



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.

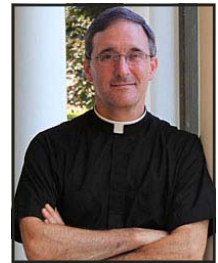
Anytime by appointment.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...



Several years ago I read, *Next Christians* by Gabe Lyons. His original best-selling book, *UnChristian*, was written by him and David Kinnaman, the president and majority owner of Barna Group, a visionary research and resource company. Their study revealed the pervasiveness of our culture's growing disregard for Christians and Christianity. Lyons had a gut-level sense that something was desperately wrong, and three years of research paints exactly that picture. Mosaics and Busters (the generations that include late teens to early 30-somethings) believe Christians are judgmental, antihomosexual, hypocritical, too political and sheltered. In *UnChristian*, Kinnaman and Lyons looked at ways in which churches actually may have been unchristian by where churches and parishes tended towards cultures of fortification (walling and protecting themselves from the world), domination (adapting an "us vs. them" attitude and attacking the non-christian world) or assimilation (becoming so much like the world that no difference can be seen between the church and the world it is trying to redeem). Lyons and Kinnaman encouraged a return to a more biblical Christianity, a faith that not only focuses on holiness but also loves, accepts and works to understand the world around it.

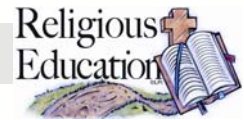
One "light" that Lyons noticed in the research was a recurring pattern of young people (and some slightly older) whose actions and activities were making a significant difference in lives, communities, programs and institutions. The contrast was so profound that Gabe Lyons undertook to write a second book about this phenomenon. In *Next Christians: Seven Ways You Can Live the Gospel and Restore the World*, Lyons showed how a new wave of believers are turning the tide by bringing the truth of the Gospel to bear on our changing, secular society. "Restorers," as Lyons calls them, approach culture with a different mentality than generations past. Informed by truth, yet seasoned with grace and love, these believers engage the world by drawing it to the sensibility and authenticity of the Christian life.

Can Saint Monica Parish be a parish of "next" Christians and change the negative perception of Christianity by living a life that is faithful to the Gospel, yet credible (*cont. page 4*)

FEAST of CHRIST the KING, November 20



*Shepherd King,
Transform our desire for power,
wealth and approval into a longing
to serve you and others.
Make us ever aware of how our lives
impact those most in need of our
generous service. And give us the courage
to change the way we live. Amen.*

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on November 21. Classes are **not** in session on Monday, November 28. Please see the information posted in the Sacrament Spotlight section below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. Your continued support of those in need is inspiring and appreciated!

SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT

The parents of our First Communion and Confirmation candidates are reminded of the due dates for the return of the completed sacrament packets. The First Communion packets are now past due. The Confirmation packets are due on December 12. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

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

6th Graders are Welcome
to this event!

**GAME
NIGHT**



High School
Sundays 7-8:30

This Sunday 11/20

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC**INAUGURAL ORGAN CONCERT & RECEPTION**

You are cordially invited to attend the blessing of and inaugural concert on Opus 144, a new instrument by Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders.

Music at Monica's presents
internationally-acclaimed organist

NATHAN LAUBE

in concert on

Friday, 9 December at 7:30 pm.

A dessert reception will follow. All are welcome!

MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

A SERVICE of LESSONS *and* CAROLS
with the

SAINT MONICA PARISH CHOIR

Frank K.J. Orman, *director*
Michael Smith, *organist*

Sunday, 18 December at 3 pm

All are welcome!

The Church of St. Monica Family & Youth Ministry Presents

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 11, after the 9:30 Mass



Live Nativity Animals!

Hot & Cold Breakfast

Professional Carolers

Christian Bling Jewelry

St. Nicholas Games

Proceeds will benefit our first
 All Abilities Santa Social,
 which will begin at noon on
 December 11.

For more info and to register, go to www.saintmonicachurch.org

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for OCTOBER 2016

October 2016	\$73,202	44% Electronic	October YTD 2016	\$262,033	46% Electronic
October 2015	\$72,448	44% Electronic	October YTD 2015	\$281,996	45% Electronic
October Budget	2016-17	\$75,591	October YTD Budget	2016-17	\$275,139

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$7,695
Electronic	\$3,038
Total	\$10,733

*We have 163 families
 contributing electronically.*

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Saint Monday Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. 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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and coherent to our friends and neighbors?

To make his ideas a reality, Lyons has founded “Q.” Q is... well, to be honest. I’m not sure what it is. Q has a talk & podcast series on its website. Q is also sponsoring “something” next April in Nashville. Under the idea, “No Topic Is Off Limits; Everyone Has A Voice,” participants will experience thirty curated 9 or 18 minute talks, featuring the state of American culture and ways Christians can navigate the complexity of our changing society.

Q was birthed out of Gabe Lyons’ vision to see Christians, especially leaders, recover a vision for their historic responsibility to renew and restore cultures. Q was inspired by (Former Special Counsel to President Nixon and Prison Ministry founder) Chuck Colson’s statement, “Christians are called to redeem entire cultures, not just individuals.” Gabe Lyons set out to reintroduce Christians to what had seemed missing in recent decades from an American expression of Christian faithfulness; valuing both personal and cultural renewal (not one at the expense of the other) and re-educating Christians to this orthodox and unifying concept.

