



# 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)

Saint Monica Rectory  
635 First Avenue  
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312  
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Facsimile: 610.695.0850

### Office of Religious Education (Rector)

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### Parish Website

www.saintmonicachurch.org

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### Parish Staff E-mail

FirstInitialLastName@  
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### Parish Leadership

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saintmonicachurch.org

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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.

11:30 a.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.

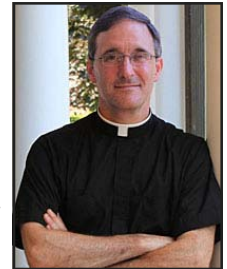


Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016

## FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Over the past few weeks we have been examining prayer from an Ignatian perspective. We began looking at *Why Do We Pray?* by Jesuit Father William A. Barry, S.J. then examined *Prayer and Our Deepest Desires*. Last week, and this week, we feature the writings of Jesuit priest Father Kevin O'Brien, S.J. We looked at *Distractions at Prayer* last week. This week we will look at *Boredom and Dryness in Prayer* once again from *The Ignatian Adventure*.



Our relationship with God in prayer is based on a relationship. Much like all relationships, there is a certain rhythm. There are moments of great highs and lows but quite often there are very ordinary times. In our prayer life, people sometimes are quick to judge these ordinary times. People will claim that "Nothing is happening" or they will express frustration with their prayer life, particularly if they feel boredom or dryness when they pray. The danger here is that we can experience a strong temptation to stop praying or to shortchange our prayer time.

Father O'Brien writes that, "When this happens, the first thing to do is resist this temptation. See it for what it is - a temptation to become stingy in your prayer." O'Brien says to recall times when your prayer life was exciting or fruitful or when you seemed to receive God's grace and consolation in great abundance. Ignatius suggests that we honor the time commitment we made to praying, even staying a few minutes *longer* when we feel a strong temptation to cut it short (See *The Spiritual Exercises*, Chapter 12).

We need to carefully discern feelings of boredom or dryness. Like all interior movements, they can tell you something. Ask yourself:

Am I making the necessary preparations for my prayer? *These preparations dispose you to receive the graces God wants to give you.*

Have I reviewed any suggestions that I have received about prayer (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.

*"Oh, how great is God's mercy; let every soul praise it.  
O, my Jesus, that souls for all eternity  
will be singing You a hymn of mercy."*

- Saint Faustina (Diary, 917)

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for the 2016-2017 Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) school year is ongoing. The registration forms can be found on the parish website, under Religious Education. Parents are asked to register their children as soon as possible to ensure the optimal student-catechist ratio. Questions? Mary Pizzano would be happy to speak with you. You can contact Mary at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757.

Due to low student enrollment in the Sunday morning Religious Education classes, the Sunday classes will not be offered to the 2nd and 6th grade students

during the 2016-2017 school year. Students already registered for Sunday morning classes will be automatically enrolled in the Monday evening session. (6:00-7:15pm) The Religious Education Program classes are scheduled to begin on Monday, September 12.

**Attention Parents of the Summer Session 2016 students:** Information regarding the Summer Session has been emailed to all parents of registered students. Please contact Mary Pizzano immediately if you have not received this information. Please watch your email inbox for additional email messages.

## FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY

*This first year of Family and Youth Ministry has been an absolute joy! I have been pleasantly surprised in the rapid growth in just one year here at Saint Monica's. More important than numbers, I have been unbelievably impressed with the community that has been built in such a short time. The families and youth of our parish are warm, welcoming and inclusive. Throughout this year many new middle and high school students came through our doors feeling welcomed and wanted. Studies show that the youth of today, more than anything else, are looking to belong. Life Teen and Edge have fostered that sense of belonging among our youth. The youth of our parish are eager to dive deeper into their faith, they are excited to learn new ways to pray and come closer to God. Over the past year, we have led series on Prayer, Mercy, Relationship with God, and the Person of Christ. We led a day of catechesis for the World Meeting of Families that brought together youth of all ages focusing on God's Love and Mercy. We recently hosted XLT, an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and contemporary praise and worship open to the entire parish. Our youth were especially drawn to the Lectio Divina, a specific way to pray with scripture attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola. Life Teen started a weekly Bible Study that has had great success. It is amazing to hear that our youth are inviting their peers to come to Bible Study. Life Teen and Edge also participated in two service projects: Christmas caroling to our homebound parishioners and collecting/sorting/delivering bags to St. John's Hospice. These service projects were deeply moving for all who attended. I would like to thank the families of our parish for their support. This is a special place and I am so blessed to be able to call Saint Monica's my home!*

AMDG, Jason Carter  
Director of Family and Youth Ministry



## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC



### Our New Organ in Pictures

The Cornel Zimmer Organ Company of North Carolina has started construction on the console of our new

organ, scheduled for an Autumn 2016 delivery. Here are a few pictures of the woodshop making the first cuts for the instrument.





