



# 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 (Rector)

610.647.4757

### Parish Website

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

### Twitter & Instagram

@StMonicaBerwyn

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Text "Monica1897" to 84576

### Parish Staff E-mail

FirstInitialLastName@  
saintmonicachurch.org

### Parish Leadership

parishcouncil@  
saintmonicachurch.org

financecouncil@  
saintmonicachurch.org

### 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 8:30 a.m.

of Obligation 12 noon

### The Sacrament of

### Reconciliation *(Confessions)*

Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.



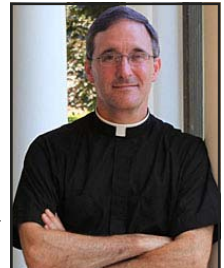
Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

*Everyone gets the "blues." Sometimes this is because of challenging circumstances we are facing. Emotionally this could be from a death in the family, financial difficulties or a rift in a relationship. Being physically tired or sick can also lead us to a certain depressed feeling.*

*At a January 2016 conference in Florence, Italy, Carlo de Marchi provided some thoughts on facing – and overcoming – "sadness" drawn from the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas.*



On certain days we have all been sad, days when we have been unable to overcome an inner torpor or depression that weighs down on us and makes it difficult to interact with others. Is there a trick for overcoming sorrow and recovering our smile? St. Thomas Aquinas suggests five remedies against sadness that have proven surprisingly effective (Summa Theologiae, I–II, q. 38).

**The first remedy is granting ourselves something we like.** It's as though the famous theologian had already intuited seven centuries ago that "chocolate is an antidepressant." This might seem a bit materialistic, but no one would deny that a tough day can end well with a good beer. It's hard to refute this by citing the Gospel, since our Lord took part joyfully in banquets and feasts, and both before and after his Resurrection enjoyed the noble and good things in life. One of the Psalms even says that wine gladdens the human heart (although the Bible also clearly condemns getting drunk).

**The second remedy is weeping.** St. Thomas says "a hurtful thing hurts yet more if we keep it shut up, because the soul is more intent on it: whereas if it be allowed to escape, the soul's intention is dispersed as it were on outward things, so that the inward sorrow is lessened" (I-II q. 38 a. 2). Our melancholy gets worse if we have no way to give vent to our sorrow. Weeping is the soul's way to release a sorrow that can become paralyzing. Jesus too wept. And Pope Francis said that "certain truths in life can only be seen with eyes cleansed by tears. I invite each of you to ask yourself: *(Continued on Page 4)*

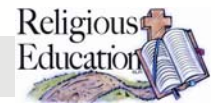


## OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

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.

***"From the fountains of your Mercy, O Lord,  
Flows all happiness and life,  
And thus, all creatures and the whole of creation  
Sing out in ecstasy a song of mercy."***

*- Saint Faustina (Diary, 525)*



## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on April 24 and April 25 with the exception of students in Grade 2. The final Religious Education sessions are scheduled for all students on May 1 and May 2. Progress Reports will be distributed at the last session.

The RE Summer Session registration is now closed. Registration for the 2016-2017 Sunday morning (Grades 2 & 6) and Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) school year is underway. The registration forms can be found on the parish website, under

Religious Education. Parents are asked to register their children as soon as possible. Questions? Mary Pizzano would be happy to speak with you. Please contact her at [mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org) or 610-647-4757.

We are pleased that Sr. Rose Bernadette Mulligan, IHM will share the joys of her vocation as a religious sister with the Religious Education Program students on Sunday, May 1 at 10:15 a.m. & Monday, May 2 at 6:15pm. Parishioners are most welcome to join us for the 30 minute presentation in the school cafeteria.

## FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



**XLT at Saint Monica's  
Sunday 4/24  
4-6:30pm  
(meet in the church)**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration,  
Praise and Worship, an inspiring  
message and **Free Dinner!**  
This event is open to all ages.  
Please RSVP on the parish website.

## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

### COMMUNION ANTIPHONS: WHAT ARE WE SINGING?

In an effort to include more of the texts prescribed for each Sunday liturgy, known as the “proprs,” we will continue to sing the “Communion Antiphons for the Easter Season” as set and composed by Norman Guin (former Music Director of Daylesford Abbey and composer of the official hymn for the World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia). The “proper” is a part of the liturgy that varies according to the date, either representing

an observance within the liturgical year, or of a particular saint or significant event. This collection of proper antiphons spans the Easter season, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. The antiphons, whose English texts are adapted from the Graduale Romanum and The Roman Missal, are set in a plainchant style which is accessible for us all to sing together. The verses are from the psalms and are set to new psalm tones for the choir and cantor to sing. Give the antiphon (refrain) a try as you process to holy communion.



## VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

### Brothers of Borromeo Conference

Saturday, June 4th

9:00AM – 2:30PM

\$25 per person



St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

*Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade men.*



### 2016 Quo Vadis Days!



June 16th – 19th

SPACE LIMITED!

\$20-\$250 (Pay what you are able)

Open to all 8th – 12th grade men.

*Scan QR code for our promo video!*

For more information on these and other programs sponsored by the Vocation Office please contact:

**Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 610-667-5778 † [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org)

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS *for* MARCH 2016

March 2016	\$54,839*	44% Electronic	March YTD 2016	\$629,156	44% Electronic
March 2015	\$82,960	44% Electronic	March YTD 2015	\$659,533	41% Electronic
March Budget	2015-16	\$71,000	March YTD Budget	2015-16	\$671,940
* Easter	3/27/16	\$41,505			

#### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Sunday Collection \$7,909  
Electronic \$4,183  
Total \$12,092

*We have 167 families  
contributing electronically.*

#### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Saint Monica 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.

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Have I learned how to cry?"

**The third remedy is sharing our sorrow with a friend.** I recall here the friend of Renzo in Manzoni's great novel *The Betrothed*. Finding himself alone in his deserted home ravaged by the plague and mourning his family's horrible fate, he tells Renzo: "What has happened is horrible, something that I never thought I would live to see; it's enough to take away a person's joy for the rest of his life. But speaking about these things with a friend is a great help." This is something we have to experience in order to understand it. When we are sad, we tend to see everything in tints of gray. A very effective antidote is opening our heart to a friend. Sometimes a brief message or phone call is enough for our outlook to once again be filled with light.

**The fourth remedy against sadness is contemplating the truth.** Contemplating the "fulgor veritatis" St. Augustine speaks of, the splendor of truth in nature or a work of art or music, can be an effective balm against sadness. A literary critic, a few days after the death of a dear friend, was scheduled to speak at a conference about the topic of adventure in the works of Tolkien. He began by saying: "Speaking about beautiful things to people interested in them is for me a real consolation ..."

**The fifth remedy** suggested by St. Thomas is perhaps something we wouldn't expect from a medieval thinker. The theologian says that a wonderful remedy against sadness **is bathing and sleeping.** It's a deeply Christian viewpoint that in order to alleviate a spiritual malady one will sometimes have to resort to a bodily remedy. Ever since God became Man, and therefore took on a body, the separation between matter and spirit has been overcome in this world of ours.

A widespread error is that Christianity is based on the opposition between soul and body, with the latter being seen as a burden or obstacle for the spiritual life. But the right view of Christian humanism is that the human person (both body and soul) is completely "spiritualized" by seeking union with God.

"No one thinks it strange to seek out a physician who cares for the body as a guide for a spiritual illness," says St. Thomas More. "The body and soul are so closely united that together they form a single person, and hence a malady of one can sometimes be a malady of both. Therefore, I would advise (continued)

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everyone, when confronted with a physical illness, to first go to confession, and seek out a good spiritual doctor for the health of their soul. Likewise for some sicknesses of the soul, besides going to the spiritual physician, one should also go to a physician who cares for the body."

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY



Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with Jesus?

In the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, author, Father Michael Gaitley, highlights the teachings of 4 Marian "experts" – St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and St.

John Paul II. Join with fellow parishioners and families as we read (about 2 pages per day), ponder, and meet once a week for 6 weeks to watch Father Gaitley's DVD and discuss the readings with the aid of a companion manual in small groups. We will meet on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in the cafeteria from May 17 - June 21. The fee is \$25 and includes all materials. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 9th. To register or for more info contact Maureen Kozak at [momokozak@comcast.net](mailto:momokozak@comcast.net) or 610-416-7570.

*To Jesus Through Mary*

**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 [kfitzpatrick@olastrafford.org](mailto:kfitzpatrick@olastrafford.org).

