



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA



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
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Parish Website

www.saintmonicachurch.org

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@StMonicaBerwyn

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FirstInitialLastName@
saintmonicachurch.org

Parish Leadership

parishcouncil@
saintmonicachurch.org

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.

11:00 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.

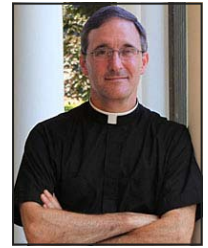
Anytime by appointment.



The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Week of January 11, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



I was musing on the occurrences at Saint Monica over the past year. I wanted to provide a bit of a review of what happened. To keep it simple, I classified items as only positive or negative. The items below are also in no particular order or priority. They are a mix of individual items, which are my responsibility, some items pertaining to teams (staff, parish organizations) and other items pertaining to the entire parish.

In addition I have included a link to a document entitled, “*Characteristics Found In Vital Parishes.*” (<http://archphila.org/pastplan/PDF/VitalParish.pdf>). This provides a listing of traits in 7 key areas that would be seen or demonstrated in vibrant, growing parishes.

Naturally I would be interested in any feedback and I apologize if I left anything out.

Positive:

- Developed and wrote 16 “Charters” for the parish, Finance and Pastoral Councils, Parish Staff, parish organizations, the Pastor and individual parish staff members. “Charters” are detailed documents which outline vision, roles, responsibilities and goals, etc... for individuals, one-on-one relationships, teams and larger organizations.
- Recommended and helped bring in “Called and Gifted” workshop on individual charisms.
- Stabilized parish finances.
- Submitted “positive-result” (profitable) parish budget to archdiocese.
- Continued to make improvements on detailed line-item based budget and financial reporting of parish finances and resources. Published detailed financial reports to parish-at-large on quarterly basis.
- Sold property adjacent to rectory leading to pay-off of parish debt.
- Re-organized, trained and improved “Ministry of Ushers”

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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

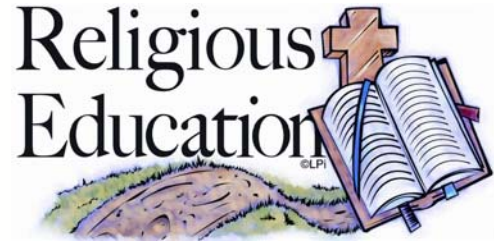


Lord, we pray for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation that they understand that the gift of grace received through this Sacrament will provide a fresh start as they find God's unconditional forgiveness and love on their spiritual journey. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program is in session on January 12. Classes are NOT in session on January 19.

The weather-related closing information has been emailed to all registered families of the RE Program. Parents are asked to review this information which can also be found on the Saint Monica website: www.saintmonicachurch.org On the homepage, click on 'Parish Organizations'. Next, click on 'Religious Education'. Next, click on 'Weather-related Closing Information'.



THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF SAINT MONICA PARISH

invites all to join us on this prayerful journey . . .

THE 42ND ANNUAL MARCH for LIFE THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015 in WASHINGTON, D.C.



**OUR BUS WILL MAKE 2 STOPS:
SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
RALLY AND MARCH IN D.C.**

**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25 FOR ADULTS;
STUDENTS AND CHILDREN ARE FREE.**

See March for Life pictures on the
TV in the narthex of the Church today.
To sign up for this trip, contact Loretta Hill at
lehill7@aol.com or 610-964-9243.

Bus departs from St. Monica's at 7:15 a.m. - Returns to St. Monica's at 8:00 p.m.

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

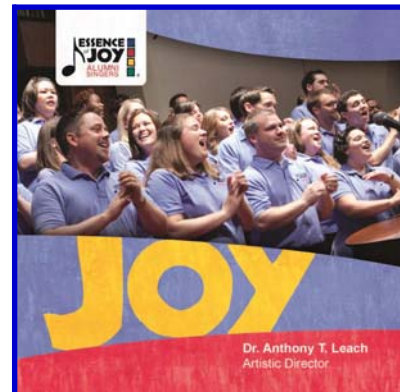
MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

An Afternoon of Spirituals and Gospel Music with

The Essence of Joy Alumni Singers of Penn State University

Sunday, 25 January at 3 p.m.

Free-will offering. Tickets are not required.



SAVE THE DATE
LEND A HAND
this Lent by
PACKING MEALS
FOR THOSE IN NEED



Join your family & neighbors at a
HELPING HANDS EVENT
 a
FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St. Monica Parish in Berwyn invites you to take action to feed our brethren overseas and help reduce global poverty. Join us on Sunday, March 15th at 2pm for a Helping Hands meal-packaging event presented by Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now.

Our goal is to pack 10,000 meal bags to help feed vulnerable children, women, and men in the West African country of Burkina Faso.

We provide the food and packing materials. Just bring yourself and your servant's heart after you **RSVP at cyacc.org/hands**.

