



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA



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.

11:00 a.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.

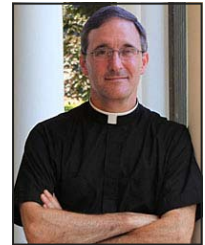


The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Week of January 4, 2015

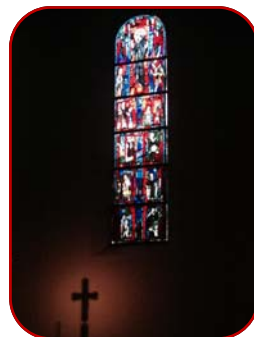
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I recently was visiting friends in Germany and had the opportunity to stay at the Benedictine Neuberg Abbey in Ziegelhausen (near Heidelberg). While I was there, I had the opportunity for some quiet reflection on a number of topics which I shall roll out in the coming weeks.



Stained Glass Windows

Behind the altar at Neuberg Abbey near Heidelberg, are five stained glass windows with the traditional, gothic form and colors. Not surprisingly, the center window depicted scenes from the life of Christ, on the immediate left were scenes from the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and immediately on the right were scenes from the life of "The Founding Father" Benedict. Along the sides of the chapel were windows with a more modern form. The border of each window was blue. The inner part of each of the windows had a different color; one was red, one yellow, one green ... In the middle of each window was a small, white square. The pattern, naturally, requires an interpretation.



The Abbey has existed since the 1500's. Apparently, stained glass containing a preponderance of the color blue had been part of the architecture of the Abbey chapel for many years. Thus, the blue color around the edge of the windows represented the Benedictine tradition. The different colors in the middle of the windows represented the different monks, different talents, different eras that had been experienced within and around the monastery throughout the years. The white square in the center represented Christ who, throughout history, in the midst of the traditions and specifically in the individual lives of His people, "breaks through."
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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

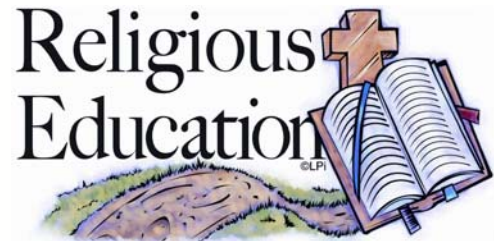


Lord, we pray for the right decisions for the Saint Monica Campus Master Plan so that our decisions create a bright future for both our spiritual growth and physical space. Saint Monica Church has a country-like feel to it that is unique and fosters a strong community. We pray that our community will continue to grow rich in spiritual enrichment and growth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes resume on Monday, January 5th.

The weather-related closing information has been emailed to all registered families of the RE Program. Parents are asked to review this information which can also be found on the St. Monica website: www.saintmonicachurch.org On the homepage, click on 'Parish Organizations'. Next, click on 'Religious Education'. Next, click on 'Weather-related Closing Information'.



THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF SAINT MONICA PARISH

invites all to join us on this prayerful journey . . .

THE 42ND ANNUAL MARCH for LIFE THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015 in WASHINGTON, D.C.



OUR BUS WILL MAKE 2 STOPS:
SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
RALLY AND MARCH IN D.C.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25 FOR ADULTS;
STUDENTS AND CHILDREN ARE FREE.

*To sign up for this trip, please stop by
our table in the narthex of the Church today
or contact Loretta Hill at lehill7@aol.com
or 610-964-9243*

Bus departs from St. Monica's at 7:15 a.m. - Returns to St. Monica's at 8:00 p.m.

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

TODAY! MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

Bring the family, the kids, the neighbors...

...and let's celebrate Christmas!

**Christmas with the
Keystone State Boychoir**

Today! Sunday, 4 January at 3 p.m.

Free-will offering. Tickets are not required.



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 15th at 2pm for a Helping Hands meal-packaging event presented by Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now.

