



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA



We will help you discern God's Call. We will help you live God's call.

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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Week of March 29, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Father Ron Rolheiser (whose book, *Prayer – Our Deepest Longing*, we provided at Christmas). Writes the following on **The Lord's Prayer**:

“In the world’s scheme of things, survival of the fittest is the rule. In God’s scheme, survival of the weakest is the rule. God always stands on the side of the weak and it is there, among the weak, that we find God.

Given the truth of that, let me risk a commentary on the Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father... who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn, and those who, by victim of circumstance, bear the heat of the day.

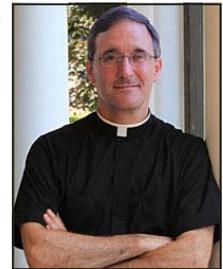
Who art in heaven... where everything will be reversed, where the first will be last and the last will be first, but where all will be well and every manner of being will be well.

Hallowed be thy name... may we always acknowledge your holiness, respecting that your ways are not our ways, your standards are not our standards. May the reverence we give your name pull us out of the narcissism, selfishness, and paranoia that prevents us from seeing the pain of our neighbor.

Your kingdom come... help us to create a world where, beyond our own needs and hurts, we will do justice, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you and each other.

Your will be done... open our freedom to let you in so that the complete mutuality that characterizes your life might flow through our veins and thus the life that we help generate may radiate your equal love for all and your special love for the poor.

On earth as in heaven... may the work of our hands, the temples and structures we build in this world, reflect the temple and the structure of your glory so that the joy, graciousness, tenderness, and justice of heaven will show forth *(Continued on Page 4)*

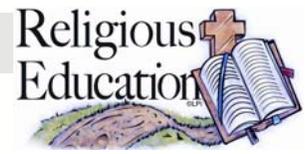


OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



Lord Jesus, as we approach this very Holy Week and celebrate the institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist, we pray that we actively participate in this sacrament, remembering that this was Your great gift to us before Your Crucifixion, Death & Resurrection. May we continue to receive You with reverence and grow closer in our personal relationship with You. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program classes are **not** in session on March 30 and April 6th. Classes will resume on April 13th.

A link to the 2015 Summer Session registration forms has been emailed to all registered families. The Summer Session is scheduled on June 22-June 26; June 29-July 1. Students in Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 as of September, 2015 are eligible to attend the Summer Session.

Special Thanks

Please join me in thanking the parents of our First Communion candidates who helped to make the First Communion Retreat spectacular! Mrs. Amy Snyder, Mrs. Colleen Mahoney, Mrs. Sandra Doss, Mrs. Kerri Manion, Mrs. Kim Conrad, Mrs. Page Syron. Special thanks to Mrs. Diane Pealer for her assistance as the day's coordinator.

2105 Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, March 29

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Palm will be blessed and distributed at each Mass.

TAIZÉ PRAYER CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

The musicians of the Parish lead a solemn and reflective musical service to begin Holy Week.

Today, Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY — April 2

The Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Adoration in the Chapel of Repose following Mass

Night Prayer in Chapel of Repose at 9:00 p.m.

The Church will be open for prayer until 11 p.m.

There is no daily morning Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 3

Morning Prayer: 9:00a.m.; Mid-Day Prayer: 12:00 p.m.

The Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

The Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY — April 4

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 7:30 p.m.

Please note that there are no confessions on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY — April 5

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

WE ARE STILL IN NEED!

Ushers Needed for April 2, 3, 4, and 5!

Please help us to staff the church during the exciting celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. We are looking for able bodied people who are willing to help with seating and collections. A brief training will be provided before Mass begins, so we will need to you arrive thirty minutes before the Mass start time. If you are available, please contact

Levi Keene at levi.keene@gmail.com or call the rectory at 610.644.0110.

Thank you for joining us in making Saint Monica the vibrant faith community that it is!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ONLINE SIGN-UP

All liturgical ministers should have received an e-mail listing the various opportunities for service throughout Holy Week and Easter. Please consider ministering and sign-up online as soon as possible. If you didn't get an e-mail, contact Frank Orman.

Helping Hands 2015 – 30,000 Meals in less than 2 hours!

Following a wonderful evening of trivia and fellowship on Saturday, March 14, 165 volunteers gathered in the Saint Monica gymnasium on Sunday, March 15, for the first annual **Helping Hands** meal packing event. Cheryl Mrazik from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) gave a short presentation on the poverty alleviation work that CRS leads around the world. Then, after some brief instructions from Victor Burmeister with the non-profit organization called **Stop Hunger Now**, volunteers rolled up their sleeves and in an assembly line fashion, packed 29,808 meals in just under two hours. It was amazing to watch and a blessing to be a part of.

