



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

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(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 of Obligation 8:30 a.m.
12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

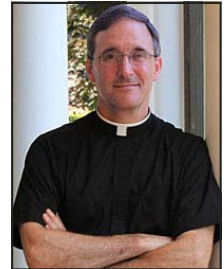


The First Sunday of Lent

Week of February 22, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Taylor Marshall is a former Episcopalian priest and the President of the New Saint Thomas Institute, an initiative offering theology classes to over 1,100 students in 24 nations. He appears regularly on *Catholic Answers*, *EWTN*, and *Relevant Radio* with 98,702 people following his web page about Catholic culture. He and his wife Joy have seven children (four boys and three girls) and make their home in Dallas.



At his website: TaylorMarshall.com - he podcasts "7 Lies We Believe About Our Failures." Since Satan is the "Father of Lies," (see *John 8:44*) it is important that we remain aware how the devil can use an assessment about ourselves to pull ourselves away from a relationship with Jesus Christ - "The Way, The Truth and the Life." (*John 14:6*)

Taylor introduces the podcast with a number of other items, which you may, or may not, find interesting. If you want to skip ahead to the "meat" of the talk, go to the 12:00 minute mark of the podcast.

7 Lies About Why You Fail

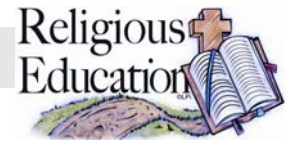
1. "It's not my fault. I just had bad luck." God has given meaning to an ordered universe. God is in charge and nothing happens by chance nor without God's providence. Look at Romans 8 especially Romans 8:28. ("And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."). We know that God has called us to make decisions and to live intentionally, not according to "luck".

2. "Other people had it out for me and undermined what I did." This involves the virtue of "prudence" which involves planning ahead. It also involves the virtue of "fortitude" where you are called to build the "fortress" to protect (Continued on Page 4)

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



Lord, we pray for all of the volunteers involved in the Saint Monica CYO program, as they endeavor to provide children with a positive, character building experience through sports. We ask that you help them lead by example in demonstrating and encouraging behaviors that express Catholic values at all times. In so doing, their student athletes will gain the skills they need to win in sports but more importantly, to win in the game of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes will resume on Monday, February 23rd.

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 continue to keep our parish's First Penance and Confirmation candidates and their families in your daily prayers in the coming weeks. The second grade candidates will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, March 9th.

Bishop Fitzgerald will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 47 candidates on Tuesday, March 3.

FAITH FORMATION



*Saint Monica Parish welcomes
dynamic speaker and Catholic convert*

JEWELS GREEN

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

7:00 p.m. in the Education Center Cafeteria

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.*

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Period Instrument Ensemble

La Fiocco

Saturday, 21 March at 8 p.m.

Period instrument ensemble La Fiocco will present a program entitled The King's Theme: Bach's *Musical Offering* and other royal delights.

The program will include works by Emperor Leopold I, Elisabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre, Heinrich Biber, Henry Purcell, and J.S. Bach.

Featuring countertenor Joseph Hill, artistic director & harpsichordist Lewis R. Baratz, Eve Friedman, baroque flute, Claire Smith Bermingham, baroque violin, Vivian Barton Dozor, viola da gamba & baroque cello, Laudon Schuett, lute & theorbo

Tickets:

\$25 general audience, \$20 seniors, \$10 students.

Check or cash, at the door.

**For more information visit www.lafiocco.org
or e-mail info@lafiocco.org.**

Our Lenten Journey Continues...

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE PARISH

Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

THE CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Each Saturday Afternoon from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Monday Evening, March 23 at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 28 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.



**SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY
Lenten Soup Night**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH at 6:00 PM
 SAINT MONICA EDUCATION CENTER CAFETERIA
 Father Zlock to speak about our patroness, "Saint Monica" For more information or to help out, please call Maureen Mulhall at 610.644.7794.

