



# 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

### Parish Offices

*(Pastoral Administration; Religious Education; Business & Finance; Worship & Music; Facilities)*

Saint Monica Rectory  
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### Parish Website

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

### Twitter & Instagram

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FirstInitialLastName@  
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### Parish Leadership

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saintmonicachurch.org

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

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

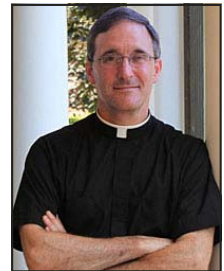


## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Week of March 15, 2015

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

In the Gospel of John we see Jesus as an adult and the first words out of His mouth are a question, "what are you looking for?" (*John 1:38*) Jesus offers an answer to this question at the end of the gospel on the morning of the resurrection to Mary Magdalene. Jesus asks Mary Magdalene the same question, "what are you looking for?" (*John 20:15*) Then he answers it, with deep affection, pronouncing her name "Mary."



Ultimately, this is what we are all looking for. We are looking for God to call our name, with affection.

Last week Saint Monica featured a "Prayer Panel" with three people offering three approaches or insights into prayer (Ignatian, Augustinian and Merton). Much was said about defining prayer, what effective prayer is and what the various types of prayer are. Saint John Damascene gave us one of the classic definitions of prayer, which is "the raising of our mind and heart to God." The problem with many of us is that we tend to raise our minds but not our hearts. Our prayer tends to be intellectual but not affective - a way of gaining insight, rather than being touched in the heart.

Ultimately prayer is about love, not insight.

But just like any loving relationship, this cannot be rushed. Atheists tend to rush things. They say "I've seen enough. I have not gotten an answer. I will no longer wait for God." Faith goes in a different direction. Faith is patient. Faith says "I *will* wait for God." Faith realizes that a loving relationship works with the natural flows of life itself. Things need time to unfold. They cannot be rushed, no matter how great our impatience or our discomfort.

This is why *ritual* is so important in prayer. Couples make it a habit to hold hands while walking or kiss each other before leaving the house. Over the long-term, this can seem somewhat mechanical, but it is through this ritual, this patient *(Continued on Page 4)*

## OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



Lord, we pray for our ushers and greeters, with their warm, friendly smiles, who are the welcoming face of Saint Monica. May their gracious, warm greetings be a reminder to us all of Jesus' welcoming love for each one of us as we enter His home. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

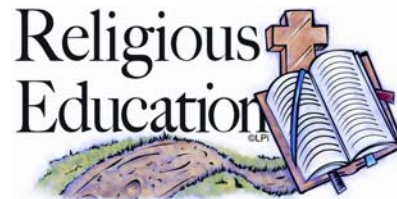
## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are scheduled on March 16th.

A link to the 2015 Summer Session registration forms has been emailed to all registered families. The Summer Session is scheduled on June 22-June 26; June 29-July 1. Students in Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 as of September, 2015 are eligible to attend the Summer Session.

The First Communion Retreat for all First Communion candidates is scheduled on Friday, March 20th at Malvern Retreat House. The parents of the candidates are asked to review the information

about the retreat, emailed to earlier this week to each family.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The first ever, joint Saint Monica / Saint Norbert Youth Group Game Night was a huge success! Thirty-six 7th and 8th graders played games, got to know each other and discussed the importance of prayer in the big game of life.



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, March 1, the High School Youth Group had a wonderful evening with residents at Trinity House. We enjoyed very competitive bingo and good company. Our youth were very gracious and engaging with the residents. They were wonderful ambassadors of our Saint Monica Community. Please consider joining us for any of our remaining events, listed below. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Broadhurst at [broadhurst95@verizon.net](mailto:broadhurst95@verizon.net).

**March 22, 7:00 — 8:30 pm - Saint Monica Gym**  
Youth Group Meeting

**April 12, 2015, 7:00 — 8:30pm - Youth Group Room**  
Youth Group Meeting

**Friday, May 1, 2015, 6:00 pm — 12:00am**  
Youth Group Room

Lock-In: More details to follow

## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

**GET YOUR TICKETS FOR NEXT SATURDAY!**

*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](http://www.lafiocco.org)  
or e-mail [info@lafiocco.org](mailto:info@lafiocco.org).**

*A New Year brings New Life and New Families*

**THE NEWLY BAPTIZED OF OUR PARISH**

*We congratulate and welcome:*

**JAMES MATTHEW SUCHECKI**

Son of Paul and Ashley (nee Siembieda)

**ALICE CORNELIA URBANSKI**

Daughter of Mark and Katherine (nee Senior)

