

THE CHURCH OF
SAINT MONICA
 BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

Encountering Christ - Through Scripture, Through Liturgy, Through Serving Others

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 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)

Monday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

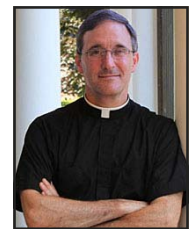
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...



Why do we “do confession” the way that we do? Scott Hahn is a noted author, speaker, and Professor of Biblical Theology at The Franciscan University of Steubenville. He writes that there are actually three reasons, and all have to do with Jesus. Jesus was the one who gave us a clear plan of action to reestablish the rift between humans and God caused by sin:

1. Jesus insisted on Confession. (John 20:21-23)

2. He gave us something concrete to do - a liturgical act of sacrifice and penance - to make sure that we absolutely know that our sins are forgiven.

3. He insisted that we do this with the help and intercession of his priests.

Last week Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Swiss theologian Adrienne von Speyer provided some insights into people’s objections to Confession. Professor Hahn offers his ideas as well. *Is it healthy to think about sin and guilt and all of that stuff? One could ask, ‘Well, what are your alternatives? Counseling, medications, therapies, diversions and coping mechanisms?’ Now, understand, all of these have their place and can be beneficial. But none of them can address the heart of the matter - that our deepest wounds are caused by sin. As Augustine writes, ‘our hearts remain restless until they receive a divinely prescribed cure.’ Confession is the healthiest thing going. It provides - for our souls - what no doctor, dietician, physician, therapist and pharmacist could ever do. (And, compared to those other solutions, its cheap too.)*

Here’s a personal insight. I see parents in the area spending thousands of dollars on their kid’s sports programs. I know of one case where a young girl went to a field hockey conditioning coach on Monday, swam on Tuesday, had a field hockey personal trainer on Wednesday, swam on Thursday, had field hockey practice on Friday and then played field hockey games on Saturday and Sunday. Some of those games were outside of the State of Pennsylvania.

She was nine years old.

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**OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION
 for THIS WEEK**

*May the renovations of the Hagenbach Room
 move along safely and smoothly
 achieving the desired results.*

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*Please keep our 1st
Communion children in
your prayers as they
receive Jesus in the
Eucharist for the first time.*

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



- \$150 deposits are due now!
- Please contact Jason to register:
Jcarter@Saintmonicachurch.org
- Open to current 8th-12 grade students
- Total cost of the trip is \$350

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

WHAT WE'RE SINGING

This weekend, the choir sings *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* by well-known choral composer Philip W.J. Stopford. In recent years, members of our own Parish Choir attended choral workshops at the Cathedral in Philadelphia under the direction of Mr. Stopford. Born in 1977, Stopford is an English choral composer and choir director. He is known for his contemporary *a capella* and accompanied settings of traditional Latin and English prayers and hymns. Three of Stopford's works appeared in the Classic FM Hall of Fame 2014, after he made his first appearance on the chart in 2013.

Stopford began his musical career as a member of the choir of Westminster Abbey, and later graduated in music from Keble College, Oxford. He has composed numerous other works, including a Te Deum, a Latin Mass, and various Latin canticles. He formerly served as the choral director of Saint Anne Cathedral in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He is currently the director of the *Ecclesium* professional choir, which has released many CDs of Stopford's original works. As of 2016, Stopford works at Christ Church in Bronxville, New York.



Congratulations to our very joyful First Communion Students and to their amazing families! This was such a special time for our parish!