Our goal is to pack 10,000 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 15th** 2-4:30pm

WHERE

St. Monica Church Gym
 635 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA

HOW

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



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for NOVEMBER 2014

Nov. 2014	\$74,979	37% Electronic	Nov. YTD 2014	\$359,621	41% Electronic
Nov. 2013	\$69,399	34% Electronic	Nov. YTD 2013	\$352,711	37% Electronic
Nov. Budget 2014-15	\$80,000		Nov. YTD Budget 2014-15	\$356,153	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$12,155
*Electronic	\$4,090
Total	\$16,245

** We have 164 families contributing electronically.*

CURRENT COLLECTION AMOUNTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINE OF THE BULLETIN PUBLISHER.

POOR BOX

The monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of December were for the benefit of the AIDS Ministry of the Calcutta House. God bless you for your generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 budget for Saint Monica Parish is now 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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How has Christ "broken through" your life this week?

Were you aware of it?

Were you even looking for it?

Was it uplifting or providential?

Was it inconvenient or challenging?

Did the "colors" of your life change because of this "break-in" of Christ?

What's the color? Peaceful blue? Sad, engulfing black? Hopeful green? Angry red? Confusing grey?

What are you going to do about it?

Which of the 5 foundations of the "Vision of the Parish of Saint Monica" (Pray - Read - Say - Give - Serve) can help you in the discernment of Christ's voice in this case?

Charles Zlock Jr

SACRAMENT CENTRAL

The Confirmation candidates are reminded to regularly review the Confirmation Study Guide in preparation of the Confirmation interview and reception of the sacrament. The Confirmation interviews with Fr. Zlock will begin in early January. Please do not hesitate to contact Mary Pizzano with questions.

The parents of our First Penance candidates are reminded to regularly pray and review the Form for Confession and the Act of Contrition with their children in anticipation of the reception of First Penance in late January.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat program for women and men who have lost a child by abortion. The retreat provides an opportunity to face the wounds of abortion in a safe, affirming environment of prayer and the support of others who have been through the same experience. Through the use of "Living Scriptures," participants are invited to place themselves into the parables and other Scriptural events, and encounter Jesus who heals them.

These retreats, of course, are not meant to substitute for the individual, ongoing counseling that comprises the journey of post-abortion healing. But they are a stepping

stone towards making those sessions even more fruitful.

Rachel's Vineyard is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion. Visit rachelsvineyard.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

The March for Life
Bus Trip to Washington, D.C.
Thursday, January 22, 2015

Talk by Jewels Green: *One Woman's Journey*
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? CATHOLIC, BUT NOT CONFIRMED?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have family members, friends, or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the Faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA group here at St. Monica Church. The RCIA sessions are held on Monday evenings and have begun, but it's not too late to join us!

This program helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God as they consider becoming Catholic. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church. Practicing Catholics are encouraged to join as well -- you are guaranteed to learn things about the Church you may have never known! For more information, please contact Christian Loch at 610-235-7112.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

You are invited to **Walking With Purpose (WWP)** this Thursday, January 8th. It is our monthly **Coffee Connect from 7:00-8:30 pm**. Walking with Purpose offers a monthly experience called a "Connect Coffee" which is an evening to relax and watch an inspirational video (this week's topic ***Your Heart - You are Captivating***) that is full of practical applications for our day-to-day lives. Connect Coffee evenings are a perfect opportunity to experience fellowship with other women and get a taste of what Walking with Purpose is all about. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us beginning at 7:00 pm for Connect Coffee. Bring a friend! Please RSVP to Kathy Phelan kabphelan@aol.com.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY & MEN’S CLUB

Monday, January 5 - Our next HNS meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the Hagenbach Room in the Parish Center. Among the many agenda items, we will be kicking off detail planning for 2015 Team Trivia Night - **our 18th annual keynote event** for the parish community. A huge component of the success of this event is the engagement of the members of the Holy Name Society.

February 6, 7, 8 - Spiritual Opportunity... Our annual HNS retreat at St. Joseph in the Hills - Malvern Retreat. E-mail Lee Megow for details on signing up - megowl@verizon.net. If you have never been to a weekend retreat, you deserve this most rewarding weekend of reflection and camaraderie. To those who have attended in the past...looking forward to seeing you (and 1 other) again in 2015.

