



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA

We will help you discern God's Call. We will help you live God's call.

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.

11:00 a.m.

Holy Days 8:30 a.m.
of Obligation 12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

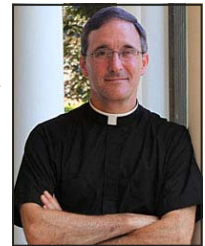
Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.



The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of February 8, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Last week I wrote about several books I am reading (*Reveal and Move* by Greg Hawkins and Cally Parkinson as well as *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell) in light of the recent presentation of our 10-Year "Master Plan". They deal with the subjects of spiritual maturity and spiritual growth of parishioners, parishes and congregations. I offered three key findings from the research done by Hawkins and Parkinson. Their research and ideas mirror my thoughts and concerns about Saint Monica and other Roman Catholic parishes.

As we move forward, I believe that the courage to ask important and uncomfortable questions, as well as to honestly discern answers, have relevant implications for the Catholic Church, and possibly for Saint Monica as well, as we look into our future.

The FIRST most important finding: **Church activity does not predict - nor drive - long-term spiritual growth.**

This has huge implications for parishes that feel that activity and participation rates are indicators of spiritual growth and the spiritual health of a parish (Not true!). *Reveal* found that:

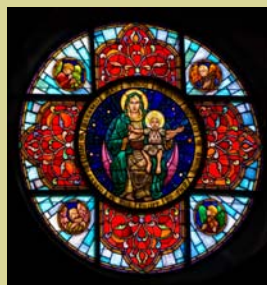
Many "active" church attending congregants (who have been faithfully attending church for 5 years or more) are not exploring, and thus deepening, their own personal faith. Although attending church all of the time, they have basically become "apathetic, non-believers."

Such "non-believing" believers are less likely to develop a long-term, personal, mature relationship with Christ.

Many "devoted" congregants are not even active in their church. 80% say they love God but:

30% don't serve the church in any way; 50% don't serve the poor in any capacity; 40% don't contribute to their church in any consistent, significant, meaningful way. (Continued on Page 4)

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



Lord, we pray for the St. Monica Women's Society as they work this week to fulfill their mission of "Open Hearts and Open Doors." We live in a time in which friendship has become trivialized, but they recognize that through friendship, we abide in God and God in us. May the warmth of their fellowship reach the hearts of the women in this parish, especially those who may be feeling alone or unsupported. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

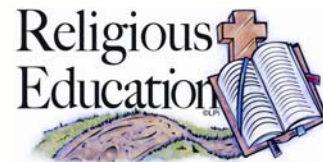
FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on Monday evening, Feb. 9th. Classes are not in session on February 16th due to the President's Day holiday.

Registration for the 2015 Summer Session will begin in the coming weeks. These registration forms will be emailed to all currently registered families. Walk-In registration for the 2015-2016 Monday night Religious Education Program sessions is scheduled on March 2 and March 9th.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep our parish's Confirmation candidates and their families in your daily prayers in the coming weeks. Bishop Fitzgerald will confer the sacrament to the 47 candidates on March 3rd.



THE PASTORAL CHALLENGES OF THE FAMILY

In preparation for the Papal Visit of Pope Francis, the Holy Father has instructed the Cardinals/Bishops to prepare a document in light of the occasion of the World Meeting of Families on "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family." This document is currently in the preparation stages and will be presented to the Bishops for final approval during the Synod of Bishops in Rome from October 4 to 25, 2015 on this topic.

The Office of the Synod of Bishops is inviting YOU - THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF ST. MONICA (along with academic institutions, organizations, lay movements and other ecclesial associations) to provide your thoughts. AS your Pastor, I invite you to go to the archdiocesan website (www.archphila.org) and click on the link, "Consultation of the Clergy and Faithful for the 2015 Synod of Bishops in Rome" to participate. Thank you! Fr. Zlock

Pope Francis has called for an Ordinary Synod of Bishops in October 2015 on the theme, ***The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World***. The General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, following a practice that typically anticipates every Synod, invites consultation on this topic to assist with its preparations.

A Preparatory Document has been issued by the Holy See to initiate this consultation along with a series of questions. Archbishop Chaput, in an effort to provide an opportunity for the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to engage in this consultation in as wide a manner as possible has authorized the use of this instrument for local participation. The clergy and faithful are asked to read the complete Preparatory Document, or its summary, on the archdiocesan website and then answer any or all of the questions that follow by visiting www.archphila.org.

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

**Majestic Brass with
Members of the
Philadelphia Orchestra**

Sunday, 8 February at 3 p.m.
Free-will offering. Tickets are not required.



**ST. MONICA PARISH LETS THEIR VOICE BE HEARD
MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2015**



St. Monica March for Life Group at Shrine in Washington, D.C..



