



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.

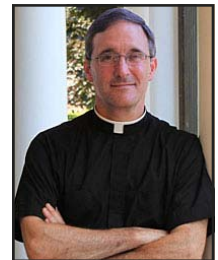


Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Ever since Stephen Covey's highly successful book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, there has been a flurry of books and lists and articles laying out seven or ten or twelve "habits" for people to be successful in some type of niche. This can be teenagers, moms, dads, businesspeople, etc. ... Most of them are rather good. The issue with each of them, of course, is pick one and stick to it over time. That's the difficult part.



I recently heard a speaker who talked about the "7 Habits of Holy People." The ideas are biblical and sound and perhaps provide a perspective that you might find useful.

1. Love Yourself. First, listen to the words that you use to describe yourself. The words that you use about yourself become your perceptions, become your choices, become your actions, and ultimately become your life. You are created in god's image and likeness. Thus, for any move towards higher holiness, what you say is important. Second, take care of your *basic* human needs INCLUDING what energizes and inspires you. The trouble with ancient heresies was that they were too angelic, not basic. Look at John 21:12. Jesus didn't do a prayer meeting. He cooked breakfast. The best version of yourself is not a burned out version of yourself.

2. Pray. Start with receiving the Eucharist - it's the supreme form of prayer. Some might say, "Oh that's too easy. I don't have to DO anything." Yup, that's right. It's not about what YOU do. It's about what CHRIST does. Next, just talk to the Lord, then keep quiet and listen. God speaks through the thoughts that you get. Third, God speaks through His "Word." He communicates in a way we can understand through reading the Bible and also speaks in a way we can understand through the Scriptures read at Mass from the Lectionary. This doesn't take long either. That's one less YouTube video per day.

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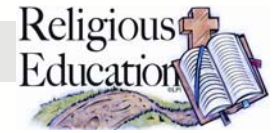


PRAYER of SAINT FRANCIS of ASSISI *Before the Crucifix*

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me
true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out
Your holy and true command. Amen.

*Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
October 4th*

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The parent-catechist “**Meet and Greet**” has been re-scheduled to this Monday, October 10th. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's catechist. Please refer to the newsletter previously emailed to all families for detailed information. We hope you will join us.

The parents of 2nd grade students are reminded of the **First Penance Parent Meeting** on Monday, October 17th at 6:15 pm in the Hagenbach Room, located in the Parish Center. The First Communion packets will be distributed to the parents at this meeting. Our guest speaker is Mrs. Kellianne Miley.

ANNUAL PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY DRIVE

Saint Monica's annual Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive will begin on Sunday, October 9th and will continue through Monday, October 24th. Your donation can be dropped off in the bins in the gym foyer. Religious Education Program students may drop off their family's donation to the bins in the cafeteria. Plastic jars are preferred. All donations will be given to the Saint Agnes Day Room, a food pantry located at Saint Agnes Parish in West Chester. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH FILM SERIES

ask anything.

EDGE
7th & 8th Grades
Sundays 4:30-6

LIFE TEEN
High School
Sundays 7-8:30

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

Organ Dedication Concert & Reception

Join us for the dedication of our new organ, Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders, opus 144, as internationally-acclaimed artist Nathan Laube presents the inaugural concert on **Friday, 9 December at 7:30 PM. All are welcome!**

About Nathan

Assistant Professor of Music at the Eastman School of Music since 2013, Nathan J. Laube has quickly earned a place among the organ world's elite performers. His

brilliant playing and gracious demeanor have thrilled audiences and presenters across the United States and in Europe, and his creative programming of repertoire spanning five centuries, including his own virtuoso transcriptions of orchestral works, have earned high praise from critics and peers alike.



Have you heard?



WE'RE MOVING!

Due to the pending construction projects, all Masses and Church Events will be held in the Parish Center Gym from September 26th to November 7th.



Our beautiful church building, almost 25 years old, needs a little work! The air-conditioning, heating, lighting, sound system, and organ are all scheduled to be replaced and it's going to take a little while. In order to facilitate an expedited construction schedule, assure the safety of our parishioners and workers, and to keep disruption of our worship life to a minimum, we're moving into the Parish Center Gym beginning on Monday, 26 September, with the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass. The Mass times and schedules won't change — just the location! Help spread the word!

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for AUGUST 2016

August 2016	\$61,655	49% Electronic	August YTD 2016	\$130,602	47% Electronic
August 2015	\$71,596	43% Electronic	August YTD 2015	\$142,289	45% Electronic
August Budget	2016-17	\$61,557	August YTD Budget	2016-17	\$131,289

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$9,010
Electronic	\$8,632
Total	\$17,642

We have 163 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for Mission Sunday. 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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3. Live A Pure Life. We're not talking about crushing natural urges but placing natural energies at service of love and at the service of others. To separate true love of others from lust or selfishness, the measure is that loving others means wanting and helping them to obtain what is good **for them**. This is especially so with so many temptations coming at us via the internet. "Stay away from that stuff. It doesn't show a person, it shows an option." (*John Paul II, paraphrased*).

4. Find A Community. "Hope always has a human face." So chose people over isolation. Get to know what's really going on in a few other people's lives. It doesn't have to be a "religious" thing either. It can be a golf or tennis group, bridge group, some people with whom you share a hobby. Eventually you will begin to share thoughts at a deeper and more intimate level and the Holy Spirit will work through their words and actions to speak to your heart.

