



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

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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.

11:30a.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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

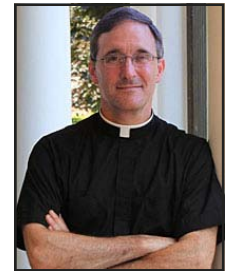
March 20, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

We are getting deep into Lent and it is a good time to reflect on how we are doing since ashes were put on our foreheads. Luke's Gospel (16: 19-31) about the rich man and Lazarus puts things in perspective. Has anything changed other than good intentions and the passage of time?

The reality set out in Luke's Gospel might make us apprehensive. In his book, *Rediscovering Jesus* (page 67) Matthew Kelly writes, "Like the rich man, I enjoy many of the good things life has to offer. The poor may not be sitting on my doorstep, but they are not far from it. Jesus clearly speaks about an afterlife and a place where most of us probably have no interest spending time thinking about. But Jesus makes a stark connection between the way we live our lives here on earth and where we end up in the afterlife."

Speaking of thoughts, how many of us have thought about gaining a "Plenary Indulgence?" Some might ask, "What's the point? Doesn't this have something to do with purgatory? I don't even understand purgatory." This goes to the heart of any reflection on "the point" of Lent. As Christians, shouldn't our thoughts be trying to get to heaven, being afraid of our sins and even whether we have confessed them properly (or at all). With these things in mind, what is an important gift that you would like to receive during Lent? How about a childlike, humble trust in God where we say, "Lord, I know I am a sinner. But with all my heart, my deepest wish is that you would please grant me a new start in our relationship. Please take away, not only my sins, but also the possibility of purgatory and take me straight to heaven when my time comes." God wants to hear such words and see your faith and humility. And so, at your disposal, God places "a treasure chest" (.. actually called the "Treasury of the Church" - *Catechism* #1476 -1477) of total forgiveness of sin and the satisfaction of the penance (punishment) due to sin through the merits of the Cross of Jesus Christ. If you gain a Plenary Indulgence and have remained in the state of grace when you pass on, you will get your *(Cont'd on Page 4)*



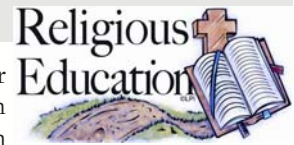
OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

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.

"Amid the greatest torments, I fix the gaze of my soul upon Jesus crucified; I do not expect help from people, but place my trust in God. In his unfathomable mercy lies all my hope."

- Saint Faustina (Diary, 681)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program classes are **not** in session on Sunday and Monday, March 20-21 and March 27-28.

Walk-In registration for the 2016-2017 Sunday and Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) school year is available on Monday, April 4th in the St. Monica Gym foyer. Parents can drop off completed forms/payment or stop by to complete the forms and make payment between 6:00 and 7:15pm.

The RE Summer Session for students in Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 is scheduled to begin on June 20 through June 24 and continues from June 27 through June 29.

The registration period for the Religious Education Summer Session has been extended until April 4. The link to the registration forms can be found on the parish website at www.saintmonicachurch.org. For more information, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757. Parents are asked to register their children as soon as possible.

Parents are reminded that the Participation Slips required of those who attended the Summer Session 2015 are due to the Religious Education Office on or before April 15th.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

TAIZÉ PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

TODAY — Sunday, 20 March at 3 pm

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Protestant and Catholic traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world.

The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community's ecumenical

outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation.

The community, though Western European in origin, has sought to include people and traditions worldwide. They have sought to demonstrate this in the music and prayers where songs are sung in many languages, and have included chants and icons from the Eastern Orthodox tradition. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon.

Ecumenical services based on this model and music are held in many churches throughout the world. Join us for a prayer and contemplative beginning to Holy Week!

2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, March 20

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

Sunday Masses are 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 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.

Sunday, March 20 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 — March 24

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 — March 25

Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.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 — March 26

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 — March 27

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY 2016

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|-------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| February 2016 | \$65,808 | 44% Electronic | February YTD 2016 | \$574,316 | 44% Electronic |
| February 2015 | \$61,110 | 44% Electronic | February YTD 2015 | \$576,573 | 41% Electronic |
| February Budget 2015-16 | \$67,451 | | February YTD Budget 2015-16 | \$601,495 | |

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Sunday Collection \$6,305
Electronic \$3,225
Total \$9,530

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOXES

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of March is for the benefit of the Saint Monica Parish Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May 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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wish and go straight to heaven. Forget purgatory! Forget your sinfulness! Forget punishment! Wouldn't the rich man of the Gospel have been happy with a Plenary Indulgence?

