



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.

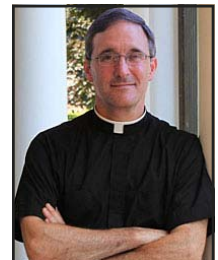


Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Father Tom Neal is the Academic Dean and Professor of Spiritual Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. He penned an article that was featured on bishop Robert Barron's website, **Word On Fire** entitled, "*St. John of the Cross' Advice on Conquering Self-Love.*" In recent weeks I have featured articles concerning prayer and spirituality from Jesuits and Augustinians. I guess I should include some Carmelite spirituality as well.



Pope Francis recently cautioned that the biggest enemy of mercy is "self-love." St. John of the Cross agrees, and teaches that the greatest work of Divine mercy in us is God's work of overcoming our distorted "self-love" so that we might become capable of the selfless love that is the origin of mercy. Mercy, remember, is loving and seeking the well-being of difficult, needy, irritating, unattractive, unpleasant, smelly, nasty, unworthy others unto discomfort and self-renunciation.

By self-love, neither John nor Pope Francis mean to disparage that healthy love for self that reverences all that is good in us and appropriately cares for our genuine well-being (c.f. Ephesians 5:29). Rather, both are disparaging that self-absorbed inward turning that thwarts the authentic good found in hard virtues, resists God's holy will and prevents us from loving with the love of Jesus Crucified.

In his treatise *Dark Night*, John begins his discussion of the purgative phases of spiritual growth by using the Seven Capital Sins to analyze the extent to which the incurved ego remains alive and well in those who have made significant progress in prayer, have tasted of remarkable graces, but have not yet gone through the more mature developments in the spiritual life that require God to expose and purify their well-disguised spiritual narcissism. As a Carmelite priest I know says it: "What St. John calls beginners are those who won't let God pluck out the spiritual lollipop He once placed in their mouth when they were small children. God gives us spiritual sweets when we are young to get out attention, but removes them when it's time for stronger nourishment. Beginners at the threshold of deeper (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.

**"My Jesus, make my heart like unto Your Merciful Heart.
Jesus, help me to go through life doing good to everyone."**

- Saint Faustina (Diary, 692)

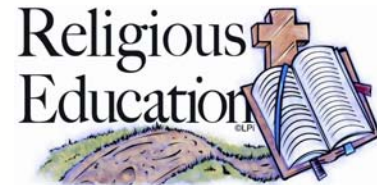
FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The parent-catechist “**Meet and Greet**” has been re-scheduled to Monday, October 10. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's catechist. We hope you will join us.

The parents of 2nd grade students are reminded of the **First Penance Parent Meeting** on Monday, October 17th at 6:15 pm in the Hagenbach Room, located in the Parish Center. The First Communion packets will be distributed to the parents at this meeting. Our

guest speaker is Mrs. Kellianne Miley.

The Religious Education Program is NOT in session this week, October 3. Classes will resume on October 10.



FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH FILM SERIES



ask anything.





EDGE
7th & 8th Grades
Sundays 4:30-6



LIFE TEEN
High School
Sundays 7-8:30

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

Our New Organ in Pictures XI

All of the parts of the console are almost completely together, and woodwork mostly completed. The electronics, wiring and mounting continue to be installed in the back end of the console. Mark your calendars for the Organ Dedication Concert on Friday, 9 December!



Have you heard?



WE'RE MOVING!

Due to the pending construction projects, all Masses and Church Events will be held in the Parish Center Gym from September 26th to November 7th.



Our beautiful church building, almost 25 years old, needs a little work! The air-conditioning, heating, lighting, sound system, and organ are all scheduled to be replaced and it's going to take a little while. In order to facilitate an expedited construction schedule, assure the safety of our parishioners and workers, and to keep disruption of our worship life to a minimum, we're moving into the Parish Center Gym beginning on Monday, 26 September, with the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass. The Mass times and schedules won't change — just the location! Help spread the word!