**SAINT MONICA HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

7:00 P.M.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JANUARY, 2015

Jan. 2015	\$72,639	39% Electronic	Jan. YTD 2015	\$515,463	41% Electronic
Jan. 2014	\$71,164	36% Electronic	Jan. YTD 2014	\$435,897	39% Electronic
Jan. Budget	2014-15	\$68,295	Jan. YTD Budget	2014-15	\$494,448

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$6,860
*Electronic	\$4,315
Total	\$11,175

** We have 165 families contributing electronically.*

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Saint Monica Parish Saint Vincent DePaul Fund for the Needy. 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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yourself, your family/friends and your enterprises. Now, one has to consider that, in certain circumstances, there are people who might have engaged in underhanded practices that affected you in a negative way. Nevertheless, if this “lie” sounds familiar, it might be a good idea to examine your conscience and ask where YOU might have played a role in the entire process.

3. “I deserved it” (God is settling a score because of my sinfulness) or “God isn’t happy with me” or “God isn’t listening to me” or “God, don’t you see all that I’m doing for you?” This is a spiritual and psychological set-up. It ALWAYS leads to depression. God is constantly showing favor to people who are messing up (Consider Jesus reaching out his hand and saving Peter from sinking after Peter “failed” to walk on water). It can also be a symptom of someone who is simply floating along in life and not focused on, and intentionally discerning, God’s purpose in their life. Taylor Marshall has another podcast dealing with this topic entitled: “*Am I Missing God’s Plan For My Life?*”

4. “If I hadn’t failed back then, I would be more successful (and would not have failed) now.” Consider the Old Testament story of Joseph (Genesis Chapters 37 – 50). After numerous betrayals and failures, he was appointed Second-In-Command in Egypt and eventually saved his family and the entire Hebrew people. God always uses what is broken to accomplish his greatest works.

5. “I’m entitled to whatever I lost or didn’t achieve.” This “entitlement mentality” also leads to bitterness and depression. It is an attitude that is 180 degrees opposed to Scripture and Christ’s teaching in the Beatitudes. Everything is a gift. We are owed nothing (except death and Hell). The proper response is to move into a gratitude mentality. Do the “A-B-C Prayer of Gratitude:” I’m grateful for the **A**pple I just ate. I’m grateful for **B**eth, my wife. I’m grateful for the **C**hildren I have who are healthy...” Go through this drill and see, once you get to the end of the alphabet, how the blessings in your life have piled up. This will shake you out of any depressed state or attitude of entitlement and into a “Eucharistic” mentality (from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning “thanksgiving”).

6. “Because I messed up SO badly, my sin is SO bad or because my failure is SO great, I’ll never recover.” We believe in a God of miracles. We believe in a God who says, “See, I make all things (continued)

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new!” (Revelations 21:5; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Isaiah 43:19 among others). God can overcome the addictions, the mistakes, the poor choices of our lives and lead us to a new place of hope and joy.

7. “I can’t help it; I was born this way.” This is a “lie” that is becoming more prevalent in American culture, but it’s really just another version of “I deserve this” (#3, above). Look at it from another angle – You were born with wonderful gifts that no one else has! The parish recently sponsored a “*Called and Gifted Seminar.*” People who attended found out that there were not one, but several, areas in their lives where they were gifted. God balances any shortfalls with natural - and SUPER-natural gifts. St. Thomas Aquinas says that in God’s world, “grace builds on nature.” Thus, in our life, God can take what is ordinary

– and make it awesome!

Charles Zlock Jr

FLU SEASON

Upon the recommendation of the Archdiocese, as well as parish members associated with the medical community, we have dispensed with distributing “Communion Under Both Species” (*bread and wine*) during the current flu season. We will begin offering the Precious Blood again, starting the weekend of March 21 - 22.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, PLEASE CHECK to see when you are scheduled.

“IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE...”

PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

The word **vocation** comes from the Latin word “*vocare*” which means “*to call*”. God has a plan for our lives and throughout history, God has called his people, some in unique and special ways.

Knowing one’s vocation is a process of discovery. Through prayer, the sacraments and living our life, we come to discern God’s call. We learn to hear His voice and what He is inviting us to do.

