



# 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)*

Saint Monica Rectory  
635 First Avenue  
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312  
Phone: 610.644.0110  
Facsimile: 610.695.0850

### Office of Religious Education (Rectory)

610.647.4757

### Parish Website

[www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org)

### Twitter & Instagram

@StMonicaBerwyn

### Join Flocknote!

Text "Monica1897" to 84576

### Parish Staff E-mail

FirstInitialLastName@  
saintmonicachurch.org

### Parish Leadership

financecouncil@  
saintmonicachurch.org

### 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.



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

### FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Around Christmas, I constantly hear parishioners say things like, "Don't you wish it was this crowded all year?" or "Why don't they come at other times?" or "I wonder where they are during the other Sundays?"

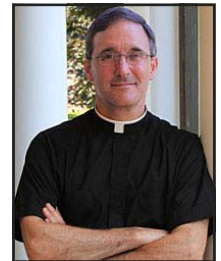
First - pray for them! They might not come on the 3rd Sunday during Ordinary time but they ARE coming on Christmas. Pray that the Lord touches whatever is keeping them from joining us on a week-to-week basis.

Second - let's anticipate them. Wouldn't it be great if you could see those folks MORE than a few times a year? Well, here's the fact, they're coming - and they'll be here. What can we do to take advantage of their arrival? Christmas Mass shouldn't just be a tradition; it should be an experience. It's one meant for the entire family, to bring the entire family closer to Christ. When the family can experience this season together it will bring them closer.

- DO make their arrival and stay something special. DON'T look at them as an inconvenience. DO Smile. DON'T roll your eyes and look disparagingly at them.
- DO say "Oh, we're glad you're here." DON'T say, "Haven't seen you in a while!"
- DO give up your seat, especially for people who are older or have small children.
- DON'T block the entrance to the pew and sigh as you get up to let someone in.
- DO point out where the bathrooms, hearing aid devices, parish bulletins are located.
- DON'T ignore them when they seem to be looking for something.

Greet others. Brag about your parish. Tell them what's going on. Invite them to come back! Let's make Saint Monica a place where people say, "We need to go back there." It takes over 100 people (Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Cantors, Greeters, ushers, etc...) to make the 6 Christmas Masses at Saint Monica special. Consider helping out. Consult the Saint Monica website to sign up and help out!

*Charles Flock Jr*



## THE THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT



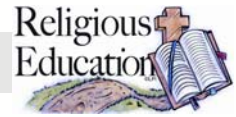
I lift my heart up to you, Lord, to thank you for the blessings you shower on me each day.

You are the 'joy of my soul.'

I know that in your great love, I am held and protected by you. I pray and listen to the good news you send; I ask and feel the healing. I am freed by you from the things in this world that let me hide from you. I rejoice, I rejoice, down to my soul.

Help me to prepare my heart to be open and able to receive your immense love. Amen.

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program classes are in session on December 12 and 19.

Please see the information posted in the Sacrament Spotlight section of the parish bulletin.



## FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



### Steubenville Youth Conference

**June 16-18 2017**

Open to graduating 8th-12th Students

Cost-\$350

(\$199 deposit to secure your spot)

Scholarship money available if needed

Limited spots available, 1st come 1st served

for more info:

[steubenvilleconferences.com/youth](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth)

[Jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:Jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org)

## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

### CAN YOU HELP?

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Volunteer parishioners spend countless hours preparing the church décor for the various liturgical seasons throughout the year. Among the largest effort is our preparation for the Christmas Season. Trees, greens, garlands, wreaths, plants, flowers, lights, bows, swags, statues, straw, cords, wires, lights... there's much to be done and a lot to purchase and prepare. Can you help? In addition to physical assistance (we could always use help!), we count on your generosity to support the decoration of the

church each year, especially at Christmas and Easter.

If you would like to make a specific gift in memory of a loved one, please contact Frank Orman, Director of Worship & Music, at 610.644.0110, ext. 118. If you haven't already done so, please consider purchasing a pack of Saint Monica Christmas Cards to help underwrite the Christmas decorating effort! Call or stop in at the rectory to pick up a pack! There are five beautiful varieties to pick from.