**HALEY ROSE GOLDMAN**

Daughter of Justin and Megan (nee Gallagher)



**WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR  
NEWLY REGISTERED FAMILIES TO  
SAINT MONICA PARISH**

**Ms. Maura Rose Gallagher**

**Mr. Michael Vadner**

**Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Kristine Nolan**

**Mr. and Mrs. James and Jennifer Pettia**

**Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Marla Brown**

**Mr. Henry Page**

**Mr. Nikolas Lanzi**

**Mr. Thomas Simonton**

**Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Jackie Reilly**

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Pamela Scott**

**Mr. and Mrs. Susanne and Brian Greenberg**

**Mr. and Mrs. James and Rita Winward**

**Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Margo Tyahla**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY, 2015**

Feb. 2015	\$61,115	44% Electronic	Feb. YTD 2015	\$576,579	41% Electronic
Feb. 2014	\$64,901	36% Electronic	Feb. YTD 2014	\$571,963	39% Electronic
Feb. Budget	2014-15	\$68,000	Feb. YTD Budget	2014-15	\$562,448

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**

Sunday Collection	\$7,655
*Electronic	\$8,028
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,683</b>

*\* We have 165 families contributing electronically.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The Special Collection next weekend is for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America. 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](http://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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ritual, that the love begins to develop. It is a ritual that serves an important function. It speaks of fidelity and commitment beyond the ups and downs of fickle emotions.

Our society is addicted to experiences. Prayer cannot be an exciting, mystical high all of the time. This is where the importance of ritual plays a role. We allow the rites and rituals of our daily prayer, sometimes as boring as they are, to allow us to grow in the school of fidelity, showing up, irrespective of feelings and mood.

In the end it is then up to God to break through the restlessness and the boredom and begin to reveal Himself to us. And when He does, He reveals Himself to us not so much intellectually, but affectively - and lovingly calling us by name. (Insights taken from the book, *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing* by Father Ronald Rolheiser)

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:



#### PHILADELPHIA 2015

To prepare for the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis's visit, several folks from our parish are studying a catechesis on family life called **Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive**. Each month, our parish is reflecting on one chapter. Previous monthly reflections are online at [PhillyEvang.org/wmof](http://PhillyEvang.org/wmof). You can order the catechesis and learn more about this event, at [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org). If you are interested in jumping in to the group with Father Zlock, please contact the rectory. Otherwise, we encourage you to purchase the book for your own personal study or read the passage below and consider participating in the fabulous sessions at the World Meeting of Families this September.

One of the chapters that we believe is important to stress is **Chapter 4: Two Become One**

The first three chapters reviewed basic Christian faith. We see how confidence in Jesus opens the door to faith, enabling us to know God and what God has done in history. God creates male and female in his image, and makes a covenant with Israel and the Church. God is faithful to his promises, even when we sin. Because God

loved us in this way, we spend our lives trying to return our love to God and share it with our neighbor. In this month's chapter and in the chapters to come, we will study the implications of these doctrines for marriage and the family. When husband and wife promise to love each other as God loves us all, they make a commitment to love not only romantically, but also with mercy and forgiveness. Our culture sometimes teaches us to think of marriage as a negotiable contract between two individuals who happen to feel sexual chemistry. This view of love is a recipe for instability, since it is still premised on individualism and the waxing and waning of romantic feelings. The Church's alternative account of love enables us to transcend the culture of individualism and become who we were created to be. Founded on Christ, sustained in the sacraments, Catholic marriage builds humility and self-sacrifice into the dynamic between male and female. As this month's chapter explains in more detail, sacramental marriage creates intimate communion even in times of suffering and hardship. "Love is our mission," as our catechism's title declares, because Christ's love frees us from false, shrunken accounts of love and makes us fully alive.

**Did you know...**The World Meeting of Families is for everyone, whether you are married, single, celibate, or consecrated! Talk topics include marriage, parenting, grand-parenting, celibacy, dating, fostering vocations, family life and much more. Visit the website for the list of speakers and talk titles: [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org).



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Bishop Michael Fitzgerald conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish's forty-five 6th grade students on March 3rd. Congratulations and God's blessings to one and all!

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Lisa Toscani, **Max's Mom** and former Saint Monica School mother, is in need of our help! Lisa was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer in June of 2014. Due to Lisa's mounting medical bills, we are coming together to lend her a helping hand. Please join us for a fundraiser on behalf of Lisa on Friday, March 27 at **Chadwick's** in Audubon for a night filled with dancing and fun. For more information contact Jeannine Peters at 202-246-2003 or visit us at [www.youcaring.com/maxsmom](http://www.youcaring.com/maxsmom) to make a donation.