*Widows of Saint Monica Parish . . .*

*You are invited to  
 join the Merry Widows  
 on Saturday, June 18th  
 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 followed by breakfast in the Father Hagenbach Room  
 as we honor our husbands on Fathers Day weekend.*

*Father Zlock will join us and several members  
 will share our past, present and future projects.*

*For more information or to register  
 Please contact Carole Filtz at  
 610-644-4954 or [cmfiltz@msn.com](mailto:cmfiltz@msn.com)*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for MAY 2016**

May 2016	\$71,199	42% Electronic	May YTD 2016	\$764,251	45% Electronic
May 2015	\$75,809	38% Electronic	May YTD 2015	\$796,176	42% Electronic
May Budget	2015-16	\$81,000	May YTD Budget	2015-16	\$837,339

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday, June 5, 2016**

**Sunday Collection \$10,065**  
**Electronic \$12,086**  
**Total \$22,151**

*We have 167 families  
 contributing electronically.*

**POOR BOX**

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of June is for the benefit of the Mary Knoll Fathers, Missionaries God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available on line at [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org) under the Parish Information tab in the Parish Leadership section.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

*(Continued from page 1)*

and praying? *These might reveal new insights about your personality and prayer life. If I haven't received any such suggestions, seek them out or ask yourself why have you not sought out such suggestions.*

Am I being honest when I pray? *If your prayer is not connected to your real life or your true feelings and thoughts, then boredom and dryness naturally result from this disconnect.*

Am I working too hard when I pray? *As a general rule, if you feel as if you are working too hard, then you probably are. Such efforts, though well intentioned, indicate that you may be trying to exercise too much personal control over your prayer life.*

Am I being invited to let go of unhelpful images of God or old ways of praying? *Consider trying a new way of praying. Ask a spiritual mentor for help.*

Am I too attached or addicted to the highs and lows of praying? *Dramatic moments in prayer are very engaging, but they can make ordinary moments of prayer feel like a letdown. Father O'Brien reminds us to remember that we mostly live in ordinary time, and that's just fine. God is found in the ordinary, in the unexciting, regular details of our lives. Consider a significant human relationship in your life. Some of the most meaningful moments occur when nothing exciting is happening but when you are simply enjoying the other's company in the daily routines.*

Am I letting my own expectations dictate too much of my prayer? *We naturally bring certain desires and expectations to our prayer, as we do to life in general. This is all well and good, but do not let your desires and expectations get in the way of what God wants for you. Expectations may point to your trying to control what happens in prayer. We need to let God take the lead.*

Why does God lead us to these ordinary times of praying, which we so quickly label as dry and boring? A number of reasons come to mind. God may be gently tilling the soil of your soul for some future harvest, preparing the ground for a bold insight or a deeper emotional experience to come. God might be using the times of dryness to heighten your sense of God's presence, so that you will be aware of that presence later in the day or week. God may be inviting you to ordinary times to kindle deeper desires and longings.

Restlessness can sometimes be God calling you to actually take a rest! God may simply want to offer you a period of quiet especially after an intense experience of prayer. So, consider this time a "mini-retreat." Enjoy the stillness and quiet.

O'Brien closes by writing, "Remember, in ordinary times of praying, we may not "feel" that God is there or listening. We cannot base the fruitfulness or effectiveness of our prayer life on "feelings" alone. To the contrary, God is there, but perhaps not as we imagine or have experienced in the past. Be faithful. God is always close."

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Parents of private school and private Catholic school students who are eligible to receive the sacraments of Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation are asked to contact Mary Pizzano, DRE, as soon as possible so that your child or children can be included in the preparation plans for the 2016-17 school year. The sacraments of First Penance and First Communion are typically received during 2nd grade. Confirmation is typically received during 6th grade. For more information, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610.647.4757 or [mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org).

