



# 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  
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### Office of Religious Education (Rectory)

610.647.4757

### Parish Website

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

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### Parish Leadership

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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.  
11:30a.m.

**Holy Days  
of Obligation** 8:30 a.m.  
12 noon

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
Anytime by appointment.

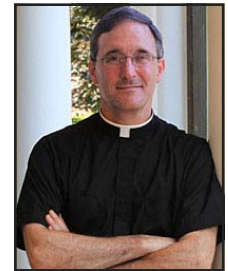


## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 27, 2016

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

#### The Open Secrets of Christ's Becoming Man: Salvation and Unity



One of the most profound passages in the Gospels is Matthew's 1:1-17. We struggle through hearing the Lector read forty-two generations of ancient Jewish names, from Abraham to Jesus. Why? Saint Augustine provides a reason in clear but human terms when he says, "Christ rose *in the flesh* in order to ensure we could believe in our resurrection *of the flesh* [and the need for our unity with him]." Christ won trust by the resurrection of His flesh.

People who help or minister to others who are struggling find that they are so much more effective when they have lived the same struggles or experiences previously. Could you love your children or friends if you did not see them and their smile? Could you really relate to someone who never got tired or rested, never slept or was never hungry or thirsty? How about someone who was never wrong nor felt unfairly treated or embarrassed?

In this regard, it is so practical for the Son of God to take on flesh like one with us. God might be less real for us if we could not imagine his sharing our humanity. We can't relate simply to some type of "spirit in the sky." Along with the mind, heart and soul, we experience human feelings and virtues such as love, mercy, trust, compassion, understanding and forgiveness. We need hugs and hand-shakes and the ability to look into each other's eyes. So while going through the genealogy of Jesus is a challenge, it brings a sense of unity to the humanity - as well as the divinity - of Christ who became man to show how much we are loved and desired by the Father. Christ took on humanity so he could not only say, "I AM" but "I AM one of you."

In *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis helps us to understand that God (Continued on Page 4)



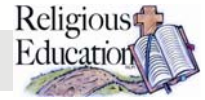
### OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

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.

**"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."**

- Saint Faustina (Diary, 1319)

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program classes are NOT in session on Sunday and Monday, March 27-28.

Walk-In registration for the 2016-2017 Sunday and Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) school year is available on Monday, April 4th in the St. Monica Gym foyer. Parents can drop off completed forms/payment or stop by to complete the forms and make payment between 6:00 and 7:15pm.

The Religious Education Summer Session for students in Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 is scheduled to begin on June 20 through June 24; and continues from June 27 through June 29. **The registration period for the RE Summer**

**Session has been extended until April 4.** The link to the registration forms can be found on the parish website at [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org) For more information please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757.

Parents are reminded of the following:

- The Participation Slips required of the students who attended the Summer Session 2015 are due to the Office of Religious Education on or before April 15th.
- The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled on Friday, April 1 and the First Communion Retreat is scheduled on Friday, April 8. Both retreats will be hosted at Malvern Retreat House. Specific information has been forwarded.

## FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

### EASTER MUSIC AND FLOWER DONATIONS

Included in your offering packet mailed to your homes will be the envelope for your annual offering for our Easter Music and Flower expenses. This special collection helps the parish offer a beautifully decorated church environment for the celebration of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and also to continue our high-quality, sacred musical offerings during those liturgical celebrations. The budget for these expenses is \$7,000 and we are very grateful for your consideration and support of this special collection.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Music at Monica's closes the 2015-2016 Concert Season with the Pennsylvania Girlchoir on Sunday, 17 April at 3:00 pm. A free-will offering will be accepted. All are welcome. Join us as we celebrate a successful season and are able to support our designated beneficiaries: Siloam and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center!

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

## Helping Hands 2016 — 50,000 Meals in less than 2 hours!



Following a wonderful evening of Team Trivia, 230 volunteers gathered in the Saint Monica parish center on Sunday, March 13th for the second annual *Helping Hands Meal Packing Event*. After the brief presentations from Maureen McCullough (Director of CRS NE), Pascasie Musabyemungu (Program Coordinator, Rwanda), and Dr. Duane Milne (our local PA State Representative), we got to work packing 50,000 meals in just under two hours. It was amazing to watch and blessing to be a part of!