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY & MEN’S CLUB

All men are invited to keep up with what our society is doing by joining our HNS communication email system; just e-mail Mark DiLucca at [mdilucca00@comcast.net](mailto:mdilucca00@comcast.net). Our next **HNS meeting** is set for **Monday, April 6th at 7:30p.m.** in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. Our next **HNS Mass**, will be on **Sunday, April 12th at 9:30am.** All men are welcome to join. Our theme continues to be for the parish community the 3 S's: **Spiritual, Social and Service.** *Prosit.*

### NEW PARISH MINISTRY

Saint Monica’s is developing a Bereavement Ministry to offer comfort to those who have recently lost loved ones. Many times, the recently bereaved feel the need for someone from the parish to visit with them and offer support. Volunteers in the new ministry will endeavor to let people know that the parish cares for them, especially during the first year following a loss. In addition, volunteers will plan and assist at an annual anniversary Mass, and attend approximately two formal meetings per year. Training for volunteers will be provided by the Archdiocese.

If you are interested in becoming involved with Saint Monica’s Bereavement Ministry, please contact Pat Connolly at 610-909-5050 or [pat@connollysite.com](mailto:pat@connollysite.com), or Margaret Calabrese at 610-687-6678 or [mmcalabrese@comcast.net](mailto:mmcalabrese@comcast.net).

### FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

Several weeks ago, I unveiled a 10-year “Master Plan” for the Parish of Saint Monica. To further examine the priorities outlined in our Master Plan and address questions raised by parishioners, the parish recently retained the services of the Cunneen Company, a leading provider of Catholic consulting services.

Over the next two months the parish will have a series of opportunities for parishioners to participate in the study: some parishioners may be invited to speak with the Cunneen Company one on one. All parishioners will have the opportunity to complete a survey at Mass following Easter.

More details will be provided in the weeks ahead. This is an exciting time for the parish. I ask you to continue to pray and help me reflect on our capacity to support the pastoral mission of the parish as well as the priorities of the Master Plan.

**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.

### OLA / SAINT MONICA VBS 2015

“**SonTreasure Island**” will be held from Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 The cost is \$50.00 per child, \$90.00 for two and \$120.00 for three or more in the family. Each child will receive a VBS Tee-Shirt and a Family Music CD. CARES is also available from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM for an additional fee. **Calling all High School and Adult VBS Volunteers!** If you enjoy working with small groups of children on **Crafts, Music, Games, Snacks** or as a **Group Leader**, please contact Sister Kathleen at 610-688-6590 or [kfitzpatrick@olastrafford.org](mailto:kfitzpatrick@olastrafford.org).

Visit [www.assumptionacademy.weebly.com](http://www.assumptionacademy.weebly.com) for **Registration Forms.** Information on extended day child care (CARES) is also available on the website.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FUND

Saint Monica’s has a monthly second collection to collect funds for those of our Parish who are in need. This can be due to loss of a job, a medical condition or other circumstance leading to a financial hardship. If your family faces such a situation, you are encouraged to contact Father Zlock. All conversations will be **CONFIDENTIAL.**

We thank all parishioners for their monthly contributions to this worthy endeavor.

<b>WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for MARCH 15</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sunday	2:00-4:30 pm	Helping Hands	Gym
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 8:00-9:30 pm	Confession Music at Monica’s	Church Church

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## Father Zlock's Social Media Website

Frzlock.com

## Facebook

Fr. Charlie Zlock

## 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 March 15 - March 22

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Mary Volpe	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ George Borzillo	Fr. Rodia	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Brian Webb	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 16th	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 17th	+ Alexander and Bernice Melich	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 18th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 19th	+ Alberto Manotas, Jr.	Fr. Driesch		
Friday, 20th	+ Rose and Michele Fazzini	Fr. Jachwa		
Saturday, 21st	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Vincent DeSanto	Fr. Hennessy	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America</i>
7:30 a.m.	+ Madeline Bischoff	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Justin DiAntonio	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jack Barausky, Sonia Altirman, Bob Ball, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, Lynn Conrad, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Maria and Francisco DeRivas, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Larry Harris, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (*son of Liz*), 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

*Elizabeth Chiusano, Wife of Philip*

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

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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

PASTORAL COUNCIL	FINANCE COUNCIL
Sandra Concannon '15	Joseph Bondi
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## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Charles Zlock, M.Div., M.A., M.B.I.S., <i>Pastor</i>
Reverend Jaehwa J. Lee, <i>Priest-in-Residence</i>
Reverend Allan Fitzgerald, Ph.D., <i>Pastoral Assistance</i>
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Mr. James Pierson, <i>Facilities Management</i>