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices will operate on a Summer Schedule through September 6, 2016

**Monday through Friday**

**9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



*Save the Date!*

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AbbeyFest:**

*Faith, Music and Family*

This all-day music festival will be held on the grounds of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli from 11:00 am-9:00 pm. Come and join us at this faith-filled event that features Music bands/Christian artists, Speakers, Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration.

Last year, **AbbeyFest** drew close to 3,000 attendees of all ages, including many parish families. So grab some friends, family, a blanket...and make a day of it! In addition to music, there will be food, craft vendors/exhibits, and games for kids. The 2016 music line-up include award-winning bands such as: *Sidewalk Profits*, *Stars Go Dim*, *The Josh Blakesley Band*, and many more! Catholic author and speaker, *Jeff Cavins*, will give the keynote.

**More Information and Tickets on sale now at: [www.theabbeyfest.com](http://www.theabbeyfest.com).** Any questions, please check the website or contact Jim or Lia Gorman at (610)296-2330 or [jimliagorman@comcast.net](mailto:jimliagorman@comcast.net).



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### HOLY NAME SOCIETY: **NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES**



The Holy Name Society is again proudly sponsoring a spectacular night at the Reading Phillies for our parish community. Fathers are welcome to bring their children to a fun packed evening on Saturday, July 9th. Price per

ticket of \$25 includes: bus transportation, ticket, buffet dinner and an outstanding fireworks display. Bus will depart from Saint Monica's at 4:15p.m.; game time is 6:35pm. Limited number of tickets are on hand, so chime in now to reserve your seats. Reservations: Mark DiLucca at [mdilucca00@comcast.net](mailto:mdilucca00@comcast.net).

### CATHECHISTS 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 the Monday evening session from 6:00 — 7:15 pm. Please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. Sharing your time and talent is a great and life-long gift to the youth of the parish. A stipend, guidance, and support are generously provided! Please contact Mary Pizzano for more information: [mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org) or 610.647.4757.

### UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE!



**Registration is now open** for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from understanding God's promises and how they are

fulfilled, but you will also help to renew our parish as we grow closer to Christ. We will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on Wednesday, June 29 from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded *Bible Timeline*. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You will see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice.

The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You will receive a color-coded Bible Timeline Chart and a Bible study workbook. Don't worry about missing a session or two; you can stream the

study videos online at your convenience once you have enrolled. The cost of the course is \$25.00 per person; scholarships are available if needed. Please visit [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org) and click on "*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*" to register. For more information, contact Kit Sherman at 610-644-8827 or [kbh515@aol.com](mailto:kbh515@aol.com).

### CLOTHING DRIVE — **SAVE THE DATE**



Saint Monica Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, **Wednesday, June 15th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of **GreenDrop** to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com).

### PLAYGROUND ACCESS



Based on suggestions and correspondence from several parishioners, the playground will be opened on Sundays during Mass times for parents to bring their children to enjoy.

Sacristans will be responsible for opening and closing the playground. If you need access, please seek the assistance of the sacristan.

**L**ET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . . *- Pope Francis*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for June 12			
DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Tuesday	9:15-12:00 Noon	Respect Life	Hagenbach Room
	7:00-9:00pm	33 Days to Morning Glory	Hagenbach Room
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	9:00-11:00am	Merry Widows	Hagenbach Room
	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church
Sunday		Happy Father's Day!	

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Frzlock.com



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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
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](mailto: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 June 12 — June 19

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Landon Vargas	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ James Gormley	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Marion Brannick	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
Monday, 13th	+ Kathleen McKenna	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 14th	+ Bill Hartnett	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 15th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 16th	+ Sheila Gaffney	Fr. Driesch		
Friday, 17th	+ Kathleen McKenna	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 18th	Intentions of Michelle Manning	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	All Fathers of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	All Fathers of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	All Fathers of the Parish	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
11:30 am	All Fathers of the Parish	Fr. Antry	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Bill Canfield, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Kathleen Dempsey, Tony DePaolo, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, 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

*Edward Cynwinski*

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

Leader for this week: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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**Reverend Jaehwa J. Lee**, *Priest-in-Residence*  
**Reverend Allan Fitzgerald**, O.S.A., Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*  
**The Norbertines of Daylesford Abbey**, *Pastoral Assistance*  
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