 am	+ Carlo DiMemmo	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Margaret Annechini, Jack Barausky, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Marie C. Fitzgerald, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, 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, 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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