



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.

11:30 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.



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

From CNN: "Many Americans say they attend church because it helps them stay grounded and gives them spiritual guidance. A new study suggests that regular attendance may also help increase their lifespan."

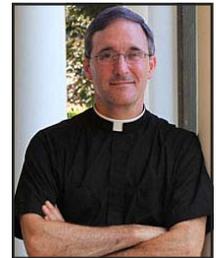
Go figure.

The CNN article mentions that researchers looked at data on nearly 75,000 middle-age female nurses in the United States as part of the Nurses' Health Study. The participants answered questions about whether they attended religious services regularly every four years between 1992 and 2012, and about other aspects of their lives over the years.

The study found that women who went to church more than once a week had a 33% lower risk of dying during the study period compared with those who said they never went. Less-frequent attendance was also associated with a lower risk of death, as women who attended once a week or less than weekly had 26% and 13% lower risk of death, respectively. Women who regularly attended religious services also had higher rates of social support and optimism, had lower rates of depression and were less likely to smoke. However, the researchers took into account these differences between churchgoers and non-churchgoers when they calculated the decrease in death rates of 13% to 33%.

In a related article, the website *HealthFitnessRevolution.Com* spells out the Top 10 Health Benefits of attending Church:

- **Guidance from social support** – Going to a place of worship gives you a sense of community. You have a second family that you can share your life's problems and fun times with. Friends from church support you through the best and worst of times. Praying and going to church together makes the sense of community stronger.
- **Good influence** – Having friends from Church not only help you lead a better spiritual life but also helps you be around a safe environment. They can also be a great support system when you or your family are going through tough situations. *(Continued on Page 4)*



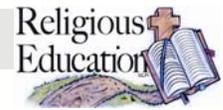
OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

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.

"There are times in life when the soul finds comfort only in profound prayer. Would that souls knew how to persevere in prayer at such times. This is very important."

– Saint Faustina (Diary, 860)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The parents of registered and re-registered students have received the "Back to School" information via email, including the 2016-2017 Religious Education calendar. If you have registered, but you have not received this information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 610-647-4757. **Classes begin THIS Monday, September 12th from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.**

The 2016-2017 Religious Education Program is blessed by the commitment of the following faith-filled, dedicated catechists:

Mrs. Roseann DeSanto, Mr. Nick Kennedy,
Mrs. Lorraine Kinslow, Mrs. Jo Anne McMonigle,
Mrs. Marybeth Panaro, Ms. Julia Rocks,
Mrs. Krista Ross, Mrs. Ellen Tannebaum

We applaud and sincerely thank the catechists for serving the Lord and the Church of Saint Monica!

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

GAMES

CAUTION

FOOD

YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF AHEAD

EDGE
7th-8th Grade
4:30-6

ALL ARE WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND!

LIFE TEEN
9th-12th Grade
7-8:30

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

Thinking of a way to be involved?

An invitation... join us!

The Saint Monica Parish Choir resumes its regular rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, 7 September and begins singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, 11 September. New members, especially men singing tenor or bass, are welcome as we begin the choral year. Please call Frank Orman, Director of Worship & Music, at 610.644.0110, ext. 118, to discuss a simple audition and joining the group. Please consider getting involved and sharing your gifts and talents with your parish community.





Walking with Purpose (WWP) will return beginning Thursday, October 6th, 7:00-8:30 pm and will be held in the cafeteria. *WWP* is a program designed to enable women to grow in a relationship with Christ through small group discussion and Scripture study. Are you looking for a more meaningful relationship with Christ and others? Are you wondering what faith has to do with everyday life? We will be offering 2 courses this fall:

Discovering Our Dignity and *Opening Your Heart*.

For those returning to the program, *WWP* suggests *Discovering Our Dignity*. In this course we will hear “modern-day advice from women of the Bible. We learn that women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be. Yet the power of God worked in their lives.”

For those new to the program, you can sign-up for *Discovering our Dignity* or *Opening Your Heart*. *Opening Your Heart* is the initial *WWP* course designed for those new to Scripture study. “Women take a deeper dive into the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.” Please join us! Our Guest Speaker, Christine Wittman (licensed therapist), will address the topic of grief in a loving and healing way.

For more information please contact:

**Bridget at bridgetc316@gmail.com or Michele at man6fam@comcast.net.
Please RSVP to Diane Claffey at dianeacclaffey@verizon.net.**

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JULY 2016

July 2016	\$68,947	45% Electronic	July YTD 2016	\$68,947	45% Electronic
July 2015	\$70,693	47% Electronic	July YTD 2015	\$70,693	47% Electronic
July Budget	2016-17	\$70,693	July YTD Budget	2016-17	\$70,693

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Sunday Collection \$9,557
Electronic \$9,204
Total \$18,761

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the Black and Indian Missions. 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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Being around pious people also helps you lead a sedentary lifestyle and not fall into social influence like drugs and alcohol.