If you can lend some time to help decorate during the week of the 19th of December, please contact Liz Tenaglio at 610.688.6270.

*Come join us for a day of fun and friendly competition in honor of Dominic!*

## DOMINIC L. COYLE MEMORIAL 3 V 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**

**Saint Monica Parish Center Gym**

**First Tip Off at 8AM – Games run throughout the day!**

**All Proceeds Will Benefit the  
Archbishop Carroll Dominic L. Coyle Memorial Fund**

*For Registration Form, Additional Details, Tournament Logistics,  
Official Rules & More, please visit: [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org)*

*For baked goods and cafe donations  
Please contact Sandie Concannon at  
610-647-1068*

*Please register as soon as possible so that  
game schedules can be created.*



### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for OCTOBER 2016

October 2016	\$73,202	44% Electronic	October YTD 2016	\$262,033	46% Electronic
October 2015	\$72,448	44% Electronic	October YTD 2015	\$281,996	45% Electronic
October Budget 2016-17	\$75,591		October YTD Budget 2016-17	\$275,139	

#### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

Sunday Collection	\$10,321
Electronic	\$11,034
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,355</b>

*We have 164 families  
contributing electronically.*

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available on line at [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org) under the Parish Information tab in the Parish Leadership section.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA! **TODAY!**



**Sunday, December 11 after the 9:30 am Mass**, the Family & Youth Ministry will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa** in the Cafeteria and the Auditorium of the Old School Building. You won't want to miss it!

Family and Youth Ministry will also be holding an **All Abilities Santa Social, at noon on Sunday, December 11, 2016**. This event will be an opportunity for families of all abilities kids of any age to enjoy some holiday spirit and get a picture with Santa.

## Preparing for Christmas

### Confession Times

Monday, December 12 | 6:15 to 7:15 pm  
Saturday, December 17 | 3:45 to 4:45 pm

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24, 2016  
4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

*The Annual Candlelight Prelude and Carol Sing, with the Parish Choir, organ and brass quartet begins at 7:30 p.m. Music includes seasonal choral works and congregational carols.*

#### Christmas Day Masses

*The Nativity of Our Lord*  
Sunday, December 25, 2016  
7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

#### New Year's Day

##### *A Holyday of Obligation*

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Saturday, December 31, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017  
7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

### SAINT MONICA MERRY WIDOWS

The Merry Widows will hold their monthly meeting and **Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13th** in the Hagenbach Room from 5:00-8:00 pm. We invite all widows of Saint Monica's to join us. We will have a gift exchange so ask that you bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 to the meeting. For more info or to RSVP contact: Peg Alzamora at 610-647-1129, Anne Marie Gallagher at 610-644-1375, or Maureen Mulhall at 610-644-7794.

### SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT



The parents of the Confirmation candidates are reminded that the completed Confirmation packet is due on **THIS** Monday, December 12. Thank you for your timely submission of the packet. Please note: Incomplete packets will not be accepted.

### THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree project ends this weekend, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All gifts and gift cards will be donated to the following 4 agencies who are assisting the needy living in the Philadelphia area: *T/E Cares, The Sisters of St. Joseph Welcome Center, the St. Agnes Day Room of West Chester, and Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County.* Gift cards should be placed into the boxes located at the base of the trees. Please place the tag on the gift, **but do not wrap the gift or gifts.** *Thank you for bringing Christ's light to those in need!*

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Thursday, December 22 immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. It takes many hands to accomplish this job. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated! Please consider helping!

### COME PRAY THE ROSARY



We have been blessed to have a parish community Rosary said **every Monday evening at 7:15 pm**. The church will be opened for ALL to come and pray. *Saint Louis de Montfort said, "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."* **We need to pray at this time in history!**

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUTREACH



**The Hungry Need You!**  
*Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard.*  
 This photograph is of Sister Arleen McCann and her faithful helpers, who unload the Saint Monica donations each

month. Due to the holidays, the food will be delivered a week early. **The drive will be held after all Masses next weekend and through 8:00 a.m. on December 20.** You may leave your contribution in the gathering space of the church. Checks payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are much appreciated and can be placed in the designated box.

