



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.

11:30a.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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

In the 2014 issue of the Villanova University publication, *The Heart of the Matter*, I noticed an article entitled, "What's Your Mission?" It begins,

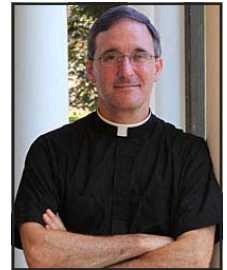
Someone, sometime, when you least expect it, is going to ask you, "Why are you here?" First year students get asked the question during Orientation on the "Freshman Survey." Sizable numbers say that they come to "get a degree" or "prepare for getting a good job" or "become financially well off." But thinking about the WHY of being here isn't the same thing as knowing WHAT you plan to do while you're here. Freshmen plan to "maintain a B average." (Typical. Jesuit students shoot for an "A" - but I digress....) to "get involved" or to "get a part time job" among other things.

What about the rest of us? What motivates [us] to be "here" (wherever "here" might be?)

So why ARE you here? I have mentioned this question to people at Saint Monica for the past several years. In fact it is the very question that I have posed to our Confirmation candidates in my conversations with them this year. I tell them, "You are not an accident. You are not 'time + chance + matter.' You were created (by God) ON purpose FOR a purpose. What is that purpose?"

We know our final destiny (heaven). What is our earthly destiny? Related to that, what is your mission while you are here? What are you supposed to be doing on the journey towards that destiny? To answer that, you first have to answer who you are.

I've written about Vision and Mission at Saint Monica several times on my website. This is important since, according to *What Color Is Your Parachute*, author Richard Bolles, the key to a person's vision and mission is the understanding that both are not merely intellectual tasks. They are *religious concepts* and thus cannot be separated from God. In their *Good Leaders-Good Shepherds* leadership program for priests and parishes, Catholic Leadership Institute starts by having the person, team, ministry, school and parish craft a God-inspired "Purpose Statement." The process begins with asking (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.

"The Mother of God told me to do what She has done, that, even when joyful, I should always keep my eyes fixed on the cross, and She told me that the graces God was granting me were not for me alone, but for other souls as well."

- St. Faustina (Diary, 561)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The final Religious Education Program sessions for this school year are scheduled for students in Grades 1-6 on May 1 and May 2. Progress Reports will be distributed at the last session.

The RE Summer Session registration is now closed. Registration for the 2016-2017 Sunday morning (Grades 2 & 6) and Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) school year is underway. The registration forms can be found on the parish website, under Religious Education. Parents are asked to register their children as soon as possible. Questions? Please contact

Mary Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757. Parents are reminded that the registration forms and payment for the Sunday morning sessions (Grades 2 & 6 only) must be received in the Office of Religious Education by May 15th.

We are pleased that Sr. Rose Bernadette Mulligan, IHM will share the joys of her vocation as a religious sister with the Religious Education Program students on Sunday, May 1 at 10:15 a.m. and Monday, May 2 at 6:15pm. Parishioners are most welcome to join us for the 30 minute presentation in the school cafeteria.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



**Thank You to all
who attended
XLT**

Special thanks to our
Holy Name Society for
providing the meal and
fellowship!

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

COMMUNION ANTIPHONS: WHAT ARE WE SINGING?

In an effort to include more of the texts prescribed for each Sunday liturgy, known as the “proprs,” we will continue to sing the “Communion Antiphons for the Easter Season” as set and composed by Norman Gouin (former Music Director of Daylesford Abbey and composer of the official hymn for the World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia). The “proper” is a part of the liturgy that varies according to the date, either representing

an observance within the liturgical year, or of a particular saint or significant event. This collection of proper antiphons spans the Easter season, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. The antiphons, whose English texts are adapted from the Graduale Romanum and The Roman Missal, are set in a plainchant style which is accessible for us all to sing together. The verses are from the psalms and are set to new psalm tones for the choir and cantor to sing. Give the antiphon (refrain) a try as you process to holy communion.

THE JOYFUL FACES OF OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS . . .
A Reflection of Christ's Love



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for MARCH 2016

March 2016	\$54,839*	44% Electronic	March YTD 2016	\$629,156	44% Electronic
March 2015	\$82,960	44% Electronic	March YTD 2015	\$659,533	41% Electronic
March Budget	2015-16	\$71,000	March YTD Budget	2015-16	\$671,940
* Easter	3/27/16	\$41,505			

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$8,426
Electronic	\$7,483
Total	\$15,909

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOX

The money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of May will be for the benefit of the Bethesda Project. 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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questions such as, "Why do you even exist? If you disappeared tomorrow, would anyone miss you? If yes, who? If not why not?"

In addition, vision/mission must reject the idea that this involves *doing, getting, having*. Instead we must look at *being and bringing*. We must also reject the notion that vision/mission can be unique to only us and thus accomplished independently of others. Some parts of the vision/mission are shared and accomplished with-through- and for others.

For Bolles, vision/mission involves three things of us:

- 1) Being intentional in our consciousness of the presence of God in our lives. It is from God that we receive the vision/mission.
- 2) Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we must do what we can to make the place around us better. (However, I think that the prayer of *Blessed Oscar Romero* also provides a good "balance" to this – to focus on what we can - and not try to accomplish what we can't)
- 3) Exercising our greatest gifts (also known as "charisms") in which we find the most delight, in places where God has placed an appeal to our heart, in situations where our greatest talents meet God's greatest need.

The *Heart of the Matter* asks the question, "How does one begin to find his/her own mission and contribute to the vision?" Bolles says to take it one step at a time but start! Stepping out in faith, surrounded by prayer, will lead us to begin to see where God would have us journey. We know that we are probably on the right path when the way involves concrete encounters with gratitude, grace, forgiveness, kindness, honesty and love. (Caveat: it will also involve times of desolation, darkness confusion and The Cross).