Save the Date: Saturday, March 14 Team Trivia Night 2015

If any men of the parish wish to be on the Holy Name E-mail communication list, send an e-mail request to Mark DiLucca at mdilucca00@comcast.net.

LECTOR COORDINATOR NEEDED

Proclamation of the Word of God is a key and critical part of our relationship with Christ. To assist in this endeavor, Saint Monica is looking for someone to be a "Lector Coordinator." What would that entail:

- **Prayer** - A person in such a responsible position needs to be committed to daily prayer.
- **Scripture** - The "Lector Coordinator" must have a daily familiarity with the Word. They should also have some way in which they are interacting with others who are committed to studying the Word of God (Scripture reflection group, Walking With Purpose, etc...)
- Annually work with the Pastor and Director of Worship to schedule and plan a "Retreat" or "Day of Reflection" so - as they feed others - Saint Monica can make sure that they are likewise fed.
- Spending time observing other Lectors actually reading and using the microphone.
- Periodically (at least annually) schedule a meeting/workshop/mini-retreat for all active lectors to refresh their skills and gain a deeper appreciation for the importance of their role in proclaiming the readings. This would include: Assisting them in practicing enunciation and pacing of the reading; Offering suggestions on how to read with expression - but not drama; Encouraging Lectors to continue their own Scripture reading and grow in their individual prayer lives; As new individuals step forward to become

lectors, schedule a walk-through of the Lector's role at Saint Monica. Physically introduce them to each step in the process from initial entry and sign-in to church through the end of Mass. Include time for them to practice using the microphone, bow from the waist, and move in procession with the Book of the Gospels; As the archdiocese releases new or modified procedures for lectors, conduct an update session to implement them at Saint Monica's; Periodically, invite additional parishioners to come forward and become lectors — especially high school and college students. If interested, please contact Kit Sherman at 610-308-0927.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY EVENT: **SAVE THE DATE** **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015** **HANDBAG BINGO**

We had a tremendous time earlier this month at our Annual Christmas Gift Exchange -- as anyone who was there will tell you -- and we are just as certain the **Handbag Bingo** in February will be equally tremendous and hope you can join us.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CATECHISM TALK



Sunday, January 11, 2015, 1-3pm
Saints Simon and Jude Church:
Meehan Center, West Chester

A presentation on the themes of the WMOF Catechism and what to expect at the WMOF event.

MUSIC AT MONICA’S PRESENTS...
Christmas with the
Keystone State Boychoir
Today at 3 p.m. All are welcome!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for JANUARY 4

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	3:00-4:30 pm	Music at Monica's	Church
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:00-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The Saint Monica Parish Bulletin is published weekly and is available on the parish website and distributed to the assembly after Sunday Worship.

Submissions are due each Monday by noon without exception and e-mailed to parishbulletin@saintmonicachurch.org with formatting left to a minimum.

Please include a contact name and phone number. In the case where announcements must be submitted hand-written, please make sure the text is legible.

BULLETIN INSERTS

All inserts must be submitted to the

MASS INTENTIONS for January 4 - January 11

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	+ Jane Shannon	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Cass McGinley	Norbertine	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Helen Hill	Norbertine	Cantor	
Monday, 5th	+ Claye Carroll	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 6th	Joseph and Anne Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 7th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 8th	+ Marie MacFaun	Norbertine		
Friday, 9th	+ William Holland	Fr. Jachwa		
Saturday, 10th	+ Christopher Sharpless	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ John Joseph O'Keefe	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	+ James Fitzgerald	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Mary DiAntonio	Norbertine	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jack Barausky, Sonia Altirman, Bob Ball, Mary Bassone, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Blaise Claire, Lilly Ciocca, Anne Coxe, William Dahlman, Maria and Francisco DeRivas, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Larry Harris, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer, Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Rachel Parker, Mary Rose, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and 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: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

PARISH LEADERSHIP

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sandra Concannon '15
Margaret Dalesandro '16
Palmer Dalesandro '16
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Martha McGurk '16
Dr. Anthony Roeder '16
Megan Wilson '15

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Ed Riedlinger
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PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Charles Zlock, *Pastor*

Reverend Jachwa J. Lee, *Priest-in-Residence*

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