Lyons proposes doing this by focusing on the “Six Practices Of The Christian Church” over the centuries. 1. “Embracing the context.” Forget the past and nostalgia. We are here now. How do we love our neighbor “well” within this current culture? 2. Recovering Our Confession. Becoming reacquainted with what Christians always believed. 3. Insisting on human dignity. Our core identity is that we are all created in God’s image and likeness. 4. Cultivating virtue. Pursuing and integrating spiritual formation in our daily habits and carrying this into our relationships with other people. 5. Extending hospitality. Welcoming strangers into friendships that actually build community. 6. Reimagining our vocation. Ordering our work towards the common good.

Why this conversation? Ask yourself... *Why am I here? What should I be doing?* Those are relevant questions especially this weekend as we re-open the church building after several weeks of renovation, repair, replacement and reconfiguration. It is certainly a time to celebrate and to thank the Lord for His goodness in allowing us to complete this project.

It is also the right time to reflect on where we go from here. Several parishioners have asked, in a humorous way, “Ok Father, what’s next?” It’s a good question. *(Continued)*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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My answer, “I don’t know.” But there is a plan in place to discern and ask the Lord, “Ok, why are we here? What would you have us do?”

Next week, and in the following weeks, I shall begin writing about what I am hearing from parishioners concerning these questions, what I am hearing in my prayer life, and ... who knows what else. Promptings of the Holy Spirit are funny like that.

Charles Zlock Jr

MARCH FOR LIFE - Save the Date



MARCH for LIFE

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 27, 2017** for this important event.

THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE



Our parish’s annual Advent service activity, **The Giving Tree**, will begin a week early this year, on **November 19**. The Giving Tree tags will be hung on the Christmas trees displayed in the Gathering Room of church. Please choose one tag or more and purchase the gift or gift card noted on the tag. All gifts and gift cards will be donated to the following four agencies who are assisting the needy living in the Philadelphia area: *T/E Cares, The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center, the Saint Agnes Day Room of West Chester, and Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County.* Most gifts are due on December 11, but some are due sooner. Gift cards should be placed into the boxes located at the base of the trees. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** Thank you for bringing Christ’s light to those in need!



THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us for our Parish celebration of Thanksgiving — an annual tradition on Thanksgiving Morning! Begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship reception and breakfast in the Education Center Cafeteria. All are welcome!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT MONICA HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Annual Christmas Social Dinner: Our Annual Christmas dinner social is scheduled for Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm at 30 Main. Cost is \$40/man. Please indicate you are attending by emailing Mark DiLucca at middorset@gmail.com.

Breakfast With Santa - Help Needed: The HNS has been asked again to provide culinary skills to cook breakfast for *Breakfast with Santa*. There will be one seating only after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 11th. We will most likely start around 7:30 am or so. If you can make it, it will be great to have you!

Retreat — Mark your calendar: Our annual 2017 retreat is scheduled for February 3, 4, 5. A very special weekend will be in store. Let's enhance and promote this traditional weekend for all it has to offer. More info to follow, or join us at our January meeting! Prosit

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IS BACK!



Sunday, December 11 after the 9:30 am Mass, the Family & Youth Ministry will be hosting *Breakfast with Santa* in the Cafeteria and the Auditorium of the Old School Building. You

won't want to miss it!

Family and Youth Ministry will also be holding an **All Abilities Santa Social, at noon on Sunday, December 11, 2016.** This event will be an opportunity for families of all abilities kids of any age to enjoy some holiday spirit and get a picture with Santa. *More details coming soon!*

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARIAN

Please welcome Dominic Kurtz who will be with us this weekend at all the Masses. Dominic is a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo, grew up in Coatesville and is avid reader and sports fan. We look forward to hearing Dominic tells us of his journey to answer his Call.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the Printing Schedule of the publisher, the following deadlines are in effect for the upcoming Holiday Season:

- December 25th bulletin items are due *no later than* Tuesday, December 13, 12:00 noon
- January 1th bulletin items are due *no later than* Monday, December 19, 12:00 noon.

OUTREACH



The Hungry Need You to help them by contributing canned goods or donations for the monthly Food Cupboard Drive for Saint Gabriel's parish in South Philadelphia. The food is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month. The drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29. All non-perishable items are welcome. *Canned tuna, chicken, chili, peanut butter, grape jelly and pasta sauce are much needed.* Checks payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH ... All Are Invited!

Please join us for our third annual **Advent by Candlelight** hosted by the women of **Walking With Purpose** on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Education Center Cafeteria. This event will feature Guest Speak Sister Connie Haughton. Sister Connie is a woman who chose to be a Sister of Mercy 59 years ago, dreaming of following the king!

The theme of her reflection will center on the call and the challenge to grow together in Mercy-ful Service. **Please join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. Light refreshments will be served. \$10.00/person.** Please RSVP to Alice Powell at rapowell@comcast.net.

Happy Birthday and Many Blessings!

SERAFINE D'ANDREA

November 27, 1916

A contribution was made this weekend towards our altar flowers in honor of Serafine's 100th Birthday.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for November 20

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Gym
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Rectory Closed	
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!	
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
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 November 20 — November 27

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Vito and Dorothy Panaro	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Mary Rutecki	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Richard Kosiorek	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
Monday, 21st	+ Deceased members of the Buhmer and Cera Families	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 22nd	+ Thomas DeHaven	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 23rd	Communion Service			
Thursday, 24th	+ Timothy Kelleher	Fr. Zlock		
Friday, 25th	+ Dorothy Katz	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 26th	+ Ed Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ George J. Muller	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	Woods and Fusco Families	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ John F. Silvestre	Fr. Antry	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazier, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Umberto Degli Esposti, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Christine Florkowski, 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, Rita Reilly, Antoinette Rissell, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

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: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

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