WHEN

Sunday, **March 15th** 2-4:30pm

WHERE

St. Monica Church Gym
 635 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA

HOW

Please **RSVP at**
cyacc.org/hands



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, December 29, 2014

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$11,754 |
| *Electronic | \$ 9,618 |
| Total | \$21,372 |

** We have 164 families contributing electronically.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 4, 2015

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$10,205 |
| *Electronic | \$ 9,791 |
| Total | \$19,996 |

** We have 164 families contributing electronically.*

POOR BOX

The monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of December were for the benefit of the AIDS Ministry of the Calcutta House. God bless you for your 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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including publishing of new ministry manual.

- Held "Theology On Tap" for Merry Widows, young adults and for parish-at-large.
- Saw positive, enhancement and growth of "Ministry of Hospitality/Welcoming."
- Performed full, detailed analysis of parish campus buildings.
- Developed 10 year "master plan" for parish facilities integrated with parish pastoral priorities.
- Developed and published a "statement" of one-year parish direction including individual suggestions for parishioners to strengthen and develop their own personal spirituality.
- Recruited and appointed new Parish Pastoral- and Parish Finance Council members.
- Pastor successfully met individual "key responsibility areas/smart goals" for the year.
- Positively enhanced monthly liturgy at Devon Manor. Initiated monthly liturgy at Trinity House.
- Implemented monthly "Communion Calls" to shut-in and infirm parishioners.
- Contracted lease of "new school" property with Green Valley Academy.
- Audited, reviewed and enhanced scholarship program for Catholic education.
- Saw growth in popularity of annual parish picnic. Initiated (possible annual) "Parish Spirit Day" during Pentecost Sunday weekend.
- Renovated youth room in old school.
- Implemented year-long prayer initiative led by "Adult Faith Formation Committee."
- Added "Leadership Training Program" for girls to already existing "LTP – Boys."
- Initiated "Walking With Purpose" Scripture study for women at St. Monica.

Unsuccessful:

- Could not place someone in leadership position to lead "Pastoral Outreach" and bring together team to better reach out to poor and disadvantaged in parish.
- Did not implement "Pastoral Outreach" program based on results of Villanova University MBA study.
- No one placed in leadership positions to oversee "Eucharistic Ministers" and "Ministry of Lectors."
- Not able to hire new Family/Youth Minister.
- Did not fully implement "Bereavement Ministry."

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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Needed to more clearly develop and enunciate music/liturgy vision for the parish.

- No focused intentional initiative/effort to promote vocations within the parish.
- No vocations to priesthood or religious life from St. Monica Parish.
- Relatively small number of candidates (2) to R.C.I.A. program (converts)

Metrics:

(Goal was to grow by 10% in each category in 2014)

- Weekend Mass Participation
+ 4% (2013 - 801 / 2014 - 834)
- Baptisms
-11% (2013 - 37 / 2014 - 33)
- Weddings
+71% (2013 - 7 / 2014 - 12)
- Registrations of New Parishioners
+28% (2013 - 51 / 2014 - 65)

Income and Expenses

(January 1 thru December 31)

- Operating Income
+ 7% (2013 - \$1,082,595 / 2014 - \$1,162,417)
- Operating Expenses
+7% (2013 - \$946,844 / 2014 - \$1,011,282)
- Net Income
+11% (2013 - \$135,750 / 2014 - \$151,134)

Charles Zlock Jr

MARCH FOR LIFE—WEST CHESTER, PA

If you unable to go to Washington, join us for a family friendly, local Pro-life rally held on the Sunday before the March for Life in Washington.

22nd Annual Chester County March for Life

Sunday, January 18, 2015 - 2:15 pm.

St. Agnes Church

231 West Gay St., West Chester, PA

Prayers, Songs and Speeches in Defense of Life

This rally will take place inside St. Agnes Church and is perfect for young families and anyone with work or family obligations that prevent them from going to Washington, D.C.

See www.chestcoprolife.org or call 610-692-4463 for further information.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY & MEN'S CLUB

February 6, 7, 8 - Spiritual Opportunity... Our annual HNS retreat at St. Joseph in the Hills - Malvern Retreat. E-mail Lee Megow for details on signing up - megowl@verizon.net. If you have never been to a weekend retreat, you deserve this most rewarding weekend of reflection and camaraderie. To those who have attended in the past...looking forward to seeing you (and 1 other) again in 2015.

**Save the Date: Saturday, March 14
Team Trivia Night 2015**

If any men of the parish wish to be on the Holy Name E-mail communication list, send an e-mail request to Mark DiLucca at mdilucca00@comcast.net.

CHRIST IN ACTION

ST. MONICA'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP COFFEE HOUSE STUDY SESSION

Join your friends for an evening of mid-term exam prep, sweet treats, and of course, coffee!

**Sunday, January 11, 2015
7:00pm-9:00pm**

St. Monica Youth Group Room

For more information, please contact Mary at broadhurst95@verizon.net.

