



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.



The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

There were a number of campus projects that were completed over the summer. A number of others are scheduled to be completed between now and Christmas. I wanted to keep you all informed and bring you up to date on those.

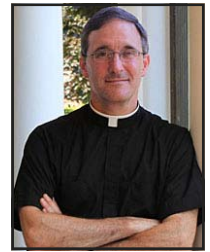
Roofing (Gym and Church). Estimated Cost: \$75,000 each. We currently have 4 bids in hand. Roofer should be chosen by end of September. **Status: Work should be completed for both the church building and the gym before Thanksgiving.**

Re-Do Painting Outside of Church. Estimated Cost: \$30,000. Concerns about cracks that we noticed in the outside walls of the church were the basis for this work. A contractor/consultant to whom we spoke said that the cracks were not serious and did not merit major wall reconstruction. Simple stucco work and painting would be sufficient. We currently have 1 bid in hand and are seeking 2 more bids by the end of September. **Status: Contract should be chosen by Mid-October with work that should be completed before Thanksgiving.**

Concrete Work — Entire Campus. Estimated Cost: \$50,000. If you walk around the campus, you will notice cracks in the sidewalks, steps, masonry and flagstone. We wanted to get this done during the summer months. Unfortunately, with positive developments in the economy, all concrete contractors we contacted were focusing on larger contracts worth more money. **Status: this project has been suspended until next summer.**

Security System. (Doors, Cameras) Estimated Cost: \$60,000. All cameras, software, door access keypads and panels, which have been installed in the Parish Center, church building and school, have been tested and are working well. **Status: The final two security doors (front and back doors of rectory) will be installed by September 26. Final training on the system will be completed by September 26.**

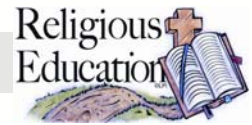
Pew Staining. Estimated Costs: TBD. When we first started working on *(Continued)*



OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

For the success of the
Parent and Catechist Meet and Greet
on Monday October 3.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Monday Night classes and Sunday Groups are going strong! Thanks in large part to our dedicated Catechists, volunteers, and our happy children! The 2nd grade Monday night got a personal tour of our beautiful church, while the 1st grade toured the grotto and other points of interest on campus! Sunday 2nd graders will be making their very own prayer rings this coming Sunday.

Sunday Small Groups begin with the 9:30 a.m. Mass and is still in need of 2-3 more parent or parishioner facilitators for Small Groups and/or Liturgy of the Word. We are not looking for theologians, just people who love Jesus and are willing to spend some time growing closer to God with the future of the Church. If there are any high school students looking for service hours, the Sunday

program is the place to be! For more information contact Jason Carter, Director of Family and Youth Ministry, jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org.

SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT:

The Religious Education Office is reminding parents with children in the Sacrament Grades of 2 and 6 who attend Private Catholic Schools to contact dpealer@saintmonicachurch.org and check that your child is on the Candidate list for their respective sacrament.

Parents of our 2nd grade First Penance/Communion Candidates are reminded to *Save-The-Date* for the First Penance Meeting coming up Monday night, October 23rd from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Hagenbach Room in the Parish Center.

FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY

OCTOBER SCHEDULE



- 1 No Edge
- 8 Parish Mission
- 15 Social
- 22 Work of Mercy
- 29 Fortitude in the Storm (Noah)



- 1 No Life Teen
- 8 Parish Mission
- 15 Social
- 22 Work of Mercy
- 29 Carry the Fire (Bible)

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

WHAT WE'RE SINGING!

The hymn for the Presentation of the Offerings is "O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God," a text by Edwin Hatch (1835-1899) set to the hymn tune SAINT COLUMBA. The tune is named for the Irish saint who "carried the torch of Irish Christianity to Scotland" (and who has the dubious distinction of being the first to report a sighting of the Loch Ness monster, in 546). The tune is one of the Irish melodies collected by George Petrie (1789-1866) and given in Charles Villiers Stanford's "Complete Collection

of Irish Music as noted by George Petrie," in 1902. There it is said to have been sung at the dedication of a chapel in the county of Londonderry. The association of the tune with this text, and also its harmonization, are from "The English Hymnal," 1906.