5. Forget Yesterday. Jesus didn't come to make bad people good. Jesus came to make dead people alive. Too often people refuse to forget and let go "that thing" that they think disqualifies them you, from the love of God. Don't carry your sin around for a day longer than you have to. Scar tissue is the strongest tissue on your body. Your wounds, given to Christ, become your strength.

6. Serve. This doesn't have to be anything big or heroic. Be nice and do something kind for those who you love and who love you. Do something for someone else that you like doing. This helps you serve with happiness. Serve the poor (. . . or risk going to hell. Look at Matthew Chapter 25.)

7. Share The Faith. This is done primarily through your witness – the way you live your life. It can also be through your words. Some people don't feel comfortable about talking about "religion." That's understandable. However, what if you don't "say it" especially to a person who so desperately needs to know that there is a God and that God is important in someone else's life? Say it BUT – don't be false. Be yourself.

Charles Flock Jr

LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF
MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS
WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . .

Pope Francis

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.

2016 PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC WOMENS' CONFERENCE

The *Philadelphia Catholic Women's Conference* is the brainchild of 30 local Catholic women. They approached Archbishop Chaput a few years ago with a request to start an annual event that would address those feminine gifts most threatened today in an increasingly fractured and hypersexualized American culture.

This year's event will take place on **Saturday, October 29, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown**. Opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Chaput at 8:30 a.m. and the conference will close with a Divine Mercy Prayer Service, ending at 4:15 p.m.

For more information and to register for the 2016 Catholic Women's Conference, visit the website: catholicwomensconference.org.



LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was recently canonized. Let us remember her very famous quote: "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

YOUNG ADULTS:

WRAPPING UP THE FOUR LOVES

Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? CYACC (pronounced "kayak") exists to offer you social, spiritual, and service opportunities in the local area. Join us this Wednesday, October 12, 2016 for presentation by Craig Tavani, a professor from Immaculata University, to conclude our mini-series on C.S. Lewis' *The Four Loves*. We will meet at 7:30 PM at SS Peter and Paul in West Chester. For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT MONICA WOMENS SOCIETY

Saint Monica Women's Society will be sponsoring a "Volunteer Night" at **CRADLES TO CRAYONS** on **Tuesday, October 18th, from 6:00-8:00pm**. This is a great opportunity to show mercy and give hands on help to those in need in our community. We will meet in the Saint Monica parking lot with a planned departure at 5:30pm if anyone wants to follow. Below is the information link with details **Please note: anyone who wants to volunteer must to register prior to the event.**
www.cradlestocrayons.org/volunteer/pre-register

COME PRAY THE ROSARY

"The Rosary is our greatest weapon against the evils of the world today." - Padre Pio

The parish has started a weekly community rosary for healing which is said in the grotto behind Saint Monica Church each **Monday evening at 7:15 pm**. We will **relocate to indoors if there is inclement weather**. Please join us!

LITURGY of the WORD



Registration for our parish's children's Sunday church program, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LOW) for students in K through 3rd grade will begin this weekend. This program is offered during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. This program 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. The children leave Mass with trained adult leaders, who have all of their clearances, at the time of the First Reading and return to their family prior to time of Communion. Information/registration forms can be found in the Parish Center Lobby.

Additional adult leaders and student assistants are needed for the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program. Training and resources are provided to the leaders. Adult and student leaders are assigned on a rotating basis. For more information, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757.

DIVORCED & SEPARATED: YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Join us on Sunday evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm. at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. This 13-week series begins on **October 23** and runs (biweekly) through **June 11, 2017**. This is a Catholic ministry offering welcome, support and

direction in navigating this most stressful, confusing and painful time. Topics covered include anger, depression, loneliness, forgiveness, finances, children, and more. **Contact:** Cathy Peacock, Program Director at **610-644-1655 ext. 141** or email stepsforhealing@gmail.com for more information or to register. Deacon John Lozano provides pastoral support at John@StNorbert.org

LEGACY OF LIFE



There's still time to Adopt a Family! Please stop by the display in the Parish Center Lobby about our Saint Monica Adopt-a-Family program.

You are welcome to review the stories of the families in the binder or in the picture frames. Please consider spiritually and financially supporting one of these families. Thanks to all at Saint Monica's for your generosity!

**SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH
FOOD CUPBOARD
2916 DICKINSON STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19146**

Dear Father Zlock and Parishioners of Saint Monica Church,

We at St. Gabriel Food Cupboard deeply appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness of our mission to the poor in Grays Ferry.

We appreciate your food donations monthly and monetary gifts, especially your gift of the poor box offerings of the past month.

God bless you.

Sincerely,
Sr. Arleen McCann, I.H.M.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for October 9

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Gym
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Teen Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday	7:00-8:30pm	<i>Walking with Purpose</i>	Cafeteria
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Gym

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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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 October 9 — October 16

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Elizabeth Marie and John Smith	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Louis DeLuca	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Fran Campbell	Fr. Aviccolli	Cantor	
Monday, 10th	+ Frank Huntington Phipps	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 11th	+ Walter E. Donovan	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 12th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 13th	+ Robert Bailey	Fr. Antry		
Friday, 14th	+ Mortimer Kelleher	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 15th	+ Adeline DiCola	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Angela Sylvestri	Fr. Driesch	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Mission Sunday</i>
7:30 am	+ Johnny DiGiorgio	Fr. Danielski	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ David Trasalti	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazier, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, 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, Susan McDonnell, 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

William Hewchuck, Husband of Joan

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

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

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