How does one gain a "Plenary Indulgence?" A person must be in the state of grace (a Catholic in good standing), when the work of the Plenary Indulgence is completed. A person must go to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist and within some reasonable period of time (say 20 days on either side of the "prayer" or "act" needed for the Plenary Indulgence) say prayers or perform certain acts required for the Plenary Indulgence. One must also pray for the intentions of the Pope and offer an Our Father and Hail Mary for those Papal intentions. Examples of "prayer" are praying the Rosary the Stations of the Cross in a Church. Examples of "acts" are visiting a Parish Church on its feast day or devoutly kissing the Cross on Good Friday. A Plenary Indulgence was recently granted for the faithful who attended the World Meeting of Families as pilgrims or attended the Papal Mass while the Pope was in Philadelphia.

During this Year of Mercy, a Plenary Indulgence is attached to prayerfully passing through a Holy Door of Mercy and saying the prayers and doing the works for a Plenary Indulgence discussed above. Going through one of these Holy Doors signifies passing from this life to the next, moving from sin to life in Christ. So it is not just the action of walking through a Holy Door, but it is changing our disposition to our sinfulness. The Holy Doors are located at various places in Philadelphia: the Cathedral, the Miraculous Medal Shrine, the Shrines of St. Rita of Cascia, of St. John Neumann, and the Shrines of Our lady of Czestochowa, in Doylestown, and St. Katharine Drexel in Bensalem. On Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, one can gain a Plenary Indulgence by attending the Mercy Mass and service and going to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

By Deacon Bill Masapollo

CHANGES IN THE WAY HOLY COMMUNION IS BROUGHT TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

The Parish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are "commissioned" to bring Communion to sick and homebound parishioners. Holy Communion is brought at the following times:

- After the 9:30AM Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month.
- By the pastor and an EMHC on the First Friday of each month. Call the rectory to have your homebound relative added to the visit list.
- Any time on an emergency basis (pre-surgery, hospital or home visit) by the Pastor.

In the past, some parishioners have requested and received special permission to bring Holy Communion to homebound relatives outside of the normal circumstances or schedule. **This practice has been reconsidered and several changes have been made** in the way it is done. The changes were implemented in order to (1) enhance respect and reverence for the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, (2) emphasize the role of the parish community in service to the home bound and (3) prevent abuses of the practice from occurring.

In particular the practice of presenting an empty pyx to the priest or EMHC at Communion time to receive a host has been ended and a new practice has been introduced. In addition, current EMHCs and priest-celebrants have been instructed to decline placing a host in *anyone's* pyx in the communion line.

It is important that all those who have been granted this permission identify themselves so that a roster of *all* Extraordinary Ministers can be maintained. Please contact John Wojcik at jwojck1@verizon.net or the parish office at 610-644-0110 to receive information about the new form that this ministry has taken.

YOUNG ADULTS: PREPARE FOR EASTER WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS!

If you are a young adult in your 20s or 30s, join CYACC this Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern. You will experience the beautiful Stations of the Cross trails as we hold a candlelit procession to prayerfully reflect on the Passion of our Lord. We'll be meeting in the Memorial Hall Dining Room at the Retreat House at 7:15 PM and will begin our procession shortly after 7:30 PM. For more info check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Team Trivia SUCCESS. Many thanks go out to the players (336) of this year's **19th Annual Saint Monica's Team Trivia Night** held last Saturday evening. The Holy Name Society appreciates your continued support of our parish community event. Winners of the evening were:

Theme Table: 1st: Strzelec - *Incredibles*; 2nd: Fadam - *8 Heroes - Hold the Mayo*; Honorable Mention: Tenaglio - *Our Husbands are our Heroes*; **Trivia:** 1st: Pealer - *Titans of Trivia*; 2nd: Sargent - *Soup or Heroes*; 3rd: Strzelec - *Incredibles*; 4th: Paolantonio - *The Marvels*; **Honorable Mention:** D'Antonio - *Desperados*; **Survivor:** *Lowlanders*; **Lightening Round:** *Nova Ninjas*; **50/50:** Brian Detweiler, Mimi Stach; **Sponsors:** JoAnne McMonigle - *Atlantic Realty Services*; Todd Pholig - *Athertyn Pholig Builders*; Dan McMonigle - *BHHS Fox Roach*; Matt Funchion - *Penn Distributors*; Matt Manion - *Catholic Leadership Institute*; Mike Walsh - *Trident Mortgage Company*; Umberto Degli-Esposti - *Ristorante Primavera*; Marty Cappelletti - *Custom Builders*.