How is it possible to pack almost 30,000 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 then 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 then sent to CRS Burkina Faso for distribution through their food programs.

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.

This particular event was lead and organized by the

Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC), a county-wide ministry for young adults in their 20's and 30's.



The group holds weekly events on Wednesday evenings with a rotating schedule of invited speakers, Holy Hours, and social events. CYACC also organizes larger events for service and fellowship around the region, the **Helping Hands** event being one such service activity.

Stop Hunger Now is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1998 with the express purpose of working to end world hunger. Its staff members are able to accomplish this through two principle mechanisms: (1) short term hunger alleviation and (2) long term poverty reduction programs. Catholic Relief Services formed a partnership with **Stop Hunger Now** to supplement their nutrition programs in the West African country of Burkina Faso. Their partnership program called **Helping Hands** allows communities like ours to take action to reduce hunger.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this wonderful act of service to our neighbors overseas.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY, 2015

Feb. 2015	\$61,115	44% Electronic	Feb. YTD 2015	\$576,579	41% Electronic
Feb. 2014	\$64,901	36% Electronic	Feb. YTD 2014	\$571,963	39% Electronic
Feb. Budget	2014-15	\$68,000	Feb. YTD Budget	2014-15	\$562,448

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$12,151
*Electronic	\$3,882
Total	\$16,033

** We have 165 families contributing electronically.*

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection this weekend is the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May God bless you for your continued 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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within all of our structures on earth.

Give... life and love to us and help us to see always everything as gift. Help us to know that nothing comes to us by right and that we must give because we have been given to. Help us realize that we must give to the poor, not because they need it, but because our own health depends upon our giving to them.

Us... the truly plural us. Give not just to our own but to everyone, including those who are very different than the narrow us. Give your gifts to all of us equally.

This day... not tomorrow. Do not let us push things off into some indefinite future so that we can continue to live justified lives in the face of injustice because we can use present philosophical, political, economic, logistic, and practical difficulties as an excuse for inactivity.

Our daily bread... so that each person in the world may have enough food, enough clean water, enough clean air, adequate health care, and sufficient access to education so as to have the sustenance for a healthy life. Teach us to give from our sustenance and not just from our surplus.

And forgive us our trespasses... forgive us our blindness towards our neighbor, our obsessive self-preoccupation, our racism, our sexism, and our incurable propensity to worry only about ourselves and our own. Forgive us our capacity to watch the evening news and do nothing about it.

As we forgive those who trespass against us... help us to forgive those who victimize us. Help us to mellow out in spirit, to not grow bitter with age, to forgive the imperfect parents and systems that wounded, cursed, and ignored us.

And do not put us to the test... do not judge us only by whether we have fed the hungry, given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimized the poor. Spare us this test for none of us can stand before this gospel scrutiny. Give us, instead, more days to mend our ways, our selfishness, and our systems.

But deliver us from evil... that is, from the blindness that lets us continue to participate in anonymous systems within which we need not see who gets less as we get more."

Amen.

Charles Zlock Jr

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

As we approach the end of the Saint Monica Fiscal year, the terms of a number of members of the Parish Finance Council are expiring. Thus, I am looking for 3 new members to assist the parish and me by serving on the **Finance Council**.

Purpose: To assist the pastor in monitoring and utilizing the temporal resources of the community in support of the needs of the Parish

Areas of Responsibility:

- Advise/ assist the pastor in the administration of the finances and material goods and resources of the parish.
- Plan long-range financial and physical needs of the parish.
- Assess the adequacy of the resources to meet the annual goals.
- Review quarterly financials and assist in the dissemination of financial information to the whole parish.

Commitment:

- Two year terms. No more than two consecutive terms total.
- Monthly meeting held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Should have working knowledge of financial, accounting, administrative, and/or legal affairs.

Please pray and discern about this very important service to your parish. If interested you can call at 610-644-0110 or e-mail me at czlock@saintmonicachurch.org. Thank you and God bless. *Father Zlock*

LOOKING FOR "SAINT JOSEPH"

During Sunday liturgy, after the proclamation of the Gospel, I would like to do something more dignified with the Book of the Gospels than simply putting it on the side table. In addition, the Adult Faith Formation Committee is considering crafting a more dignified Book of Prayer Intercession that would be placed in the back of the church then brought up with the Offertory Gifts.

We are envisioning a wooden stand (that would be placed in the Sanctuary) possibly with two parts - a primary one for the Book of the Gospels and a secondary one for the Book of Intercession.