How is it possible to pack 50,000 meals in less than two hours? The answer: a well-orchestrated system of funnels, weighing stations, sealers, and hardworking volunteers! At the start of the event, participants were asked to spread out around the gymnasium and find a station that they wanted to work at. Each funnel station had 5 volunteers who would funnel their assigned ingredient into a bag at the center. Once enough bags were accumulated, runners would pick up the bags and take them to a weighing station. The contents were adjusted as needed then passed to a sealing station. Once sealed,



the bags were systematically boxed and loaded into an awaiting truck. In the coming weeks, our truckload will be merged with other truckloads to fill a shipping container which will be transported to CRS operations in the West African Country of Burkina Faso.



The programs are designed to break the long term cycle of poverty. Our meals serve to provide basic nutrition in the short term so that families can benefit from the longer term effects of poverty alleviation.

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY 2016

February 2016	\$65,808	44% Electronic	February YTD 2016	\$574,316	44% Electronic
February 2015	\$61,110	44% Electronic	February YTD 2015	\$576,573	41% Electronic
February Budget 2015-16		\$67,451	February YTD Budget 2015-16		\$601,495

#### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to the early publication deadline, last week's collection amounts are not available at press time.

#### POOR BOXES

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of March is for the benefit of the Saint Monica Parish Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. 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](http://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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never meant us to be a purely spiritual creature. Lewis writes about the mysterious need for the uniting of our humanity with Christ's Divinity when he says, "When Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them - that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts like belief, but by bodily acts like Baptism and Holy Communion. It is not merely the spreading of an idea. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us.

Some may think this rather crude and "unspiritual." God does not: He invented eating. He likes matter. He "invented" it. God also "invented" humanity. So, as we await the coming of Jesus' humanity, let us express our gratitude for our humanity. Consider the prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola, *Anima Christi*: "Take my body Jesus, eyes and ears and tongue. Never let them, Jesus, help to do thee wrong. Take my heart and fill it, full of love for thee. All I have I give thee, give thyself to me. Soul of Christ sanctify me. Body of Christ save me. Blood of Christ inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ wash me. Passion of Christ strengthen me. O good Jesus hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. At the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to thee. So that with all the Angels and Saints, I may praise thee forever and ever." *By Deacon Bill Masapallo*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 AT OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION PARISH A WILDERNESS ADVENTURE THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS: JESUS IN MY HEART Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

All Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome! This is 15 hours of songs, games, activities, crafts, Bible stories and daily snacks. The cost is \$55.00 per child, \$95.00 for two and \$125.00 for three or more in the family. Each child will receive *Saint Cards*, a *VBS Tee-Shirt* and a *Family Cat Chat Music CD*.

#### Calling all High School and Adult VBS Volunteers!

If you enjoy working with small groups of children on **Crafts, Music, Games, Snacks** or as a **Group Leader** during VBS, please contact Sr. Kathleen at 610-688-6590 or [kftzpatrick@olastrafford.org](mailto:kftzpatrick@olastrafford.org).



### PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue to pray for our parish's First Communion and Confirmation Sacrament candidates who are diligently preparing to receive the Sacraments in April and May, respectively. Thank you.

### GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD

Focusing on our local community, Saint Monica Church supports Great Valley Food Cupboard (GVFC) and their overlooked needs such as toilet paper, paper towels, and all cleaning supplies. Please bring your donations to the back of the church anytime and deposit them into the purple bin marked for **Great Valley Food Cupboard**. GVFC is located on North Valley Forge Road in Devon/Berwyn and supports T/E and Great Valley families in need. For more information, please contact Cristina Kovarick at 610-500-3145.

### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

*"An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."*

*- Matthew 28:2*



**Reflection:** The stone is what sealed human beings in the grave. By sitting on it, the angel says that death is conquered – not only Jesus' death, but all death. The stone is not going to roll back; it cannot any longer hold humanity captive to the grave. Our destiny is now the heights of heaven.