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, March 29. Checks payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box.

SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR

Designer Bag

BINGO

TUESDAY, MARCH 29
7:00 PM

SAINT MONICA PARISH CENTER
\$20 ADMISSION AT THE DOOR COVERS
5 GAMES OF STRAIGHT BINGO
1 GAME FULL CARD BINGO
~WINNER SELECTS DESIGNER HANDBAG
OF THEIR CHOICE~
PLUS SOME FUN RAFFLE ITEMS!
BEER...WINE....SODA....SNACKS
GUARANTEED FUN!!

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**SAINT MONICA PARISH INVITES YOU TO
EXPLORE A NEW AND PERSONALIZED
SPIRITUAL WORLD FOR YOURSELF!**

ALPHA

Remaining Dates: March 20; April 3 & 10

Location: Parish Education Center Cafeteria

Time: 12:45pm-3:15pm

You are welcome to drop in and join us at any of the sessions!

March 20 - "Why and How Do I Talk Catholic to Others?"

April 3 - "Does God Still Heal Today?"

April 10 - "What About the Church?" (Final session)

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bereavement Ministry of Saint Monica and Saint Katharine of Siena Parishes presents a presentation on **"Understanding Your Grief"** by Pat Connolly on Sunday, 17 April at 3:00 pm at Saint Monica Parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — Have you Registered?

The Annual Day of Reflection for all of our Saint Monica Liturgical Ministers is coming up on Saturday, April 9th, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass. Are you registered yet? Please see the Parish Website to sign-up. Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for March 20

| DAY | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Monday | 9:00 am-4:30 pm | Adoration | Church |
| Tuesday | 6:00-7:30 pm | RCIA | Hagenbach Room |
| Wednesday | 6:00-8:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm | Youth Bible Study OREMUS | Youth Room Parish Center |
| Thursday 7:30 pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper | Holy Thursday | Church |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon 3:00 p.m. | Morning Prayer Mid-Day Prayer Lord's Passion | Church |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. | Morning Prayer Easter Vigil | Church |

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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 20 — March 27

| MASS TIME | INTENTION | PRESIDER | MUSIC MINISTRY | NOTES |
|----------------------|---|--|----------------|-------|
| 5:00 pm Vigil | + Debranne Minton | Fr. Fitzgerald | Cantor | |
| 7:30 am | Intentions of Wally and Trish Rutecki | Fr. Zlock | Quiet | |
| 9:30 am | + Justin DiAntonio | Fr. Zlock | Choir | |
| 11:30 am | People of the Parish | Fr. Driesch | Cantor | |
| Monday, 21st | + Thomas and Michael McAleer | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Tuesday, 22nd | + Doris Archibald | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Wednesday, 23rd | Communion Service | | | |
| Thursday, 24th | 7:30 p.m. Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Friday, 25th | 9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer 12:00 Noon – Mid-Day Prayer 3:00 p.m. – The Lord's Passion | Fr. Zlock Fr. Zlock Fr. Fitzgerald | | |
| Saturday, 26th | 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer | Fr. Zlock | | |
| 7:30 pm Easter Vigil | People of the Parish | Fr. Zlock | Choir | |
| 7:30 am | + Anna Coxé | Fr. Aviccolli | Quiet | |
| 9:30 am | + Sadie and Nick Borzillo | Fr. Fitzgerald | Choir | |
| 11:30 am | + Mike and Thomas McAleer | Fr. Zlock | Cantor | |

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Margaret Annechini, Jack Barausky, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Thomas Losoncy, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Robert Clark, Father of David Clark; Julia Quici, Mother of Joe and Ann Giacomucci; David Sheusi, Husband of Kathleen; Marie C. Fitzgerald, Mother of Celia Johnston

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

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

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