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### SAINT MONICA MEN'S SOCIETY

#### SAVE THE DATE . . .

**Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, May 21st, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Grotto Lawn.** Enter your best chili, ready to go and in an electric crock pot. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Plan on having chili for lunch and/or dinner. We will have ample amounts of chili, besides the competitors' chili, to feed everyone. Please RSVP with a headcount to John at [mccarty564@gmail.com](mailto:mccarty564@gmail.com) or at 610-291-9197.

### MAY CROWNING OF MARY



Our parish's annual Crowning of Mary is scheduled for **Sunday, May 8th**, at the closing of the 11:30 a.m. Mass. We hope you will join us this Mother's Day as we celebrate and honor Mary, our Blessed Mother!

we have certain days designated for Saint Monica parishioners. Contact Cristina at [clkovarick@gmail.com](mailto:clkovarick@gmail.com) or log into SignUpGenius.com (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4eacac29a20-stmonicas>).

### 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, April 26 at 8:00 a.m. Sisters Arleen and Rita extend their thanks for our generous assistance.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is in need of a few enthusiastic adults to serve as catechists/teachers beginning in September for the 2016-2017 school year for both the Sunday morning session and Monday evening session. Please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. A stipend, guidance, and support are generously provided! For more info please contact Mary Pizzano at [mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org) or 610-647-4757.

### CHOSEN FATHERS: A RETREAT FOR FATHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

On **Saturday, April 30, 2016** at St. Charles Seminary, the Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a *Chosen Father*, who is the president of EWTN and an award winning sports news and TV/Radio host. To register online go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org). For more info call 215-587-3530 or email [mcullinan@archphila.org](mailto:mcullinan@archphila.org).

Two years ago Libby Judge, daughter of Sis Way, suffered a spinal cord injury leaving her paralyzed and dependent on others for her daily needs.

Please join us on

**May 13th from 6:00-11:00 PM**

**The Great American Pub**

123 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

**For The 3rd Annual**

**Love.Live.Give**

**in Honor of Libby Judge Fundraiser**

To purchase tickets visit <http://www.501auctions.com/helphopelive-judge> or mail your donation to: **HelpHopeLive**, Two Radnor Corporate Center, 100 Matsonford Road, Suite 100, Radnor, PA 19087- *Memo Line*: In Honor of Libby Judge.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

### GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD

Next time you are at the grocery store, please consider buying an extra roll of paper towels, soap, cleaning supplies, shampoo, or body wash. Saint Monica's collects these (and similar household items) for our neighbors at **Great Valley Food Cupboard**. Please place your donations in the purple bin at the back of the church. If you are interested in donating your time at the Cupboard,

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 24

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday			
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday			
Friday	9:30-11:00 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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## FATHER ZLOCK



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Frzlock.com



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Fr. Charlie Zlock



**Twitter**  
@FrZlock

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifeteen: 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 April 24 — May 1

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Dolores Cavanagh	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Elaine Borzillo	Fr. Driesch	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Valentino Rubbo	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 25th	+ Thomas and Michael McAleer	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 26th	+ Mrs. Connie Luberti	Fr. Novielli		
Wednesday, 27th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 28th	+ Albert Lambertz	Fr. Fr. Albero		
Friday, 29th	+ Tom Canfield	Fr. Jaehwa		
Saturday, 30th	+ Larry Harris	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Mary Devereaux Steiert	Fr. Zlock	Choir	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions</i>
7:30 am	+ Ronald J. Daniels	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	Father Trader	Norbertine	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Kathleen Dempsey, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Thomas Losoncy, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, 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

*Thomas O'Loughlin, Husband of Mary*

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

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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sandra Concannon  
Maureen Friedrich

Levi Keene  
Tobias Hoppe, *chair*

Martha McGurk  
Dr. Anthony Roeder  
Brendan Powell, Jr.

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Brian McGaughan  
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Michael Vadner

Lawrence Wieser  
Henry Yordan

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

**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**

**The Norbertines of Daylesford Abbey, Pastoral Assistance**

**Mary C. Pizzano, Director of Religious Education**

**Frank K.J. Orman, Director of Worship & Music**

**Jason Carter, Director of Family & Youth Ministry**

**Theresa Carey, Business Manager**

**Catherine H. Levine, Parish Administrative Assistant**

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**Elizabeth P. Tenaglio, Cemetery Administration**

**Frank Pantano, Facilities Manager**