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for MARCH 2018						
March 2018	\$64,722	48% Electronic	March	YTD 2018	\$637,501	47% Electronic
March 2017	\$63,879	45% Electronic	March	YTD 2017	\$603,529	44% Electronic
March Budget 2017-18	\$59,840		March	YTD Budget	2017-18	\$622,622

SUNDAY COLLECTION
Sunday, April 22, 2018
 Sunday Collection \$6,314
 Electronic \$4,870
Total \$11,184
**We have 190 families contributing electronically.*

SECOND COLLECTION
 There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2018 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

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Is that healthy? The September 4, 2017 cover featured article of Time Magazine was **“Crazy Travel, Crazy Costs, Crazy Stress. How Kid’s Sports Turned Pro.”** Time looked into this phenomenon where so much time, effort and money are spent on the body. What about the health of the soul? Some might think this overly dramatic, but someday each child will die. What happens then? All of that effort, all of that time invested, all of that money will count for nothing in terms of getting that child’s soul into heaven. We’re talking about, what, a 10-minute drive to church and an additional 10 minutes in the sacrament? Cost: free. Values: priceless.

And there are ancillary benefits as well. Hahn writes that nothing serves family life and workplace dynamic better than a clean soul and sound advice and encouragement from one of Christ’s priests. Cardinal Wuerl writes that one of the most enjoyable benefits of being an archbishop is traveling to, and attending, the many youth events held in his archdiocese and throughout the country. He has personally heard Confessions at such occasions as World Youth Day, Youth Rally for Life in Washington, and Steubenville Conferences. He finds the young people who attend such events to be enthusiastic, engaged, eager and interested - often at great sacrifice and cost. At vigils, many stay up all night in prayer. At the Rally for Life, young people travel long distances and stand for hours in cold, rain or snow.

In his book, *The Light Is ON for You*, Cardinal Wuerl writes, *One thing that I have noticed, is that these young people love what is distinctive about their Catholic faith. They love Mass. They love the uniqueness of Catholic devotions. They really enjoy spending time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. They love the commitment of the Church to social justice and human life. And they love Confession. Go to any youth event and look at the Confession stations. Hundreds go. They patiently wait in line. Look at their faces. They aren’t gloomy or sad or depressed or anxious. They’re smiling. They’re happy. They are happily chatting with friends in line beforehand and skipping with them arm in arm afterward back to the festival.*

Speaking for myself, some of my most enjoyable “confession-moments” have paralleled (Continued)

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Cardinal Wuerl’s experience. Confession at Kyros Retreats, World Youth Day and AbbyFest are some of my most enjoyable sacramental moments. I do not see one scintilla of evidence that these young people dread confession. They’re perky. They come over, plop into the chair with a “Yo faddah, howyadoin?” They celebrate the sacrament and then head back to their friends and start chatting and giggling away.

Do you think that they might be on to something?

Charles Lock Jr

SPIRITUAL BOOKS GIVE AWAY



“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.” Saint John Paul II’s Catechesis on March 12, 1997 said this about Mary. “The Blessed Virgin becomes a model for those who accept Christ’s words. Believing in the divine message since the Annunciation and

fully supporting the Person of the Son, she teaches us to listen to the Savior with trust, to discover in him the divine Word who transforms and renews our life. Her experience also encourages us to accept the trials and suffering that come from fidelity to Christ, keeping our gaze fixed on the happiness Jesus promised those who listen to him and keep his word.” As we soon begin the month of Mary, we should speak with her, asking help to listen, to trust, to transform our life, and to accept the trials and suffering that come with living as a Christian. Devotionals and books on Marian theology are available in the book rack this weekend.

FROM DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE: NAVIGATING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE AMIDST THE CHAOS OF ADDICTIONS

Join us for a 24-hour spiritual healing retreat sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way, June 22-23rd. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family, spouse or family. It is an ecumenical retreat. Register: online at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400. For more info contact Mark at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org.

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SAINT MONICA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers of the Parish, past chairs of this yearly tradition, (Mark DiLucca and Oscar Mestre) of over 40+ years, have decided to move on and can no longer chair this event for the parish community. However, we do have a date in the books on reserve at Downingtown Country Club for Columbus day, October 8th, 2018. The post dinner has recently been hosted at 30 Main. If anyone would like to take ownership of this great event for the parish community, please contact Mark DiLucca at 484-368-2057 or mjddorset@gmail.com before June 1st, otherwise the date will no longer be reserved. Thank you.

