



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.



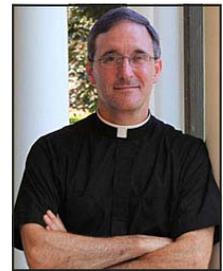
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Week of April 26, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

We are now in the midst of the "Prime Wedding Season." Thus it seems appropriate to speak about marriage, weddings and love.

A little while ago Saint Monica sponsored the "Living in Love" retreat weekend for a number of couples. I was impressed with the feedback that I received from several husbands and wives and I was glad to hear that they had a positive experience. I had the opportunity to take part in some aspects of the retreat and, at one point, stopped by to listen in on one of the talks. The topic was intimacy and sexuality (*Great. Of all of the topics discussed over the weekend, I just happen to show up for THAT one. A lot of help that talk will have for me personally. But I digress...*)



A pair of handouts were provided to the couples for the talk which had several "talking points" about the topic. What was interesting was that, over the years, "Living in Love" has prepared a second handout specifically targeting priests who assist during the weekend. "Living in Love" believes that strong marriages involve understanding and cooperation between couples and their priests. Since each has a significant part to play in supporting the other's vocation, it is also critical that each understand the intricacies and nuances of each vocation to determine where they are different, and where they intersect. From that point of departure, I shall examine four themes:

- Treating Priesthood as a Job / Sex as Recreation;
- Seeing Mass / Sex as an Activity;
- Looking for Masculinity/Femininity Outside of Proper Relationships;
- Seeing Sex/Sexuality Negatively.

This week I shall cover themes 1 and 2 and themes 3 and 4 next week.

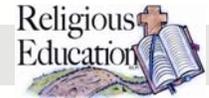
Theme #1: Treating Priesthood as a Job / Sex as Recreation - The challenges that face couples in marriage is that men have a tendency to see *(Continued on Page 4)*

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



Lord, let us pray for all Saint Monica parishioners who are not with us today; for those who have drifted away from the Church, those who may feel alienated, or unwelcome, and for those who may just need a friendly invitation. Jesus, help us to be a visible sign of your love, in our words and in our actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program will be in session on April 27th. Progress Reports will be distributed to all students at the final session of the year, May 4th.

Our parish's Religious Education Program welcomes the application of new catechists/certified teachers in several grade levels to our 2015-2016 program. Classes are held approximately 3 times per month on Sunday mornings (Grades 2 & 6; 9:30-10:45 a.m.) and Monday evenings. (Grades 1-6; 6:00-7:15pm) **NEW! A stipend will be offered to the catechists.** If you possess the following attributes and would like to share your faith with the youth of our parish, please contact Mary

Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or by calling 610.647.4757.

A fully initiated and practicing Catholic; A faithful follower of Christ with good moral character committed to developing a greater personal relationship with the Lord; A person of prayer; Faith-sharer - One that invites others into a relationship with God; A disciple of Christ who can share his/her faith with students in an age-appropriate manner; Teacher certification and teaching experience; An effective communicator and collaborator with adults and children; Ability to plan, organize, and work well with others; Enthusiastic and fun-loving.

Feasibility Study Weekend

This weekend, I am asking the entire Parish of Saint Monica to take part in a questionnaire as part of the "Feasibility Study." The results of the study will provide me important input concerning the parish and be used as a guide for me and parish leadership in arriving at strategic decisions on the future of Saint Monica.

For example, when I announced the results of the 10 - Year "Master Plan," I emphasized the importance of addressing the 3 "Parish Priorities" of Liturgy/Worship, Youth/Family and Parish Fellowship. The hiring of Jason Carter as Director of Youth and Family Ministry was a key step in this direction. (*For details, see my blog post from last week's parish bulletin.*) Last week, in addition to providing funding for other "Parish Priority" items, the Finance Council and Facilities Committee discussed ways to underwrite a series of "big-ticket" maintenance/repair issues about which I have warned for a number of months, specifically:

PASTORAL EXPENDITURES:

- New Missal-Hymnal (Involves a \$10,000 1-time investment vs. \$4,000/annual expenditure)
- New "Lighthouse Media" kiosk of catechetical materials (\$1,000)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:

- New Air Conditioning system for cafeteria (\$6,000 - \$9,000 + 10 year warranty)
- Replace 10-Year Parish IT Server (~\$11,000)
- Emergency Phone System Repair (\$1,200 - \$1,800)
- Replace Church Heating System Circulation Pump (\$4,000 - \$5,000)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & INVESTMENTS:

\$32,000 - \$42,000

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FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

The Participation of the People

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Document: "Sing to the Lord"