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA CALLED AND GIFTED "2"

**Saturday February 7, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Location - Saint Monica Cafeteria

Cost: \$15.00

(includes breakfast, materials, refreshments)

Pre-Requisites:

- Previous attendance at "Called and Gifted" Seminar.
- Schedule and complete your one-hour personal "charism" interview with Catherine of Siena Institute.
- Come with choice of which "Gift Mix" you would like to focus on.

Further information will be forth coming. Online Registration is now available.

Please note: Sherry Weddell is accepting pre-orders for her new book, *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples* available at www.siena.org or 719-219-0056.

SAVE THE DATE -

PRAYER PANEL AND SOCIAL

The Saint Monica Adult Faith Formation committee is happy to announce that we will be hosting a Prayer Panel

on Saturday, February 21 following the 5:00 Mass. Please plan to join us for a spiritually, intellectually and socially enriching night. More details and an electronic invitation will be coming your way soon.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep our parish's second graders and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation for the first time on Monday evening, January 26.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 30

St. Katharine of Siena School welcomes Saint Monica's parish community to an Open House on Sunday, January 25, 2015 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. See experiments being conducted in the new science lab; watch math students use cutting-edge technology in the new Multi-media center; and visit with teachers, students, parents and alumni who will be on hand to provide tours of the school. No registration required. For more information, visit the school website at www.sksschool.org.

SACRAMENT CENTRAL

The Confirmation candidates are reminded to regularly review the Confirmation Study Guide in preparation of the Confirmation interview and reception of the sacrament. The Confirmation interviews with Fr. Zlock have begun. Please do not hesitate to contact Mary Pizzano with questions.

The parents of our First Penance candidates are reminded to regularly pray and review the Form for Confession and the Act of Contrition with their children in anticipation of the reception of First Penance in late January.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for JANUARY 11

| DAY | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Sunday | | | |
| Monday | 9:00am-4:30pm | Adoration | Church |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| 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 |

THE CHURCH of SAINT MONICA

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Father Zlock's Social Media Website

Frzlock.com

Facebook

Fr. Charlie Zlock

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FrZlock.com

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The Saint Monica Parish Bulletin is published weekly and is available on the parish website and distributed to the assembly after Sunday Worship.

Submissions are due each Monday by noon without exception and e-mailed to parishbulletin@saintmonicachurch.org with formatting left to a minimum.

Please include a contact name and phone number. In the case where announcements must be submitted hand-written, please make sure the text is legible.

BULLETIN INSERTS

All inserts must be submitted to the

MASS INTENTIONS for January 11 - January 18

| MASS TIME | INTENTION | PRESIDER | MUSIC MINISTRY | NOTES |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| 5:00 p.m. Vigil | + John Joseph O'Keefe | Fr. Zlock | Cantor | |
| 7:30 a.m. | + James Fitzgerald | Fr. Fitzgerald | Quiet | |
| 9:30 a.m. | + Mary DiAntonio | Fr. Zagarella | Parish Choir | |
| 11:00 a.m. | People of the Parish | Fr. Zlock | Cantor | |
| Monday, 12th | + John McGee | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Tuesday, 13th | + Rosemary Sweeney | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Wednesday, 14th | Communion Service | | | |
| Thursday, 15th | + Becky Clark | Fr. Antry | | |
| Friday, 16th | + Robert Luvers | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Saturday, 17th | + Evelyn Morrelli | Fr. Zlock | | |
| 5:00 p.m. Vigil | + Fred DiAntonio, Jr. | Fr. Fitzgerald | Cantor | |
| 7:30 a.m. | + Richard Funchion, Sr. | Fr. Driesch | Quiet | |
| 9:30 a.m. | People of the Parish | Fr. Zlock | Parish Choir | |
| 11:00 a.m. | + Timothy Callahan | Fr. Zlock | 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, 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 Mikowychok, 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

Larry Norton, Husband of Kate Norton

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

Leader for this week: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

PARISH LEADERSHIP

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

Joseph Bondi
Amy George
Charles Ladner
Brian McGaughan
Francis Moran
Gerald O'Brien
Giulio Perillo
Ed Riedlinger
Amy Snyder
Matt Tomasicchio, *chair*
Lawrence Wieser

PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Charles Zlock, M.Div., M.A., M.B.I.S., *Pastor*
Reverend Jaehwa J. Lee, *Priest-in-Residence*
Reverend Allan Fitzgerald, Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*
The Norbertines of Daylesford Abbey, *Pastoral Assistance*
Mrs. Mary C. Pizzano, *Director of Religious Education*
Mr. Frank K.J. Orman, *Director of Worship & Music*
Mrs. Theresa Carey, *Business Manager*
Mrs. Catherine Levine, *Parish Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Diane Pealer, *Religious Education Assistant*
Mr. Frank Pantano, *Facilities Manager*
Mr. James Pierson, *Facilities Management*