OLA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

All children between the ages of 4 and 12 are invited to join us for fun and excitement from **Monday Morning, June 25 to Friday, June 29 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON** each day. This is **15 hours** of songs, games, activities, crafts, Bible stories and daily snacks. The cost is \$55.00 per child, \$100.00 for two and \$135.00 for three or more children in the family. Registration forms can be found at assumptionacademy.weebly.

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

YOUNG ADULTS: 'OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION'

Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? If so, join us this **Wednesday, May 2**. We'll be attending Father Frank Giuffre's talk at St. Agnes, West Chester. Father Giuffre is a biblical scholar from the seminary who will be speaking about Mary. The presentation begins at **7:00 PM at St. Agnes' Chapel and concludes with Benediction at 8:00 PM**. Please join us in learning more about our Blessed Mother, as we celebrate her month. For more info check us out on Facebook or at www.cyacc.org.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The **Patricia Alleva DeHaven Scholarship Award** is presented annually in honor and memory of Patricia Alleva DeHaven who believed deeply in the value of Catholic education. The **Patricia Alleva DeHaven Scholarship Award** will provide a \$2500 scholarship to an eighth grade student planning to attend Bishop Shanahan High School in September, 2018. Award winners must be members of St. Monica Parish, St. Patrick's Parish or St. Norbert's Parish. Scholarship application forms can be obtained through the principal's

office at St. Norbert School or St. Patrick School. Applications can also be found on line at www.chescocf.org. All applications are due May 15, 2018. For additional information, please contact Beth Harper Briglia at 610-696-8045 or beth@chescocf.org.

HUMANAE VITAE 50 CONFERENCE

A coalition of pro-life Catholics and medical organizations is presenting a **Humanae Vitae at 50** Conference on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Saints Simon and Jude Parish Center, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA. This Conference begins with an 8:00 AM Mass and concludes by 1:00 PM. The Conference's terrific speakers include Christopher West, Mary Eberstadt and Dr. Monique Ruberu.

On July 25, 1968, Pope Paul VI issued *Humanae Vitae* (On Human Life). He predicted four destructive consequences of Contraception. They have all happened. Come hear the leading lay voices in the Catholic Church speak to the truth and beauty of her teaching on the sacred transmission of life ... and the perils of ignoring it.

This Conference seeks to advance a Culture of Life by promoting evangelization on the beauty of God's gift of human sexuality and the vast harms of the practice of and mentality behind contraception. This Conference will also provide information on the highly effective and much better medical treatments that are available for conditions for which contraceptives are currently prescribed. For more information or to register online go to www.HV50Philly.com or call 215-393-3610.



SAVE THE DATE

We are planning to carpool to **The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal** in Philadelphia on Monday, May 21. More details to follow.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 29

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	8:30am-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	6:30-7:30 pm	Confession	Church
	7:15-7:45 pm	Parish Rosary	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 am	Communion Service	Church
	7:00-9:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
	9:00pm-8:00am	Nocturnal Adoration	Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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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.

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 April 29 - May 6

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	Rita and Nardy DiRocco and Cindy Quinn	Fr. Antry	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Lawrence Harris	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Betty Huston	Fr. Antry	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 30th	+ Thomas Canfield	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 1st	Father William A. Trader	Fr. Jordan		
Wednesday, 2nd	Communion Service			
Thursday, 3rd	+ Ronald J. Daniels	Fr. Serano		
Friday, 4th	+ Mary Robinson	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 5th	The Stillwell Family	Fr. Antry		
5:00 pm	Intentions of Fred and San DiAntonio	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions</i>
7:30 am	+ Betty C. Huston	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Margarita Elloso, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Debbie Kern, Charlie Litzelman, Jackson MacTaggart, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rob Niederer, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, 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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Michael Vadner

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