An impressive crowd on the Mall

A REFLECTION

“WONDERFUL DAY!! Inspirational, Joyful, Proud, Spirit Moving!!” Just a few of the thoughts and feelings that rushed through me that day in Washington, DC. I have been to a number of these Marches, but THIS one stands out as exceptional. The mere sight of hundreds of thousands of people joined together to PEACEFULLY yet unequivocally state that Abortion is Wrong went beyond expectation. Standing on the Mall blanketed with people of all faith backgrounds as well as different ethnic and economic ones, all were of one purpose; ready, happy and proud to stand together to profess their belief.

One of the Best Parts for me was that clearly the vast majority of attendees were the Youth; College students, High Schoolers, Middle School, Young families and a very large number of young Priests and Sisters from a wide variety of Dioceses and Orders. The sight of these beautiful young people who are Ready and Proud to Stand forthrightly for that in which they believe fills this older Catholic person with such Hope and Happiness. Hope that you will come next year!! Ann Curvan



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 2014

Dec. 2014	\$83,302	37% Electronic	Dec. YTD 2014	\$442,924	40% Electronic
Dec. 2013	\$83,186	37% Electronic	Dec. YTD 2013	\$435,897	37% Electronic
Dec. Budget 2014-15	\$70,000		Dec. YTD Budget 2014-15	\$426,153	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$12,345
*Electronic	\$10,618
Total	\$22,963

** We have 164 families contributing electronically.*

POOR BOXES

The monies that will be collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of February will be for the benefit of the Bethesda Project. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 budget for Saint Monica Parish is now 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 second most important finding: **Engagement with the Scriptures (especially on daily basis) was the single, greatest indicator of continued, personal, spiritual growth.** And yet:

80% of church members were not engaging Scripture on regular basis. (Personal comment: I would imagine that the Catholic percentage is most likely even lower); Spiritually "stalled" or "dissatisfied" account for 25% of church-attending parishioners - and the percentage can be as high as 50%! This was the statistic that most frightened Bill Hybels. In effect, it said that up to 50% of his congregation - the most active, most engaged, most mature - were so disaffected with how little they were being fed, that they were almost ready to leave!

Incidentally, this is not just an Evangelical/Protestant phenomenon. In her book, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Catherine of Siena founder, Sherry Weddell sees similar comparative results between the findings of the **Reveal** survey within **Roman Catholic demographics**. For example:

Only 30% of Americans raised Catholic are still practicing; 10% of all adults in America (or 31 million) are ex-Catholics or fallen-away Catholics; Demographically, this represents the largest "religious group" in U.S.; By age 23 ... 79% of those who have stopped calling themselves "Catholic" claim no religious affiliation of any kind; Among men and women who were raised Catholics, converting and becoming Protestant is the best guarantee of stable church attendance as an adult; The majority of adult Catholics are uncertain that a personal relationship with God is possible. This is critical because the research showed that a "personal relationship with God" was the single, greatest indicator of Mass attendance.

Some other important findings:

- There are no short-term solutions.
- There is no "magic bullet" or "killer app" to address these issues.
- Leadership matters.

Charles Zlock Jr

PRAYER PANEL & SOCIAL

How is your prayer life? Have you been doing the same routine for years or do you have no routine at all? Do you pray at the same time every day or are you lucky to even remember to pray? Do you have a deep relationship with Christ or no relationship at all? Did you read the book, "Prayer: Our Deepest Longing" (which was distributed at Christmas), or did you toss it aside?

No matter how you answer these questions, the first ever "Saint Monica Prayer Panel" is an event that you

shouldn't miss. This evening of spiritual, intellectual and social enrichment takes place on **Saturday, February 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Education Center Cafeteria. It will feature a discussion of "Prayer: Our Deepest Longing," led by Fr. Zlock. In addition, our three prayer panelists, **Fr. Allan Fitzgerald of Villanova University, Dr. Virginia Ratigan of Rosemont College and Mrs. Jillian Buhl, from *Walking with Purpose***, will educate us on three different forms of prayer: Augustinian, Merton and Ignation. All are welcome but registration is required. You can register online or by calling the rectory office. Light dinner and drinks will be served.

CPR/AED TRAINING CLASS

Saint Monica Parish has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the Parish Center near the gym and has obtained an additional one for the church.

We are going to be offering CPR and AED training to all those who are interested in attending a CPR course and having the knowledge to operate an AED if called upon to do so. (CPR and AED training are required to be taken together.) All are invited-no previous experience or medical background is required. Medical professionals are also invited. You must be at least 12 years old to attend. Classes will be held on two different days-you need only attend **one** class. The dates are Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2015 from 1-3:30 PM **or** Tuesday evening, February 17, 2015 from 7-9:30 PM. The cost for the course is \$65, payable by cash or check at that time to EMS Educational Services, Inc.