The Parish Choir is back sharing its music at the 9:30 am Mass each week. Consider joining us. A simple conversation and audition is required. Contact Frank Orman at 610.644.0110 ext. 118 or orman@saintmonicachurch.org.

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

PARISH MISSION

with Lay Evangelist

MICHAEL GORMLEY

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10

Daily after the 8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm each evening

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Join us for our Parish Mission - a special time in the life of a parish when we set aside some time to gain further insight into living a faith filled life - a time for grace and renewal through services and talks filled with stories, examples and meaning.

Coming to us from Houston, Texas, Michael Gormley presents a series of talks on October 8, 9 and 10 after the 8:30 am morning Mass and at 7:00 pm each evening. A married father of four, Michael is well aware of what it's like to be Catholic while raising kids in the modern world. Make some time! Bring someone who has been away from the church - skeptics welcome!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS *for* AUGUST 2017

August 2017	\$61,680	48% Electronic	August YTD 2017	\$143,620	48% Electronic
August 2016	\$61,655	49% Electronic	August YTD 2016	\$130,633	49% Electronic
August Budget	2016-17	\$66,039	August YTD Budget	2016-17	\$138,262

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$7,126
Electronic	\$8,570
Total	\$15,696

**We have 184 families contributing electronically.*

POOR BOXES

Monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of October will be for Respect Life Ministry. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2017 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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the parish facilities Master Plan, it was determined that no work had been done on pews and woodwork in the church in years. The ideal solution would have been to remove every pew at some time, strip/sand the pews down to the woodwork, repaint/re-stain and then reinstall the pews. This would have been a massive project taking weeks at a significant cost. Thus, it was decided that, with so many parish physical plant needs, funding would be best spent on higher-priority projects. Hence this project was intended to be a lower-cost, "stop gap" measure. The work that was eventually done on pews was substandard. We still have issues with peeling of varnish on the back of some pews and peeling in the crack area where the back of the pews meets the pew seat. We have worked with the painter up to now to get work up to a particular status.

Status: We are currently talking with 2 other painting companies to see if anything more or better can be done without spending an exorbitant amount of extra funds. We are looking to receive 2 estimates by middle of October before deciding how to proceed.

Raising Up and Repair of Portico. Estimated Cost: \$50,000. Unforeseen complications in the installation of the new church air conditioning system required the contractor to build the AC unit higher on the church roof than anticipated. Hence, if one stands at a particular place in front of the church, a part of the AC unit can be seen. A number of parishioners have advocated raising the portico for a number of reasons:

It enhances the aesthetics of the church. It improves the sight-line of the church to cover the new air conditioning system (which can currently be seen). It ties in with necessary repairs to parapet area around front of the church. Parts of this area are experiencing crumbling and could actually represent a safety hazard to parishioners/visitors. The issue is funding. There is a desire to consider shifting additional funding to parish priorities such as a new Youth Room and Hagenbach Room (the most heavily used space on the campus). In addition, we need to consider the normal anticipated 20% loss of "non-paying" pledges from the Financial Campaign (up to \$340,000). **Status: the financial realities are preventing us from moving forward with this project at this time unless additional funding can be found.**

Church Welcoming Desk and Moving Electronic Handicap-Accessible Door. Estimated Cost for Welcome Desk: \$10,000. Estimated Cost for *(Continued)*

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

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relocation of handicap-accessible door: \$15,000. The original idea for this project was a discussion whether it was time to put a "Welcome Desk/Area" in the church lobby. This would function as a place where visitors and new parishioners can receive information, serve as a location to meet people who wanted to "have a look at the parish," be a place where parishioners could acquire any necessary parish paperwork that they might need and a sign-in place for families attending new "small group" family catechesis on Sundays. The problem is that the ideal location is directly in front of the bulletin board. This would then block anyone coming through the handicap-accessible door, thus necessitating relocation of that door and its electronic/mechanical fixtures to another door.

Status: suspended due to increased complexity of this project and shifting of funding to other higher priority projects listed above.