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for AUGUST 2016

August 2016	\$61,655	49% Electronic	August YTD 2016	\$130,602	47% Electronic
August 2015	\$71,596	43% Electronic	August YTD 2015	\$142,289	45% Electronic
August Budget	2016-17	\$61,557	August YTD Budget	2016-17	\$131,289

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$5,813
Electronic	\$6,681
Total	\$12,494

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOXES

Monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of September were for the benefit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Adult Literacy Program. 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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stages of growth fight God's invitation to maturity kicking and screaming..."

Here's a section where St. John describes the inner dynamics of Sloth in the spiritual beginner, and then refers to the "dark night" that God eventually leads them into in order to dismantle the machinery of self-absorption. These dark nights include both interior trials and exterior trials that strip away the "props" that previously supported the soul's narcissism. Note the "self love" that still drives the slothful's spiritual life:

"Many of these beginners want God to desire what they want, and they become sad if they have to desire God's will. They feel an aversion toward adapting their will to God's. Hence they frequently believe that what is not their will, or brings them no satisfaction, is not God's will, and, on the other hand, that if they are satisfied, God is too. They measure God by themselves and not themselves by God, which is in opposition to his teaching in the Gospel that those who lose their life for his sake will gain it and those who desire to gain it will lose it.

Beginners also become bored when told to do something unpleasant. Because they look for spiritual gratifications and delights, they are extremely lax in the fortitude and labor perfection demands. Like those who are reared in luxury, they run sadly from everything rough, and they are scandalized by the cross, in which spiritual delights are found. And in the more spiritual exercises their boredom is greater. Since they expect to go about in spiritual matters according to the whims and satisfactions of their own will, entering by the narrow way of life, about which Christ speaks, is saddening and repugnant to them.

It is enough to have referred to the many imperfections of those who live in this beginner's state to see their need for God to put them into the state of proficients. He does this by introducing them into the dark night, of which we will now speak. There, through pure dryness and interior darkness, he weans them from the breasts of these gratifications and delights, takes away all these trivialities and childish ways, and makes them acquire the virtues by very different means. No matter how earnestly beginners in all their actions and passions practice the mortification of self, they will never be able to do so entirely — far from it — until God accomplishes it in them passively by means of the purgation of this night."

Charles Zlock Jr

DAYLESFORD ABBEY 44TH ANNUAL ART SHOW

Daylesford Abbey will host their 44th Annual Art Show. The Grand Opening will take place on Friday,

October 7 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) with a complimentary wine and cheese. The Art Show will remain open from October 8th to October 16th (12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) The Art Show will showcase major and miniature works of art as well as sculpture and a beautiful room with table Art (*pottery, jewelry and hand crafted items*). Proceeds help the Norbertine Priests and Brothers of Daylesford Abbey carry out their mission and service to the local community.

If you are interested in attending or require further information, please contact Nina Gallacher, Marketing Committee for Daylesford Abbey Art Show, ngallacher9@aol.com, or 484-320-8846.

Come Join the Fun:

SAINT MONICA'S CYO BASKETBALL



Basketball season is just around the corner. Saint Monica's CYO program offers clinics and leagues for grades 1st through 12th. Grades 1-4 are open to ALL students (ask a neighborhood friend to join your son or daughter). Grades 5-12 are open to any registered members of Saint Monica Parish, Saint Isaacs Jogues, Our Lady of Assumption, or attend a local catholic school. Registration is open through October 31, 2016 at www.wagdogs.com. Questions? Please contact Jim Fox at jfox22@hotmail.com.

Happy Birthday and Many Blessings
GINNY MCCARTY
October 6, 1915

2016 PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC WOMENS' CONFERENCE

The *Philadelphia Catholic Women's Conference* is the brainchild of 30 local Catholic women. They approached Archbishop Chaput a few years ago with a request to start an annual event that would address those feminine gifts most threatened today in an increasingly fractured and hypersexualized American culture.

This year's event will take place on **Saturday, October 29, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown**. Opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Chaput at 8:30 a.m. and the conference will close with a Divine Mercy Prayer Service, ending at 4:15 p.m.