**Prayer:** Alleluia! The Kingdom of death has been overturned! The power of abortion, euthanasia, and other evils has already been defeated! Lord, Your power is greater than death. May Easter give me confidence to be a witness to Life! *- From Blogs by Fr. F. Pavone*

### DIVINE MERCY WEEKEND RETREAT

Malvern Retreat House is hosting a powerful weekend retreat from Friday, April 1 to Sunday, April 3 to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This year's retreat directors are Msgr. John Esseff, a former spiritual director for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Rev. Ronan Murphy, a chaplain who gives retreats for the Marian Movement of Priests. Fr. Steven DeLacy also will be in assistance on Divine Mercy Sunday. Registration deadline is March 21. For more information or to register, please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

*Happy Easter to All!*

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### 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, March 29 at 8:00 a.m. Sisters Arleen and Rita extend best wishes to the people of Saint Monica's for a blessed Easter and many thanks for our help to our inner city neighbors.

The arrangements were greeted with warmth and thankfulness from each recipient and the ladies of the Women's Society are truly grateful!

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS — *Have you Registered?*

The Annual Day of Reflection for all of our Saint Monica Liturgical Ministers is coming up on Saturday, April 9th, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass. Are you registered yet? Please see the Parish Website to sign-up. Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

*Saint Monica Parish invites you to explore a new and personalized spiritual world for yourself!*

### ALPHA

**REMAINING DATES: APRIL 3, 10**

**Location:** Parish Education Center Cafeteria

**Time:** 12:45pm-3:15pm

*You are welcome to drop in and join us at any of the sessions!*

**April 3 - "Does God Still Heal Today?"**

**April 10 - "What About the Church?" (Final session)**

Questions? Contact Aagee Lane at 610-908-7007

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Bereavement Ministry of Saint Monica and Saint Katharine of Siena Parishes is offering a presentation on **"Understanding Your Grief"** by Pat Connolly on Sunday, 17 April at 3:00 pm at Saint Monica Parish.

### SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY

#### "SOUP, SIP & SNIP"



On February 28th the Saint Monica Women's Society got together for a special evening of fellowship and service at their 1st **Soup, Sip & Snip Event**.

They gathered for a light dinner of delicious homemade soups prepared by a few generous chefs, raised a glass in friendship and concentrated on getting their creative juices flowing.

Each member brought a small bunch of flowers that would be used together to create 25 beautiful Spring Bouquets.

These arrangements were made with kindness and love for members of our parish that are currently unable to get out and join our community each Sunday at Mass. They were hand delivered by the Women's Society the next day along with a short note wishing each parishioner God's Blessings.

**SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY**  
 INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR  
**Designer Bag**  
**BINGO**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29**  
**7:00 PM**

**SAINT MONICA PARISH CENTER**  
 \$20 ADMISSION AT THE DOOR COVERS  
 5 GAMES OF STRAIGHT BINGO  
 1 GAME FULL CARD BINGO  
 ~WINNER SELECTS DESIGNER HANDBAG  
 OF THEIR CHOICE~  
 PLUS SOME FUN RAFFLE ITEMS!  
 BEER...WINE....SODA....SNACKS  
 GUARANTEED FUN!!

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### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for March 27

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday	7:00-9:00 pm	Women's Society	Cafeteria
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:30-11:00 am 9:00pm-8:00am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm 6:30-8:30 pm	Confession Couples Adoration	Church Church

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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
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](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 March 27— April 3

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
7:30 pm Easter Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
7:30 am	+ Anna Coxé	Fr. Avicolli	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Sadie and Nick Borzillo	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Mike and Thomas McAleer	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 28th	+ Robert Shoemaker	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 29th	+ Charles DiCola	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 30th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 31st	+ Thomas and Mary Farrell	Fr. Antry		
Friday, 1st	+ Alice Dougherty	Fr. Jaehwa		
Saturday, 2nd	+ John Stillwell	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Stacy Jiorna	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Tony Alzamora	Norbertine	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, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Thomas Losoncy, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, 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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

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