There is no written test; only practical demonstration of the skills will be required to obtain the certification. To attend the course, please go to Sign Up Genius at these links:

For Sunday, 2/15/2015: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44aba623aaf58-cpraed

For Tuesday, 2/17/2015: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44aba623aaf58-cpraed1

Questions? Call Charlotte Schug [610-251-9648](tel:610-251-9648) or [610-613-0414](tel:610-613-0414).



BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR

ST. MONICA CYO TRACK & FIELD

Spring is just around the corner and soon we will head to the track. Look for more details about registration in February. Come out and try to improve your time, stay conditioned for a fall sport or run a 5K. It runs April through May for Boys and Girls in Grades K through 8. Registration will be on www.wagdogs.com and practice will begin in late March.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY & MEN'S CLUB

All men are invited to keep up with what our society is doing by joining our HNS communication email system; just email Mark DiLucca (mdilucca00@comcast.net)

TEAM TRIVIA 2015

We are getting closer to the **Big Event**. The men of the Holy Name Society proudly present our 18th consecutive year of our keynote event: **Team Trivia Night, Saturday, March 14th**. Eight new categories will be unveiled as well as a new spin on the Theme Competition. More exciting info to come. Registration forms are in THIS weekends church bulletin. If you missed it, contact Mark DiLucca for a form at mdilucca00@comcast.net.

Saint Monica Women's Society

is delighted to invite you to attend two great events:

DESIGNER BAG BINGO!

Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm
 Saint Monica Education Center Cafeteria
 \$20 admission payable at the door.

RSVP to Nancy Lafferty at 610.724.9131; Betsy Coyle at 215.528.3193; or smswomensociety@gmail.com

and

OUR LENTEN SOUP NIGHT

Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm
 Saint Monica Education Center Cafeteria
 Father Zlock to speak about our saint, "St. Monica"
For more information or to help out please call Maureen Mulhall at (610) 644-7794.

LADIES OF THE PARISH

The women of **WALKING WITH PURPOSE** are excited to offer a **Lenten Reflection on February 19th, 7-8:30 pm** featuring Sister Marie Michele Donnelly RSM,MA. Sister currently serves as Co-Director of Mercy Spiritual Ministries, is a keynote speaker for large groups throughout the United States and is an adjunct Theology professor at Gwynedd Mercy University. Sister will be speaking on a "new" way to look at prayer, penance and almsgiving! We will have an hour of adoration prior to our meeting from 5:45-6:45 pm on February 19th if you are available, followed by this special presentation by Sister Michele beginning at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please feel free to bring a friend. RSVP Kathy Phelan kabphelan@aol.com

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING (SAFE ENVIRONMENT)

Anyone working or volunteering with children, *in any capacity*, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is required to take this training session.

**Offered at Saint Monica Parish on
 Wednesday, February 11th at
 6:30 PM in the Education Center Cafeteria**

To register visit <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus>.
 Questions: Contact Linda Murray at 610-220-1762 or murrayLD6@gmail.com.

SAINT MONICA PARISH WELCOMES DYNAMIC SPEAKER AND CATHOLIC CONVERT

**JEWELS GREEN
 TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
 7:00 P.M.**

One Woman's Journey:

Clinic Worker to Human Rights Advocate

Open to adults and high school students 16 years or older. Join us for an evening as Jewels shares her life-changing experience and her way back to God.

ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN AND WOMEN

**Directed by Msgr. Joseph Marino
 Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm — Registration 9:00 am

Held in the Main Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA. For more information call 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com

Cost: \$40 per person — Includes:

- Continental Breakfast • Full Luncheon • Mass
- Reconciliation • Inspirational Talks by Msgr. Marino
- Quiet time

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for FEBRUARY 8

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	3:00-5:00 pm	Music at Monica's	Church
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm 6:15 pm	Adoration First Penance	Church Church
Tuesday	7:00-9:00 pm	Handbag Bingo	Cafeteria
Wednesday	6:30-8:30 pm	SAFE Environment	Cafeteria
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:00-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
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 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 February 8 - February 15

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Tommy Patchell	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Rodia	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Antoinette Piombino	Fr. Rodia	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 9th	+ Richard Steiner	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 10th	+ Edward Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 11th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 12th	+ Harry Parker	Fr. Avicoli		
Friday, 13th	+ Harry Parker	Fr. Jachwa		
Saturday, 14th	+ Margaret Fox	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Marie Biggins	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	+ Filomena Carlino	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Leo and Catharine McGurk	Fr. Rodia	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jack Barausky, Sonia Altirman, Bob Ball, Mary Bassone, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Elizabeth Chiusano, Lilly Ciocca, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Maria and Francisco DeRivas, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Larry Harris, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Mary Rose, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and 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: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

PARISH LEADERSHIP

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Sandra Concannon '15
Margaret Dalesandro '16
Palmer Dalesandro '16
Tobias Hoppe, *chair* '15
Martha McGurk '16
Dr. Anthony Roeder '16
Megan Wilson '15

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