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A GUIDE TO SAINT MONICA PARISH

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Father Zlock's Website

Frzlock.com

Father Zlock's Facebook

Fr. Charlie Zlock

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Masses

Daily: 8:30 a.m. (Wednesday Communion Service Only)
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; *11:30 a.m. (*Beginning September 13th, 2015)
Holy Days 8:30 a.m.; 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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The History of Saint Monica Church



Saint Monica Church in Berwyn actually dates from 1870 when Augustinian priests traveled here from Villanova to say Mass for the Catholics in the area. The earliest liturgies were celebrated in people's homes and then in the Town Hall.

The first church was built in 1889, on land purchased for \$2,800, and was placed under the patronage of Saint Monica, the courageous and faith-filled

mother of Saint Augustine. After construction on an elevated site in the central portion of the Village of Berwyn, the church was dedicated on July 23, 1893. Two years later, it was designated as a mission church, then ultimately received full parish status in 1897. Father Hugh J. Dugan was the first resident pastor.

Over the years, both Saint Norbert's and Saint Isaac Jogues' Parishes were created from Saint Monica's.

The original church was destroyed by fire on May 22, 1991, leaving only a few precious items to be salvaged, including the stained glass window of Saint Monica, which graces our narthex today. Our beautiful stained glass windows, the Stations of the Cross and much of the millwork were obtained from the closed Corpus Christi Parish in north Philadelphia. The bell from the steeple of the original church stands outside the new church, along with the original cornerstone.

Thanks to the leadership of Pastor Emeritus Reverend George G. Hagenbach (*deceased*) and the generosity and dedication of the parishioner and friends of Saint Monica Parish, our new church rose from the ashes, along with a new Parish Center gymnasium and meeting center. On September 12, 1993, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua dedicated the new facilities.

Today, Saint Monica's is a growing, thriving, energetic parish under the leadership of the Reverend Charles Zlock, the 12th pastor who arrived in 2013.

MINISTRIES

Prayer and Spirituality, Small Groups

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Several opportunities are available to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord through Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Mondays from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

In addition, the parish holds “Nocturnal Adoration” from 9:00 pm to 8:00 am on the First Friday/Saturday of each month. Adorers gather as a “band” for an hour. Adoration times rotate throughout the year. We pray silently, join in readings from the Old and New Testaments, sing when possible and regularly petition the Lord.

Some bands are adopted by or dedicated to a particular parish organization. Several bands are open for adoption. There is also a new Youth Band which does not rotate but meets at 10:00 pm Fridays (teens and parents are welcome), and a silent band, if wished.

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LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide, lay Catholic association founded in Ireland in 1921. Through devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother, Legion members seek to become better Catholics by prayer and spiritual works. Currently, Saint Monica’s Legion members focus their apostolate around residents of Trinity House, Devon Manor and The Devon Senior Living Communities. Works include reciting the Rosary and leading other weekly prayer services at those locations, and assisting with monthly Mass at Devon Manor and Trinity House. Meetings are held at the Parish Rectory on Friday mornings from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Contact:

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WALKING WITH PURPOSE

A program which aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal scripture study and small group discussions that link everyday challenges with solutions given to us through Christ’s teachings.

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Youth, Social and Sports

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

CYO Sports is a ministry that nurtures the spiritual, social and physical needs of the parish youth. With the aid of parent volunteers, children have the opportunity to compete against other parishes in the region in basketball through twelfth grade. Cross country and track and field is open to children through eighth grade. Our vibrant intramural basketball program for children in grades 1 through 3 draws a diverse group to Saint Monica's where they can experience enthusiastic discipleship in action.

Contact: Nick Kennedy nickkennedy621@hotmail.com

YOUTH GROUPS

EDGE: Middle School Youth Group: Sunday 4:00 to 5:30 pm

The *Middle School Youth Group* provides a safe, supportive environment in which our 7th and 8th grade students can grow spiritually, perform community service and socialize with each other. This program is offered nearly every week. Please check the schedule on the Parish Website.

Contact: Jason Carter: jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org

@CSMEdge – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

Lifeteen: High School Youth Group: Sunday 7:00 to 9:00 pm

The High School Youth Ministry program engages students in grades 9 through 12 in interactive, spiritual, social, and service activities. This program is offered nearly every week. Please check the schedule on the Parish Website.

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Service and Fellowship

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Elizabeth Ministry is an international movement designed to support women and their families during the joys, challenges and sorrows of the childbearing years. Elizabeth Ministers are women who are willing reach out to another person to help them through a difficult time or occasion of celebration. Currently at Saint Monica's, the Elizabeth Ministry delivers a special welcome gift to all the newly baptized members of our parish. Reaching out to new parents and their young families helps us to determine their needs and how we can best serve them. Requirements: experience and a warm heart!

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY and MEN'S CLUB

The Saint Monica Holy Name Society is group of men who provide support services for the many events and ministries within the parish and community. HNS members meet on the first Monday of every month beginning in September and ending in June. Refreshments are provided. HNS members are committed to service, spiritual and social activities with a flexible schedule and a “low pressure” culture.

