



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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Parish Leadership

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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 of Obligation 8:30 a.m.
12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

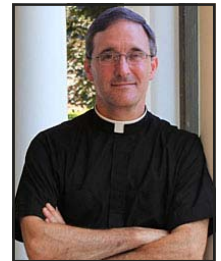


Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2017

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Over the past few weeks, I have been outlining my ideas on answering critical questions concerning the future of Saint Monica Parish such as: "Why are we here? What would you have us do, Lord? What would Jesus want the Parish of Saint Monica to look like in 5 years?" The first two, and probably the most critical, were **Prayer and Engagement With The Bible**. We then examined the importance of stewarding our resources by **Building A Foundation** followed by **Measuring the Spiritual Health of the Parish** which dealt with our church and buildings and **Determining the Individual Call of Parishioners**. This week we look at the final two steps.



Sixth Step: Examine and Steward the Temporal Needs Of The Ministry. A parish is an organization and as such, needs to tend to what is known as "governance" in church parlance. This would include examining environmental factors in the immediate neighborhood, the archdiocese, the United States and even world events. These can present opportunities as well as challenges to the parish. In addition, governance would ask us to look at the internal strengths and areas for growth of Saint Monica Parish as well. These factors lead us to consider parish direction and issues surrounding organization and implementation of the Parish Mission:

"We are a community on a pilgrimage to a sacred place, inviting all to walk with us as we Discover Jesus in Our Lives, Understand Our Life's Purpose, Develop A Personal Relationship With Christ, Enrich Our Local Community, Impact The Whole World."

Only then can Saint Monica hope to evangelize, sanctify, catechize and serve our neighborhood and the wider world. With guidance from parishioner Matt Manion at the Catholic Leadership Institute, and my participation in their "Good Leaders – Good Shepherds" program,

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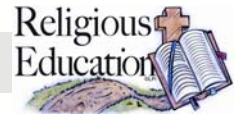


SOLEMNITY of MARY, the HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1

O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers
and present them to thy son and our God,
that He may, for thy sake,
enlighten and save our souls.
Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program catechists, Diane Pealer, and Mary Pizzano wish the Religious Education families and all parishioners an abundance of God's blessings, good health, and happiness in 2017. *Happy new year!*



The Religious Education Program classes will resume on Monday, January 9th.

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

Jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC





Thanks to the many Saint Monica families that opened their hearts for the **ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM**

So far, \$5,233 has been given to **LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION** to assist these families in need. God bless you for your generosity!

Special Thanks to the Saint Monica Holy Name Society for their work on the **Playground Renovation Project**

*The fence was completed by our men on November 5, 2016!
Work on playground will continue in Spring, 2017.*



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for NOVEMBER 2016

November 2016	\$65,214	43% Electronic	November YTD 2016	\$327,246	46% Electronic
November 2015	\$74,566	42% Electronic	November YTD 2015	\$356,562	44% Electronic
November Budget 2016-17	\$71,423		November YTD Budget 2016-17	\$346,562	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 18, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$10,406
Electronic	\$ 3,038
Total	\$13,444

We have 164 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOXES

The monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the month of January will be for the benefit of the Bethesda Project. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 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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priests, pastors and I have been provided with several valuable tools to discern in which managerial, organizational and leadership areas Saint Monica is performing well, where are the areas for growth and which critical areas should be the primary focus of our time and resources over the next 12 months.

Seventh Step: Re-examine The Mission. Align The Spiritual And Temporal Resources Of The Parish. We don't know what we don't know. Examining the spiritual/pastoral health of the parish, ascertaining the spiritual gifts of individual parishioners together with ascertaining the temporal/managerial/leadership needs of Saint Monica, will indicate the direction the Lord would like His parish go. Different people are at different stages in their relationship with Christ (known as a "Spiritual Continuum"). A one-size-fits-all approach to spiritual, pastoral, liturgical and catechetical needs of the parish will simply not work. We need to meet people where they are in that relationship with Christ and The Church.

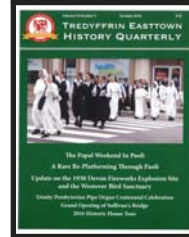
A number of companies are now offering different options and top flight, professionally developed programs to spiritually "feed" people in a way that "customizes" their relationship to Christ. We are already examining several of these programs. We are also personally speaking with vibrant, growing, "best practices" parishes in the US and Canada to see what we can glean from their experience and what we can realistically apply to our community at Saint Monica Parish. Our pastoral outreach, our religious education and our youth programs must also consider this "spiritual continuum" of individual parishioners, cross referenced with where we feel Jesus Christ is leading the mission of the parish as a whole.

It's an exciting time. I hope you will dive deeper into this adventure – and invite someone else to join us on the journey.

Charles Flock Jr

LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . .

Pope Francis



WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES COMMEMORATION ISSUE

Last year, the Philadelphia metropolitan area enjoyed the International World Meeting of Families Congress and Papal Visit from September 22-27, 2015. Easttown, Treddyffrin and Paoli were in the thick of things as we were chosen as a major coordination center for Chester County. We met boys and girls, moms and dads, sisters and priests from all over the country - and the world in fact. *The Treddyffrin Easttown History Quarterly* recently published an issue commemorating this exciting time. They are available for \$10.00 in the parish rectory if you would like to have a local remembrance of Pope Francis' visit.