In their *Letter To College Students*, The United States Bishops write that schools, colleges and further studies offer us opportunities to integrate the intellectual dimension of our lives with our spiritual dimension. The Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, help to purify, clarify and fortify that vision/mission discernment. Finally, the Prayer to the Holy Spirit and the interaction with the community will help us to discern God's guiding spirit, identify our greatest gifts and find the purpose for which each of us has been created.

Charles Zlock Jr



33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with Jesus?

In the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, author, Father Michael Gaitley, highlights the teachings of 4 Marian "experts" – St. Louis de Montfort, St.

Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II. Join with fellow parishioners and families as we read (about 2 pages per day), ponder, and meet once a week for 6 weeks to watch Father Gaitley's DVD and discuss the readings with the aid of a companion manual in small groups. We will meet on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in the cafeteria from May 17 - June 21. The fee is \$25 and includes all materials. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 8th. To register or for more info contact Maureen Kozak at momokozak@comcast.net or 610-416-7570.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 AT OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION PARISH A WILDERNESS ADVENTURE THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS: JESUS IN MY HEART Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Adult and High School Volunteers are needed to help with **crafts, games, activities, music, Bible stories** and **snacks** during VBS.

All children, ages 3 to 12, are welcome to join us from **Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24 from 9 AM to 12 Noon** each day. This is **15 hours of songs, games, activities, crafts, Bible stories** and **daily snacks**.

The deadline is **Monday, May 9**. Registration Forms are available at www.AssumptionAcademy.weebly.org

THE 6TH ANNUAL SK5K ON MAY 7TH REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.



Spring is here and so is the Saint Katharine of Siena 5K Run! The 6th Annual SK5K will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 9:00am. We have hundreds of runners and walkers participate in this community fitness and fundraising event, and it is the culmination of our GoRun fitness program for some of our students. The day includes the race, food, music and fun. You can register for the race and for sponsorship opportunities on the race site at <http://www.sk5k.com>. Register now!

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SAINT MONICA MEN'S SOCIETY

Save the Date . . .

Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, May 21st, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Grotto Lawn. Enter your best chili, ready to go and in an electric crock pot. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Plan on having chili for lunch and/or dinner. We will have ample amounts of chili, besides the competitors' chili, to feed everyone. Please RSVP with a headcount to John at mccarty564@gmail.com or at 610-291-9197.



Two years ago Libby Judge, daughter of Sis Way, suffered a spinal cord injury leaving her paralyzed and dependent on others for her daily needs.

Please join us on

May 13th from 6:00-11:00 PM

The Great American Pub

123 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

**For The 3rd Annual - Love. Live. Give
in Honor of Libby Judge Fundraiser**

To purchase tickets visit <http://www.501auctions.com/helphopelive-judge> or mail your donation to: **HelpHopeLive**, Two Radnor Corporate Center, 100 Matsonford Road, Suite 100, Radnor, PA 19087- *Memo Line: In Honor of Libby Judge.*

Thank you for your continued prayers.

IHM NUN RUN



Join us on June 4, 2016 for the IHM Nun Run, a 5K run/walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA which is across the street from Immaculata University. Start time is

8:30am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of IHM. Donations are \$30 for individual and \$15 for a child 12 yrs. old and under. Register online: www.ihmnunrun.org, **May 27th is the last day to register.** No race day registrations can be accepted.

GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD

Next time you are at the grocery store, please consider buying an extra roll of paper towels, soap, cleaning

supplies, shampoo, or body wash. Saint Monica's collects these (and similar household items) for our neighbors at **Great Valley Food Cupboard**. Please place your donations in the purple bin at the back of the church. If you are interested in donating your time at the Cupboard, we have certain days designated for Saint Monica parishioners. Contact Cristina at clkovarick@gmail.com or log into SignUpGenius.com (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4eacac29a20-stmonicas>).

CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is in need of a few enthusiastic adults to serve as catechists/teachers beginning in September for the 2016-2017 school year for both the Sunday morning session and Monday evening session. Please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. A stipend, guidance, and support are generously provided! For more info, contact Mary at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757.

PRAYER REQUEST

Your continued prayers for our parish's 51 Confirmation candidates and their families are appreciated. Bishop Timothy Senior will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Monica on Thursday, May 12th.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The May Nocturnal Adoration Weekend, May 6 and 7, is upon us! Please come to pray, meditate, adore, and give thanks to our loving God. Please join us, rejoin your own hour or offer to help where you are needed. For more information please call 610-644-5823.

There is a special need this month for the 1:00 AM hour. Please consider helping us at this time.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 30

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday			
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday			
Friday	9:30-11:00 am 9:00pm-8:00 am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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Lifteen: High School Youth Group



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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 May 1 — May 8

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Mary Devereaux Steiert	Fr. Zlock	Choir	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions</i>
7:30 am	+ Ronald J. Daniels	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	Father Trader	Fr. Antry	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 2nd	+ Claye Carroll	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 3rd	+ Joan Fitzpatrick	Fr. Novielli		
Wednesday, 4th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 5th	8:30 a.m. - + John Stillwell 12 Noon - Fred and San DiAntonio	Fr. Antry Fr. Zlock		
Friday, 6th	+ Antoinette Piombino	Fr. Jaehwa		
Saturday, 7th	+ Larry Harris	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
7:30 am	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Zagarella	Quiet	
9:30 am	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
11:30 am	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Kathleen Dempsey, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Thomas Losoncy, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, 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

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: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

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