HNS meets the 1st Monday of every month from September to June.

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H.O.P.E.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE in **EMERGENCIES** is a group of men and women parishioners who are available on a rotating basis to help others in our parish community during times of need or crisis. This may include providing transportation, hot meals, or simply encouragement to parishioners in need. All are welcome to volunteer for this rewarding ministry.

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JOSEPH'S PEOPLE

Inspired by the example of St. Joseph the Worker and supported by our spiritual community, we are dedicated and committed to offering support, guidance and job counseling services to the people of our community who are unemployed or are seeking full employment. Joseph's People meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:00 pm at Saint Monica and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm at Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation!

We meet: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:00 pm at St. Monica
 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm at Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne

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MERRY WIDOWS

Begun just over five years ago, The Merry Widows have become an integral part of Saint Monica Parish. We meet the second Monday of the month, generally at the close of Adoration at 4:30 p.m.

Our mission is threefold – spiritual, social and service. In the past we have taken day trips to shrines and museums in the area. We visited Canada twice, once on a cruise and in 2014 on a bus trip. Hopefully we will continue these trips as they are most enjoyable. Several of our members have volunteered at Saint Agnes in West Chester serving their lunch program. Recently we began assisting at Saint Ann’s in Phoenixville with a similar program.

With all we do we aim to have a good time, support each other and give back to our community.

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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry proclaims with Pope Francis, “Each one of us is a masterpiece of God’s creation.” Our ministry, first and foremost, calls each of us to pray for the sanctity of all life. Through our weekly column in the bulletin, *Life is Beautiful*, we bring attention to current life issues and publicize programs that build a culture of life. To help women in need, we organize donation drives such a baby showers and Mother’s Day collections. Many of our members participate in *The 40 Days for Life* by praying, fasting, and offering public witness. Each January, our ministry sponsors a bus so that parishioners may take the inspiring and peaceful journey to the *March for Life* in Washington, D.C.

The Respect Life Ministry welcomes all parishioners to our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., usually held in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. We also invite those who wish to keep informed but cannot attend meetings to sign up for our e-mail updates.

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WOMEN’S SOCIETY

The Saint Monica Women’s Society is a fellowship of women who promote, nurture and build relationships among Saint Monica parishioners. With “Open Hearts and Open Doors,” we provide an environment of Catholic fellowship and compassion among women and in an effort to actively support the Spiritual, Social and Service call of Saint Monica Parish. There are monthly planned gatherings/events. All are welcome!

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Worship & Music Ministries

MUSIC MINISTRY



The Music Ministry of Saint Monica Church is under the direction of Frank K.J. Orman, Director of Worship & Music of the Parish. The program consists of a Parish Choir, an instrumental ensemble, as well as cantors and psalmists. We strive to foster full, active and conscious participation of the assembly through sung prayer. The Music Ministry is dedicated to enhancing the beauty of the liturgy, bringing the assembly to a spiritual level where spoken words cannot reach alone. Following the guidelines of the Second Vatican Council,

specifically the *Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy* and *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, we treasure our heritage of sacred music, while embracing new compositions of merit written today. It was Saint Monica's illustrious son, Saint Augustine, who made the famous statement, "Those who sing, pray twice."

THE PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir sings for all principal liturgies of the parish, including the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses on alternating weeks, the Christmas Eve Concert and Carol Sing, the Sacred Triduum, Holydays, Feasts, and special celebrations of Solemn Evening Prayer. Members of the choir serve faithfully as worship leaders and are committed to deepening the prayer life of the assembly through the art of choral singing. This group of diverse parishioners numbers about twenty and rehearses each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. The musical abilities within the group range from the beginning singer to the professional. The Parish Choir sings a varied repertoire, ranging from ancient chant to more contemporary choral compositions. A simple audition to assure the ability to match pitch is required.

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Catechesis and Formation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation's goal is to engage and educate the faith community of Saint Monica Parish and beyond to active participation as disciples of Jesus Christ, through lecture series, book discussions, and service to our faith community

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The mission of the Saint Monica Religious Education Program is to offer education and opportunities for spiritual growth of both the students and catechists of the program. The Religious Education Program strives to assist parents in helping their children to develop a life-long relationship with Jesus through the teachings of beliefs, doctrine, tradition and service to others.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Welcoming all children in kindergarten through grade three, this program is offered during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Children enjoy an age-appropriate discussion about the scripture readings of the day.

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Business and Resource Management

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The women and men who comprise the Finance Council, work together in an effort to be faithful and conscientious stewards of parish finances. The council members prepare, support, and review the parish budget and maintain accurate accounting records in full compliance with all Archdiocesan policies. They act in the best interest of our parish community and make every effort to communicate our financial status clearly, correctly and transparently.

The Finance Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

Chair: Matt Tomasicchio Mtomasicchio@kpmg.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to assist the Pastor in providing leadership to prayerfully discern, communicate, and implement the parish priorities for the Saint Monica Community. It does this by working closely with the Pastor, parish staff and other Parish groups as appropriate to help ensure the future of our community.

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the Rectory. The Council welcomes your comments.

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