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. Please join us!

WOMEN OF THE PARISH: YOU ARE INVITED

Walking with Purpose (WWP) will have their opening meeting of the New Year on January 5th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Cafeteria of the Education Center.

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic women's Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our meetings are held weekly on Thursday evenings. **WWP** offers a monthly experience called a "Connect Coffee" which is an evening to relax and have an opportunity to experience fellowship with other women and get a taste of what **WWP** is about.

On January 5th we will feature guest speaker Jillian Buhl at our monthly coffee connect. Jillian was raised Protestant and converted twenty years ago when her scripture based faith was ignited by the sacraments and rich traditions of the Catholic Church. She recently launched her own business "*Joyfully Jillian,*" has served as a board member for **WWP**, leads a national prayer team and volunteers at her local church. Please join us on January 5th to hear what Jillian has to share with us about her faith journey! Light refreshments will be served. *Please bring a friend!* RSVP to Diane Claffey: dianeacclaffey@verizon.net.

For more info contact Bridget: bridget316@gmail.com or Michele at man6fam@comcast.net.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT MONICA HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our 1st meeting of 2017, is scheduled to be on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm**, in the Hagenbach Room in the Parish Center. As part of our full agenda, featured will be the kick-off meeting to begin plans for our 20th edition of Team Trivia Night. This event is only successful due to all those that lend a hand in helping out for the good of the parish community. Please plan on attending to see where and how **you** can help out with our special 20th edition of this most exciting event. This year's Team Trivia event is scheduled for **Saturday, March 11th. Save the Date!**

MARCH FOR LIFE

Donations sought for youth attending.



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 or contact Rosemary Friedrich at rcfriedrich@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 and children 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.

YOUNG ADULTS:

JOIN US FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP ADORATION

Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? CYACC (pronounced "kayak") exists to offer you social, spiritual, and service opportunities in the local area. **Join us this Wednesday, January 4, 2017 for our monthly Praise & Worship Adoration.** Holy Hour begins at 7:30 PM in the lower chapel of Saint Agnes in West Chester. Confession will be available. For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.



LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

At the year's end, we reflect upon what we have done and what we have failed to do. God gives us the gift of time and we use it in loving service to others. What have we done this year for the defense of life? Let us resolve that we will increase the amount of time and energy we devote to the number one moral issue: **restoring the right to life!**



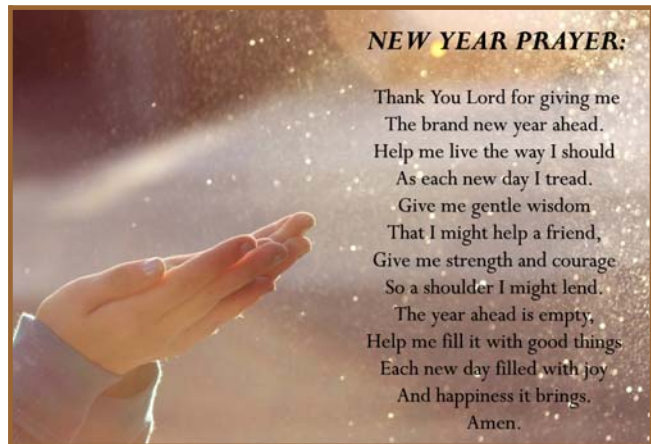
THANK YOU TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Merry Christmas from the Merry Widows of Saint Monica Parish! Over 25 of our ladies baked over 80 dozen cookies and "merrily" delivered them to the Easttown Township Police Department, the Tredyffrin Township Police Department and the Berwyn Fire

Company! Thank you to these men and women who serve and protect us all year long!

THANK YOU to DEVON 50 BOY SCOUTS

Our sincere thanks to the Devon 50 Boy Scouts for placing the beautiful Christmas wreaths on the graves in our Parish Cemetery. The Scouts graciously placed these wreaths in the Cemetery on December 22. Their kindness was appreciated by all, but most especially by the families whose loved ones are buried there.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 1

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:45 am 9:00pm-8:00 am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

THE CHURCH of SAINT MONICA

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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Lifeteen: High School Youth Group



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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 January 1 – January 8

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Ann Suzanne Tometta	Norbertine	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ John M. Smith	Norbertine	Cantor	
Monday, 2nd	+ Mary Bean	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 3rd	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 4th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 5th	+ Claye Carroll	Norbertine		
Friday, 6th	+ Denis Flynn	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 7th	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
5:00 pm	+ Billy Hamburger	R. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Dominic Coyle	Norbertine	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Norbertine	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Kenneth P. Yangello	Norbertine	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 Izzu, 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, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Umberto Degli Esposti, Husband of Alane

H.O.P.E. — HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES

Leader for this week: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

PARISH LEADERSHIP

FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden
Dennis Connell
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Michael McCabe
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Gerald O'Brien
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Michael Vadner
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Reverend Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*
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Theresa Carey, *Business Manager*
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Diane Kirsch Pealer, *Religious Education Assistant*
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