



“Master, to whom shall we go?”

SAINT MONICA PARISH

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WYOMING & WEST WYOMING
363 WEST 8TH ST., WEST WYOMING, PA. 18644**

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+ + + MASS SCHEDULE + + +

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Morning Mass 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Monday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Tuesday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Wednesday Morning Mass 8:00AM
Friday Afternoon Mass 12:10 PM
(Adoration following Mass - Benediction 4:30 PM)

CONTACT US

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Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mission Statement – The Parish of Saint Monica, grounded in the Sacraments and Gospel of Jesus Christ, is called to serve by using God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure to inspire evangelization and provide for those in need.

Parish Membership - New members are always welcome. Please call the Parish Office to register. Membership is necessary for anyone in our Religious Education & Sacraments Programs as well as anyone wishing to be a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation

Sacraments -

- Baptism** – Baptismal Instruction held each First Tuesday monthly; required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.
- Confession** - Saturday, 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM or by appointment.
- Marriage** - Diocesan Policy requires a six-month advance notification to the priest & participation in Pre-Cana Instruction.

Religious Education - Youth Program Sunday, 9:45 AM dismissal 10:45AM; IC Adults Wednesday, 6:00 PM.

Diocesan Catholic Schools - Elementary or High School for information call 714-9610.

Pastoral Care of the Sick – Please call the Parish Office for visitation & Sacrament of the Sick, at home, in the hospital or Health Care Facility. Local hospitals do not provide pastors with names of hospitalized parishioners.

Bereavement Committee - Meet the second Monday of the month. Joanne Austin coordinator 288-6785.

Senior Citizens - Meet the first & third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the **Church Hall**.

Christian Society - Meet the first Monday of the month after the 8:00AM Mass.

Prayer Group – Wednesdays 7:00PM.

Pregnancy Help - 24/7 call 1-800-723-8331 or 570-826-1819.

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018



+ Mass Schedule +
Mass Intention



Monday, August 27 8:00AM – All Parishioners
by Parish

Tuesday, August 28 8:00AM – Leonard Motzki
by Sunday Accountants

Wed, August 29 8:00AM – Ann Mahon
by Fran Krispin

Friday, August 31 12:10PM – Dolores Charney
by Geraldine Charney Fam.

Saturday, September 1 4:00PM – John Zack
by M/M Richard Torbik

Sunday, September 2 8:30AM – Intention Parish
11:00AM – Helen Skibinski
by M/M John Skibinski

Ministry Schedule

Ministry Schedule – September 1 & 2

Acolyte

4:00 PM – Kostiks
8:30 AM – Janoskys, Vikara
11:00 AM – Dominick, Potters

Lector

4:00 PM – Austin, Yamrick
8:30 AM – Parra, Vikara
11:00 AM – Kwasny, Luvender

Eucharistic Minister

4:00 PM – Yamrick, Piszak, Pieszala
8:30 AM – Sobocinski, Krispin, Vikara
11:00 AM – Pottter, Sobecks, Wyatt



Sanctuary Candle



August 26-September 1 – Int. of Megan Cleary by Mary Matani

September 2-September 8 – Int. of M/M Woolard by Family

September 9-September 15 – Int. of M/M Woolard by Family

Requesting the Sanctuary Candle or donating the Bread and Wine is a wonderful way to honor your loved one. It may also be offered in honor of a special occasion, intention or in thanksgiving. Please call the Parish Office for available dates and details.

Bread & Wine August – Joseph Saraceno by Atherholt Family

Sunday Collection – August 19, 2018

\$5,247.87

Weekly amount needed to
Meet operational expenses:

\$8,000.00

Difference

- \$2,752.13



Thank you and God bless your generosity!!!

Happy Feast Day!
Saint Monica
August 27



**Join us at Mass on Monday, August 27
for special prayers in intercession
to our patroness Saint Monica!**



**“If not me, who?
If not now, when?”**

*Please pray and ask God if He is calling
you to be a Catechist in our Religious*

*Education Program. We need a Religious Education
Coordinator. Please contact Father Peter if you feel called
or if you know of anyone that you would like to nominate for
this special position. A beautiful way to serve the Lord is by
passing our Faith on to the next generation.*

Back to School! Father Peter will bless children
and their backpacks as they head off to a new
school year. Have your child bring their
backpack to church the weekend of August 25
and 26; blessing will take place after each Mass.





Bulletin Announcement Policy - Requests are
best made two or three weeks prior to the event
date and no later than the Monday before
publication. Requests are not guaranteed
inclusion and will be edited. Please do not
submit graphics, information only. Material for requested
announcement can be submitted by email, mailed to or
dropped off to the Parish Secretary at the Parish office.

New Parish Emergency Phone Number – to
be used only in time of death or grave illness is
609-5195. All other inquiries are to be made to
our regular Parish phone number 693-1991, fax
or email found on Bulletin front cover.