- **Promotes accountability and routine** – Attending church every Sunday gives you a sense of routine which can be incorporated into your everyday life. It helps you account for everyday responsibilities and get into routine with daily activities.
- **Discipline** – Going to a place of worship gives you a strong sense of community and people that go to church are usually disciplined by the ways of Christianity. This also teaches you to have a more disciplined attitude throughout life. Being disciplined can also help you make good life choices.
- **Teaches morals and good manners** – Churches encourage their flock to think and act with goodwill. The aim of churches is often to provide mankind with outstanding citizens with set morals and manners, teaching the value of maintaining a personal set of ethics such as faith, hope, charity, integrity, knowledge, respect, and self-control.
- **Acceptance** – Being in Church gives you a sense of community. Being a part of the Church family helps you feel socially accepted into a community. While praying Church and attending the ceremonies, you will also feel spiritually accepted by the environment you are surrounded by.
- **Self-identity/esteem** – Going to church promotes individual growth because it enables one to reflect back on their own actions and thoughts. The philosophical and theological values of which a church abides often is directed toward the individual, encouraging them to contemplate on who they are and the impact they can make to the world.
- **Promotes social services, charity, mentoring, tutoring** – The selflessness that comes from going to church encourages one to action. Places of worship oftentimes promote service and goodwill action and will host a variety of events for volunteering, enabling one to teach, guide, and help others.
- **Inspiration/Motivation** – The world can be overstimulating, especially when it comes to the five senses. The constant assault of living a routine lifestyle paired with the pressure to live up to responsibilities and success can result in one feeling drained and finding their lifestyle mundane. Creative outlets may even be stunted. Going to church can be an excellent way to draw on inspiration for activities and can motivate one to improve their lifestyle.
- **Reduces stress** – The time spent drawing *(continued)*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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inward and focusing your energy on clearing your thoughts leads to a drastic reduction in stress levels. After spending time in the place of worship, you feel lighter, more confident and free from worldly worries.

Charles Zlock Jr

Save the Date!



Saturday, September 24, 2016

The 3rd 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! 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.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

PLEASE BE ALERT

Several locks have been damaged and rooms broken into in recent weeks on the Saint Monica Parish Campus, in addition to neighbors' cars being vandalized. We have alerted the Easttown Police Department, but we ask you to **please be on the look-out** when you are out walking your dog or walking in your neighborhood. **If you see unusual activity on the Church and Education Center grounds** - individuals roaming around, lights on in the buildings after hours, etc... - **PLEASE CALL THE EASTTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT** by dialing 911.

If you SEE something — SAY something!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT MONICA HOLY NAME SOCIETY

School is back in session, and so is the **Saint Monica Holy Name Society and Men's Club**.

Please plan on attending our 1st meeting of the year this Monday evening, September 12th, at 7:30 pm in the Father Hagenbach Room located in the Parish Center. **All men of the parish are invited to attend.**

We have much on our year's agenda to foster our theme of *Spiritual, Service and Social*. Come and see where you can provide assistance.

GOLFERS of the PARISH COMMUNITY

Save the date!



Saint Monica's Holy Name Society is yet again proud to provide for the parish community our 32nd Annual Golf Outing. This year's outing is scheduled for Columbus day, Monday, October 10, at Downingtown Country Club. For now... just save the date, and spread the word. More details to come soon. For more information, contact Mark DiLucca at mjddorset@gmail.com.

COME JOIN THE FUN:

SAINT MONICA'S CYO BASKETBALL

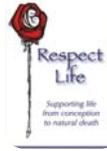


Basketball season is just around the corner. Saint Monica's CYO program offers clinics and leagues for grades 1st through 12th. Grades 1-4 are open to ALL students (ask a neighborhood friend to join your son or daughter). Grades 5-12 are open to any registered members of Saint Monica Parish, Saint Isaacs Jogues, Our Lady of Assumption, or attend a local catholic school. Registration is open through October 31, 2016 at www.wagdogs.com. Questions? Please contact Jim Fox at jfox22@hotmail.com.

SAINT MONICA'S MERRY WIDOWS

The September meeting for the Saint Monica's Merry Widows will be held on Tuesday, September 20 in the Hagenbach Room at 5:00 pm. All widows of Saint Monica's are invited to the dinner meeting. We will need a count for the dinner, so would appreciate anyone new who will be joining us to give us a call by Monday, September 19 to let us know you will be attending. Please call: Peg Alzamora, 610-647-1129; Maureen Mulhall, 610-644-7794; or Anne Marie Gallagher, 610-644-1375. We look forward to seeing everyone!

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



"Mother Teresa was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that

"the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable". She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime of poverty they created." - *from homily of Pope Francis on Sunday, September 4, 2016, the Canonization for Mother Teresa of Calcutta.*

THE LITURGY of the WORD with CHILDREN

PROGRAM (CHILDREN K- GRADE 3)



Registration for the children's Sunday church program, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LOW) for students in K through 3rd grade is now underway. This program is offered during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and is specially

designed to give the younger children of our parish a better understanding and appreciation for Scripture through age appropriate adaptations of the Readings, Gospel, and homily. \ Information and registration forms can be found in the "Crying Room" and the Gathering Room of the church. The LOW leaders have obtained the required clearances, mandated by both the state of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

New volunteer leaders are always welcomed and encouraged. The first Liturgy of the Word session of the school year is planned on October 9th.

Questions? Please contact Mary Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for September 11

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Teen Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday	6:30-9:30 pm	Walking With Purpose Information Night	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group
Lifeteen: 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 September 11 — September 18

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ David Martin	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Black and Indian Missions</i>
7:30 am	+ Marguerite Richmond	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Sadie and Nick Borzillo	Fr. Albero	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 12th	+ Mary Alice Boyd	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 13th	+ John P. Flanigan, Sr.	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 14th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 15th	+ Tony Alzamora	Fr. Antry		
Friday, 16th	+ Rita and Frank Canfield	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 17th	+ Helen Friel	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ David Trasatti	Fr. Avicolti	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Kitty Borzillo Dowds	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	Intentions of Aagee Lane	Fr. Fitzgerald	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, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Dan Maguire, Mark Maholick, Tallon Family, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Courtney Frances Patterson, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, 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: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

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