For more information and to register for the 2016 Catholic Women's Conference, visit the website: catholicwomensconference.org.

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ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS of the PARISH COMMUNITY



We are just a few weeks away from our **32nd Annual Saint Monica's Golf event**. We are scheduled for **Monday, October 10th** at Downingtown Country Club - Scramble format. Check in and lunch at 11:30 am. 12:30 pm shotgun start followed by dinner at 30 Main in Berwyn. Price is \$150 per golfer. Golfers — bring your spouse for dinner for just \$30. We also invite individuals, families or companies to participate in several levels of sponsorships available.

To obtain more info and register, contact any of our committee members: Mark DiLucca at 484-368-2057, mjddorset@gmail.com; Oscar Mestre at 610-220-8898, omestre@1creative.com; Frank Filippelli at 610-613-0543, frankfilippelli29@gmail.com. **Registration is available online at www.saintmonicachurch.org.**

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Walking with Purpose (WWP) will return beginning **Thursday, October 6th, 7:00-8:30 pm** and will be held in the cafeteria. **WWP** is a program designed to enable women to grow in a relationship with Christ through small group discussion and Scripture study. Are you looking for a more meaningful relationship with Christ and others? Are you wondering what faith has to do with everyday life? We will be offering 2 courses this fall:

Discovering Our Dignity and **Opening Your Heart**.

Please join us! Our Guest Speaker, Christine Wittman (licensed therapist), will address the topic of grief in a loving and healing way. **For more information please contact: Bridget at bridgetc316@gmail.com or Michele at man6fam@comcast.net. Please RSVP to Diane Claffey at dianeclaffey@verizon.net.**

COME PRAY THE ROSARY

***"The Rosary is our greatest weapon against the evils of the world today."* - Padre Pio**

The parish has started a weekly community rosary for healing which is said in the grotto behind Saint Monica Church each **Monday evening at 7:15 pm**. We will **relocate to indoors if there is inclement weather**. Please join us!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Are you or someone you love suffering heartbreak after abortion? **Rachel's Vineyards Ministries** offers a beautiful opportunity to experience hope, healing and God's merciful love. Consider attending their next local

retreat on **October 7-9** at Immaculata Spirituality Center in Malvern. Call Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org for more information and to register. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial assistance is available.

LITURGY of the WORD

Registration for our parish's children's Sunday church program, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LOW) for students in K through 3rd grade will begin on Sunday, October 9th. This program is offered during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. This 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. The children leave the church with trained, adult leaders who have all of their clearances, at the time of the First Reading and return to their family's pew prior at the time of Communion. Information/registration forms can be found in the "Crying Room" and on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room of the church.

Additional adult leaders and student assistants are needed for our parish's Children's Liturgy of the Word Program. Training and resources are provided to the leaders. Adult and student leaders are assigned on a rotating basis. For more information, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757.

NOCTURNAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Please join us at **9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8** for Nocturnal Adoration. For all registered Adorers, the August schedule will be used. Please contact your leader with your substitute if you are unable to attend.

Never been? Consider joining us for one hour. Enjoy the high "dome" and peace with your fellow parishioners in our temporary church.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for October 2

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Gym
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Teen Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday	7:00-8:30pm	<i>Walking with Purpose</i>	Cafeteria
Friday	9:15-10:45 am 9:00pm-8:00am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Gym
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Gym

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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 2— October 9

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Mary Gallagher	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Dolores Cavanagh	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	Intentions of Nancy Lafferty	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 3rd	+ Marie MacFaun	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 4th	+ John Buhmer	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 5th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 6th	+ Kathleen McKenna	Fr. Jordan		
Friday, 7th	+ James Totaro	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 8th	+ Thomas DeHaven	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Elizabeth Marie and John Smith	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Louis DeLuca	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Fran Campbell	Fr. Avicolti	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazier, 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, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Dan Maguire, Mark Maholick, Tallon Family, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Courtney Frances Patterson, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, 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: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

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