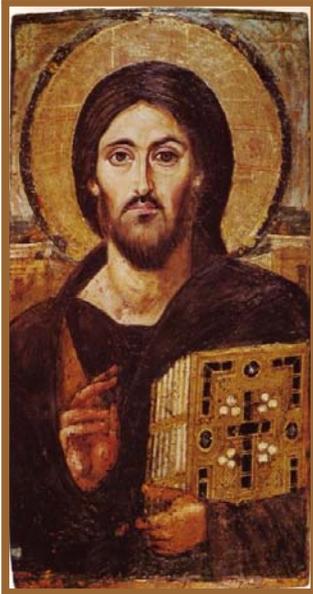
10. Holy Mother Church clearly affirms the role within worship of the entire liturgical assembly (bishop, priest, deacon, acolytes, ministers of the Word, music leaders, choir, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and the congregation). Through grace, the liturgical assembly partakes in the life of the Blessed Trinity, which is itself a communion of love. In a perfect way, the Persons of the Trinity remain themselves even as they share all that they are. For our part, "we, though

many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."²¹ The Church urges all members of the liturgical assembly to receive this divine gift and to participate fully "depending on their orders [and] their role in the liturgical services."²²

11. Within the gathered assembly, the role of the congregation is especially important. "The full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit."²³

PRIEST, PROPHET, KING

FR. ROBERT BARRON



A DEEP, BIBLICAL LOOK at JESUS CHRIST

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah?

In *Priest, Prophet, King*, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One - the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Father Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this deeply biblical DVD program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you were baptized "into Christ."

Please join us, for our final session of this series with Fr. Barron.

When: Tuesday - April 28

Immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Saint Monica Education Center (old school 2nd floor –Youth Room)

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.

Facilitators – Mary Perillo, Maurita Buhsmer & Ann Marie Gallagher

Any questions please contact Mary Perillo at mkperillo@verizon.net

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for MARCH, 2015

March 2015	\$82,960	37% Electronic	March YTD 2015	\$659,623	41% Electronic
March 2014	\$73,171	37% Electronic	March YTD 2014	\$645,135	41% Electronic
March Budget	2014-15	\$75,000	March YTD Budget	2014-15	\$637,448

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$7,999
*Electronic	\$3,250
Total	\$11,249

** We have 165 families contributing electronically.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for the Catholic Home Missions. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 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

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woman more as a job “mother” than as a “wife” while women can see the husband more as “father/provider” than “husband.” Thus, the relationship can become fixated on the “job” of raising a family with chores and responsibilities taking on the primary focus, rather than the couple investing in the “marriage” first. Another factor adding a level of complexity is a tendency of both spouses to wait until “everything is in order and all is ‘right’ between the couple” before any intimacy is initiated.

A parallel is seen in the relationship of the priest and his “Bride – The Church.” Primarily, a priest is called “to preach, teach, sanctify and govern.” Please note that “govern” is intended more in the sense of “shepherding and stewarding” – not “managing and administrating.” Nevertheless, more and more, priests find themselves in treating their priesthood as a “job” rather than a “call/vocation.” Parishioners also see the priest more as an administrator than a “bridegroom” as parish complexities and resources (or lack thereof) push priests to focus primarily on the job and not on the people.

This leads to a tendency among priests to value people for their skills and professionalism rather than for their holiness. Tasks, chores and responsibilities come before relationships. Finally this “de-coupling” of the relational aspect between priest and people can lead to an unhealthy “independent” attitude on the part of the priest in terms of how he sees, and allots, his time.

Theme #2: Seeing Mass/Sex As (Merely) An “Activity” - Intimacy and sex can become something that couples “do.” This can lead to a performance attitude where the focus shifts to mechanics, technique, doing it right, doing it well, etc... Another issue can involve the amount and quality of communication before - and after - intimacy. Finally, using sex as a reward or a weapon or withholding intimacy as a form of punishment is an issue that priests commonly see especially when priests counsel couples who are struggling in their relationship.

If Worship and the Mass are the “source and summit” of an intimate relationship with Christ, Mass cannot be seen merely as an activity for the people in the pews. Is Mass something that you “do.” Check your language when you talk to others about our parish liturgy. What word-choice do you use? Does it reflect mysticism and love or something that is functional, obligatory and performed? Some examples perhaps: “We ‘have to’ go to Mass” or “You can at least give God an hour each week” or “Loved the homily, Father. Nice and short.”

Priests can also fall into certain unfavorable behaviors in this area. Saying Mass can become something that “I do” as a priest and thus can take on a sense of “a task that I must complete” rather than something mysterious that I get to celebrate. Saying Mass well is important but it cannot slip into a practice where the focus can be on performance and “the show” (or even worse – on me). Priests can also become materialistic and spend an inordinate amount of money on trappings such as vestments, church accoutrements, etc... Instead liturgy should be more about “communication” rather than “performance.” For priests, this manifests itself positively with the informal conversations enjoyed before and after liturgy, for example.