This is the first of two reports to you – the Parish of Saint Monica. Next week I shall complete this report by outlining what we've decided to do concerning the Youth Room, Hagenbach Room, First/Old School and school cafeteria.

Charles Flock Jr

CALL for NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

"Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: they already possess it on earth. . .". (St. John Paul II) Some members of our community are limited in their ability to attend Sunday Mass due to illness or advanced age. One service provided by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is to bring Holy Communion to the home-bound. May Christ be able to say to us, "I was sick and you visited me". For information about becoming an EMHC and requirements and service details contact John Wojcik at jwojcik1@verizon.net or 610-647-4229. Training sessions will be scheduled soon.

Happy Birthday and Many Blessings
Ginny McCarty
October 6, 1915

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOLFERS of the PARISH: Registration is Open!



The Holy Name Society and Men's Club is once again, proud to announce our 33rd Annual Golf Outing. Our outing will be held on Monday, October 9th (*Columbus Day*), at Downingtown Golf Club, followed by dinner and awards at nearby 30 Main. To register and obtain sponsor information, contact Mark DiLucca 484-368-2057, or via e-mail: mjddorset@gmail.com.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you 'coming home' to your Catholic faith after being away for a while from the Church? Have you received all Sacraments: Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation? Many have learned our faith as children, but we never learned how to *apply* what we've learned into our *adult* life. Our R.C.I.A. team can help — it's never too late to 'catch up' and receive sacraments or just learn more about your faith. We meet [TBD] beginning in the Fall. There are no fees for this class. If you would like more information about joining our group as a class member or leader, please contact Christian Loch at Christian_loch33@yahoo.com or 610.235.7112.

TMIY – THAT MAN IS YOU! BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Over 70 men attended the first session of TMIY. There is still time to register. TMIY seeks to transform men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. Sessions take place on Thursdays at 6am at St. Norbert's Dining Hall. Register for this free program at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=5e7600> or contact Saint Monica parishioners: Tom McGurk at 610-722-9384, tmcgurk@aol.com or Matt Manion at 610-324-2038, matthew.manion@villanova.edu

SAINT MONICA'S CYO BASKETBALL



Basketball season is just around the corner. Saint Monica's CYO program offers clinics and leagues for grades 1 through 12. Grades 1-4 are open to ALL students (ask a neighborhood friend to join with your son or daughter). Grades 5-12 are open to any registered members of Saint Monica Parish, Saint Isaac Jogues, Our Lady of Assumption, or attend a local Catholic School. Registration is open through 10/31/2016. Register at www.wagdogs.com. Questions? Email Nick Kennedy at nickkennedy621@hotmail.com.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE — SOFT LAUNCH!

The new WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG was launched this past week. There's a bit of information and a few pages yet to be updated and converted — so please be patient as we perfect the site, navigation and content. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Frank Orman at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or e-mail webmaster@saintmonicachurch.org.



Pick up an empty baby bottle on the weekend of October 14-15. Fill the baby bottle with change during that week. Return the bottle to Saint Monica's on October 21-22.

EVENING of REFLECTION with GARY ZIMAK

On Thursday, October 5, Malvern Retreat House will host an evening retreat that will focus on how to overcome negative thinking and believe in God's promises. During the retreat, Catholic speaker, author and radio host Gary Zimak will offer simple and practical steps for moving away from negativity and moving closer to Christ. This 6pm-9pm retreat includes dinner. For more info, visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for October 1

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15am-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday	7:00-9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	Cafeteria
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

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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 1 - October 8

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Josephine Puma	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	Respect Life Ministry	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	Respect Life Ministry	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 2nd	+ Yolanda Fazzini	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 3rd	+ John Buhsmer	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 4th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 5th	+ Edward J. O'Malley	Fr. Krautsack		
Friday, 6th	Isabella Florendo	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 7th	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	Josephine Puma	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Louis DeLuca	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas DeHaven	Fr. Zagarella	Parish Choir	
11:30 a.m.	+ A. Bruce Niccolo, Sr.	Fr. Zagarella	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Margarita Elloso, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Heather Moore, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, 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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