Diocese of Scranton Pilgrimage –
Bishop Bambera invites you on a
Pilgrimage to the National Basilica of the

Immaculate Conception in Washington DC as part of the 150
Year Anniversary of the Scranton Diocese. It will be held on
September 22, 2018. Cost is \$55.00 per person. Buses will
begin to depart from various locations at 6:00AM. Arrival is
estimated at 11:00AM. The afternoon proceeds in the Upper
Church with a Tour of Faith and Rosary for World Peace,
followed by free time for lunch, touring and private prayer
from 1:00-3:00PM. There will be Confessions at 2:00PM in
the Crypt Church. Pilgrims will gather at 3:00PM in the
Upper Church to prepare for a Pontifical Mass at 3:15PM
with Bishop Bambera as principal celebrant and homilist.
Buses will depart from the National Shrine at 4:45PM.



Religious Education News Called to a Special Ministry

At this time, we would like to invite concerned parishioners, parents and grandparents to become involved in our Religious Education Program 2018 – 2019 as teachers, teacher’s aides, secretary, safety monitor or helpers. Our children need you to share your faith with them. If you feel a call to join our Program please let Father Peter know.



National Shrine of Divine Mercy Bus Trip – Friday, October 5th. Leaves from Saint Maria Goretti parking lot at 7:00AM. Cost is \$67.00 per person and includes – bus fare, snack, Shrine fee and supper at Bogie’s in Massachusetts. For reservations or more information call 654-6063.

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Plains, will hold a Designer Purse Bingo Sun. September 16th in Bernardine Hall. Ticket includes 20 regular games of bingo, “Early Bird”, and intermission game. Basket raffles & 50/50 will round out the day. The doors open at 11:30am and games start at 1pm. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For info contact Nina 825-6663.



Alpha Got questions about life? Explore Alpha. Enjoy a meal and video, and share your thoughts in an open, friendly, informal group discussion about the meaning of life, Jesus Christ and the path to happiness. Free of charge. Tuesdays, September 11 through November 20. Starts at 6:15PM, dinner at 6:30PM, video at 7:00PM, discussion at 7:30PM. You can pre-register before Tuesday, September 4, by calling Saint Ignatius Church, 339 Maple Street in Kingston at 570-288-6446.

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at St. Peter’s Cathedral Scranton

Solemn vigils will be held to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community: Saturday, September 8, 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral Monument of Our Lady Madonna of the Streets, Scranton. For more information call Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Scranton Chapter at 570-343-5099 or Email@prolifescranton.org



Stewardship: A Mission of Faith, invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Christopher West, Damon Owens, Msgr. John Esseff, Marty Rotella, Devin Schadt, Mark Forrest, Megan Murphy, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 19th and Thursday, September 20th. One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA, at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch. In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God’s creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor Stations of the Cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more! For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine

in Doylestown will be held on Sunday, October 7th, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Cost of the trip is \$45.00 which includes – Bus fare, Breakfast items served on the bus, hot Polish Buffet Luncheon at the Shrine and drivers gratuity. Bus will leave Pittston, Park and Ride at 7:30am and Wilkes-Barre, East End Center at 8:00am. Arrival time home: 500pm. For more info call Theresa Lisiewski at 822-0831.



Catholic Social Services
of the Diocese of Scranton

The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe,

comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

Triduum and Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold the annual Triduum and Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Triduum will be held on August 31 September 1 & 2 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with a Mass at 7:00PM, followed by special prayers to St. Joseph for workers and the unemployed. Confessions and the Holy Rosary will precede the Mass. The Feast will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd with a Solemn Mass at 11:00AM. Serving as celebrant and homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D. auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. The special intentions for the triduum celebration include: workers’ thanksgiving, the unemployed and special blessings for students, teachers, administrators and staff as they are entering a new school year. Everyone is invited to attend.



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The Feast of our Patroness Saint Monica

August 27th

Feast Day: August 27
Born: 332: Died: 387

St. Monica was born in Tagaste, northern Africa and she was the mother of St. Augustine. She was brought up as a good Christian. Her strong training was a great help to her when she married Patricius the pagan (a person who does not believe in God).

Patricius admired his wife, but he made her suffer because of his bad temper. Still Monica never answered back and never complained about him to anyone. Instead she prayed for him fervently.

God heard her prayer and Patricius finally agreed to become a Christian in 371. He was baptized on his deathbed in 372. His mother, too, became a Christian.

St. Monica's joy over the holy way in which her husband had died soon changed to great sorrow. She found out that her 19-year-old son Augustine was living a bad, selfish life. This clever young man had turned to a false religion and had formed wicked habits.

Monica prayed and cried and did much penance for her son. She begged priests to talk to him. Augustine was brilliant but very stubborn. He did not want to give up his sinful life. But Monica would not give up either.

When he went to Rome without her, she followed him. At Rome, she found he had become a teacher in Milan. So, Monica went to Milan. And in all those years, she never stopped praying for him.

What love and faith! After years of prayers and tears, her reward came when Augustine was converted. He not only became a good Christian, as she had prayed. Augustine also became a priest, a bishop, a great writer and a very famous saint.

St. Monica died in Ostia, outside Rome, in 387 with her son Augustine at her bedside.

Happy Feast Day!

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