I am looking for someone in the parish with refined wood-working skills who could work with us to design, craft and build such an object that would also match the wood color of the Sanctuary area. If interested, would you please contact Frank Orman at [610-644-0110](tel:610-644-0110). *Thank you.*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY & MEN'S CLUB

All men are invited to keep up with what our society is doing by joining our HNS communication email system; just email Mark DiLucca at mdilucca00@comcast.net. Our next **HNS meeting** is set for **Monday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. Our next **HNS Mass**, will be on **Sunday, April 12th at 9:30am.** All men are welcome to join. Our theme continues to be for the parish community the 3 S's: **Spiritual, Social and Service.** *Prosit.*

We received the second round of questions from parishioners concerning the 10-year Saint Monica "Master Plan." Hard copies of the responses to these FAQs can be found in the entrance to the church building. All FAQs, along with their answers, can be found on the parish web site. - *Father Zlock*

THE START OF HOLY WEEK — *From Father Zlock*

This weekend we begin Holy Week. Holy Week is the most important and solemn moment of our faith community's year. The poignancy and pageantry of the celebrations allow us to enter, in a personal, spiritual, emotional and physical way the story of Jesus and our encounter with Him.

Besides Easter Sunday, please consider attending one, or several, of the liturgies during "The Triduum" between Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. It will feed your faith.

The planning and logistics surrounding so many liturgically rich events are substantial and require the involvement of dozens of people. **MINISTERS:** If you will be in the area during Holy Week, please sign-up, exercise your ministry and participate. Each year we seem to constantly be scrambling at the last minute and begging people to help out to fill the many positions needed for the various liturgical celebrations. It should not be that way. Pray about your call and consider ministering to the faithful people in our parish as well as those visitors who might be "giving the Lord" - and us - a try (*perhaps for the first time or back after having been away for a long time*).

One area where I'm in need of assistance is the "Mandatum" or "Washing of the Feet" on Holy Thursday. If any families or individuals would be interested in participating, please let me know. We are looking for a total of 12 people. - *Father Zlock*



SAINT GABRIEL'S FOOD COLLECTION

is this weekend after all the Masses. No time to shop? Checks made payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the tin box in the gathering space. Canned donations can be left through Tuesday, March 31st at 8:00 a.m. Our inner city neighbors are **most grateful** for your generosity. Thank You!

CYO BASKETBALL WRAP-UP

Another basketball season has wrapped up at Saint Monica's and the gym was jam-packed with players, coaches and fans from November through March. Our JV boys (5th and 6th grade) practiced hard and battled all season long. Their year was highlighted by being crowned champions of Lansdale's Saint Stanislaus's Christmas Tournament and pulling off a stunning upset in the first round of the Region 32 playoffs. Great job Coaches Brendan Powell and Jim Fox! First-graders from Saint Monica's and surrounding neighborhoods took to the hardwood in November and December while Coach Powell and volunteers drilled them on dribbling, passing and shooting. The second and third grade intramural program got going after the first of the year and ran through March. On the High School level, our parish sent five teams into action. Thanks go out to the parents who volunteered their time and energy to see that the kids got a chance to compete and display the sportsmanship that should make our parish proud.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 2015

Come celebrate this day of "extraordinary graces" and the "special indulgence" at Saint Norbert Church.

Confessions: 1:45pm-2:45pm (7 Confessors)
Rosary: 2:20 pm Chaplet of Mercy: 2:45 pm
Mass: 3:00 pm

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for MARCH 29

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tues/Weds.			
Thursday	7:30 pm	Solemn Mass	Church
Friday	3:00 pm	Lord's Passion	Church
Saturday	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil	Church
Sunday		Happy Easter	

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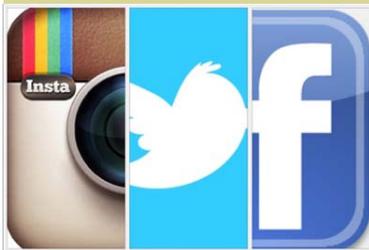
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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 March 29 - April 4

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ James Susack	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 a.m.	+ Jeanette Alleva	Fr. Zagarella	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Thomas & Mary Farrell	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 30th	+ Joan Ann Orman	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 31st	+ George Shea	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 1st	Communion Service			
Thursday, 2nd	7:30 p.m. — People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock		
Friday, 3rd	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12 Noon Mid-Day Prayer 3:00 p.m. Solemn Service	Fr. Zlock Fr. Zlock Fr. Fitzgerald		
Saturday, 4th	9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer	Fr. Zlock		
7:30 p.m. Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Norbertine	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Dominic Tenaglio	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jack Barausky, Sonia Altirman, Bob Ball, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, Lynn Conrad, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Maria and Francisco DeRivas, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Larry Harris, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (*son of Liz*), Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Mary Rose, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Jerry Mizenko, Brother-in-law of Sandi Concannon

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

Leader for this week: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

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