Next week we will look at the other two items where the vocations of married life and priesthood intersect in terms of worship, intimacy and sexuality: **Theme #3. Looking for Masculinity/Femininity Outside of Proper Relationships** as well as **Theme #4: Seeing Sex/Sexuality Negatively.**

Charles Zlock Jr

FEASIBILITY STUDY WEEKEND

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As you can see, we are trying to address our expressed “Parish Priorities” but are finally starting to run head-on with serious, unseen, but critically important “mission critical” infrastructure issues. Thankfully we have the financial reserves to address these simultaneously for now. In the weeks that follow, members of the Finance Council / Facilities Committee along with me, will continue to update the parish on the status of such items. FOR NOW, it is important that I receive your input on

these important issues. Thus please prayerfully fill out the questionnaire this week and I thank you for your continued support of the Saint Monica Mission.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and concludes with Benediction. Adoration **does not** cease in the summer months. It takes place 12 months of the year. Come. Rest. Pray.

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 e-mail system; just e-mail Mark DiLucca: mdilucca00@comcast.net. All men are welcome to join. Our theme continues to be for the parish community, the 3 S’s: Spiritual, Social and Service. Our next HNS Meeting will be Monday, May 4th, 7:30 p.m. in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. *Prosit*



NOCTURNAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS BACK!

After winter snows and our glorious Easter celebration we again have Nocturnal Adoration. The various groups are posted in the Gathering Room. Join us to pray for our fellow parishioners, for our immediate needs for the parish and for the future of the parish. See you 9:00 p.m. Friday, May 1st into Saturday, May 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Blessings and congratulations to the **2015 First Communicants of The Church of Saint Monica:** Siena Asselta, Andrew Baker, Michael Bedwick, Austin Beltrante, Grey Benson, Sabrina Conrad, Abigail Dobson, Meghan Donahue, Natalie Fuscald, Kate Hedlund, Allison Hickey, Madeline Holmes, Quinn Lanchoney, Charles Linquata, Amelia Loch, Aidan Mahoney, Ryan Mahoney, Clare Malik, Darcy Malik, Kathleen Manion, Nicolas Mascaro, Steven Mayes, Elisha McCabe, Peyton McLaughlin, James Mikita, August Mullin, Tristan Nolan, Jacob Nowoswiat, Jane Preston, Jack Sayer, Abigail Schwartz, Jocelyn Stead, Haley Syron, Julia Telega, Patton Thompson, Anya Walheim, and Lauren Young. **May our First Communicants always feel the Lord’s presence in their lives.**

Special thanks to our parish catechists Mrs. Anne Braun and Ms. Mary Ellen Smith in assisting these children and their parents in their faith journey.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY

Save the Date! We will be volunteering at the **Cradles to Crayons** office in West Conshohocken on **Tuesday, May 5th from 6-8 p.m.** **Cradles to Crayons** provides children from birth through age 12 living in homeless or low-income situations with the essential items they need to thrive at home, at school and at play. We will be working in the warehouse sorting

donations. For those interested in carpooling we will depart from Saint Monica parking lot at 5:15 p.m. on May 5th. If you would like to join us please contact Sue McCarty at mccarty564@gmail.com, 484.433.1496 so that we may keep track of the numbers.

For the safety and comfort of our group upon arrival, it is necessary that all volunteers pre-register at www.cradlestocrayons.org/node/add/registration. Volunteers are encouraged to bring along donations of children’s everyday essential items. Items that are always in particular need of are brand new socks and underwear for girls and boys (up to size 14/16)!

OUTREACH



Saint Gabriel’s Food Cupboard Collection is this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? Check donations 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, April 28 at 8:00 a.m. Thank you for helping our inner city neighbors!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN!

MAY 1, 2015: 5:30 PM ‘TIL MIDNIGHT

All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to participate in the Saint Monica High School Youth Group’s Lock-In to be held on Friday May 1, from 5:30 pm ‘til Midnight in the Saint Monica Parish Center! Come out for the evening and enjoy Games, Pizza, Bonfire, Community Service and Spiritual Activities! The cost is free, but you must RSVP and bring a permission slip with you. Permission slips can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room of the church. Please RSVP by e-mailing Mrs. Broadhurst at broadhurst95@verizon.net. Hope to see you at the Lock-In!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for APRIL 26

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Walking with Purpose	Church
Friday	9:30-11:00am 9:00pm-3:00am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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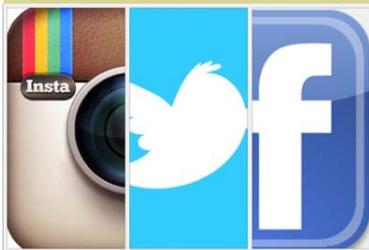
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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 April 26 - May 3

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ James Susack	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	+ Amedeo Carlino	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Ida Borzillo	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ George Shaw	Fr. Danielski	Cantor	
Monday, 27th	+ Harry Parker	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 28th	+ Marie Salvo	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 29th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 30th	Father William A. Trader	Fr. Avicolti		
Friday, 1st	+ Ronald J. Daniels	Fr. Jaehwa		
Saturday, 2nd	Robert and Mildred Walsh	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions</i>
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+Josephine Puma	Fr. Fitzgerald	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Joan Fitzpatrick	Fr. Zlock	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, Lou DiFerdinando, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Larry Harris, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Margaret Knight, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (*son of Liz*), Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, 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: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

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