If you ever thought about the “call” to priesthood and would simply like to ask questions or talk about it in an informal way, please give me a “call.” I would be happy to meet with you about it. ... *Fr. Zlock*

For further information, including FAQ’s, resources, up-coming discernment events and information about our seminarians, take a look at the “**Heed The Call**” website at www.heedthecall.org.

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY & MEN’S CLUB

All men are invited to keep up with what our society is doing by joining our HNS communication e-mail system. Email Mark DiLucca at mdilucca00@comcast.net. Our next HNS Meeting is **Monday, March 2nd, at 7:30 pm** in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. Please bring *(if you have not done so already)*, a bottle for our Team Trivia Raffle basket of cheer prize. Our theme continues to be the 3 S’s: **Spiritual, Social and Service. Prosit.**

TEAM TRIVIA 2015

The men of the Holy Name Society again proudly present the 18th consecutive year of our keynote event of the year: **Team Trivia Night on Saturday, March 14th.** This year we have eight new categories and a new spin on the Theme competition. Registration forms can be obtained on the parish website, the parish Facebook page, or by contacting mdilucca00@comcast.net.

Also, if you would like to be a Round Sponsor, getting full promotion of your business during the evening, please contact Dan McMonigle at 610-246-9745 or mcmonigle644@gmail.com. Dan is also spearheading the raffle prize solicitation for our event. If you have anything you would like to donate as a raffle item (restaurant certificates, services, special items, etc.), please contact Dan as this is also a very popular part of our evening for everyone.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

SAINT MONICA IS A EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PARISH



Forty-one individuals ‘watched with Him’ during first Friday and Saturday Nocturnal Adoration at Saint Monica’s! Welcome to our newcomers from *Walking with Purpose*. The March bands are posted in the Gathering Room. Please join us!

We are saddened to announce that the founder of the Saint Monica Nocturnal Adoration Society (1958), Russel Hurst, passed away at the grand age of 102. We pray for the repose of his soul and all the souls of the deceased members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

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. 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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR . . .

On January 25, we presented a 10-year “Master Plan” for St. Monica Parish. In the intervening weeks we have received numerous comments on the plan, as well as further inquiries.

FAQs were initially posted to address several issues. Nevertheless, we also want to offer one more opportunity for further comments, inquiries and concerns. To facilitate this, we have set up a **dedicated email address: masterplan@saintmonicachurch.org** - where people can post their thoughts.

Please note that, with this e-mail address, I would like to also propose the following guidelines:

- Keep the comments short. If a longer conversation is needed, consider calling me or setting up an appointment to speak to me personally.
- Legitimate concerns are certainly welcome but please keep the comment tone positive.
- No anonymous e-mails or letters will be considered.
- Keep comments factual in the “first person.” Please don’t refer to what “other parishioners say...” or “I heard that...”

I might not respond to e-mails individually and personally. As we did for the first group of FAQs, various members of the Facilities Committee responded to answer the FAQs based on the question and the level of experience/expertise required to best respond to the question. We shall use the same procedure here as well in the interest of getting the best information out to our parishioners.

Thank you for your interest and God bless.

Charles Flock Jr

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for FEBRUARY 22

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	3:30-5:30 pm 7:00-8:30 pm	LTP Girls Walking with Purpose	Parish Center Cafeteria
Friday	3:30-5:30 pm 9:00-10:30 am	LTP Boys Legion of Mary	Parish Center 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 22 - March 1

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Helen Conlan	Fr. Rodia	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 a.m.	+ Jeanette Alleva	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Mary Volpe	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 23rd	+ Pamela P. Winning	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 24th	+ Patricia Margaret Fitzgerald Rocks	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 25th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 26th	+ George Shaw	Fr. Antry		
Friday, 27th	+ Margaret Abbonizio	Fr. Jaehwa		
Saturday, 28th	+ Marie Lutz	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Collection for the Solidarity Fund for Africa</i>
7:30 a.m.	+ Richard Funchion, Sr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Mary Volpe	Fr. Novielli	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Robert and Isabel Kelly	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, 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: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

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