### ATTENTION ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Are you concerned about your grandchildren who are coping with constantly changing social and moral values? Grandparents are being called to pass on our religious heritage. It is a vocation from which we may never retire.

The Catholic Grandparents Association is a worldwide volunteer-based non-profit organization blessed with the mission of helping grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of the family. If interested in gaining more information, please contact Mary Dressler at 610-688-0614 or [marybdressler@gmail.com](mailto:marybdressler@gmail.com).

### MARCH FOR LIFE - *Save the Date*



*Donations also welcome.*

Registration for the Saint Monica bus trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Friday, January 27, 2017 is now open! To **register** or get **more information** about the trip, see the March for Life registration webpage accessible from the parish website (after December 11th) or contact Rosemary Friedrich at [rfriedrich@verizon.net](mailto:rfriedrich@verizon.net).

Can't attend the March yourself? Please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of the trip for others, especially students who are invited to participate at no charge. In this way, you can be involved and demonstrate your support for this peaceful witness for life. Donations can be made on the March for Life registration webpage or by contacting Maurita Buhsmer at [jbuhsmer1@verizon.net](mailto:jbuhsmer1@verizon.net).

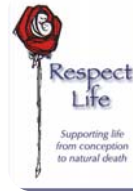
**L**ET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . . *Pope Francis*

### YOUNG ADULTS:

#### Join is for a Christmas Cookie Social

Join CYACC this Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM at Saints Peter and Paul in West Chester for our annual Christmas Cookie Social! CYACC will supply the Christmas decorations, music, games, milk, and hot chocolate if you supply the cookies! This will be our last event until 2016 so come out and celebrate with us! For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at [cyacc1@gmail.com](mailto:cyacc1@gmail.com).

### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI linked respect for life with peace.* "The path to the attainment of the common good and to peace is above all that of respect for human life in all its many aspects, beginning with its conception, through the development and up to its natural end. True peacemakers, then, are those who love, defend and promote human life in all its dimensions, personal, communitarian and transcendent. Life in its fullness is the height of peace. Anyone who loves peace cannot tolerate attacks and crimes against life."

### EARLY BULLETIN TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE

Due to the Printing Schedule of the publisher, the following deadlines are in effect for the upcoming Holiday Season:

- December 25th bulletin items are due *no later than* Tuesday, December 13, 12:00 noon
- January 1st bulletin items are due *no later than* Monday, December 19, 12:00 noon.

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for December 11

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	10:30-11:30am 12:00-2:00pm	Breakfast with Santa All Abilities Social	Cafeteria Auditorium
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
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	Church

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**Facebook**  
The Church of Saint Monica, Berwyn



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@StMonicaBerwyn



**Instagram**  
@StMonicaBerwyn

## FATHER ZLOCK



**Website**  
Frzlock.com



**Facebook**  
Fr. Charlie Zlock



**Twitter**  
@FrZlock

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifeteen: High School Youth Group



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CSMLifeteen



**Twitter**  
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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](mailto: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 December 11- December 18

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Nicholas Fazzini	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Ed and Sue Cooney	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Serano	Cantor	
Monday, 12th	+ Sue Bush	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 13th	+ Patrick Maher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 14th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 15th	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Serano		
Friday, 16th	+ Al Bacher	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 17th	+ Michael Charles Gohl	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Bill Ward	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	Rocks Family	Fr. Antry	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Irene Toczykowski	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 Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Umberto Degli Esposti, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Christine Florkowski, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, 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, Rita Reilly, Antoinette Rissell, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

## 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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden  
Dennis Connell  
Richard Deak  
Kathleen Keough  
Michael McCabe  
Peter Lynch  
Gerald O'Brien  
Giulio Perillo  
Michael Vadner  
Lawrence Wieser

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**Reverend Allan Fitzgerald**, O.S.A., Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*  
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