



# 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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### 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Week of March 22, 2015

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

Prayer was the topic upon which the Adult Faith Formation Committee discerned they should focus this year for the benefit of the parish. So over the past few weeks, I've been sharing ideas of thoughts on prayer, both my own as well as those from others.

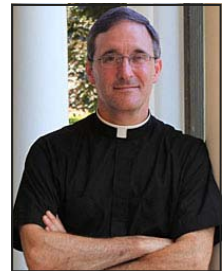
For thousands of years, the Church has looked to the writings of the saints and the "Church Fathers" to provide insights into the Bible and prayer for us. A listing of the documents of the early church Fathers of "Apostolic Fathers" can be found on the website.

One such original reflection on prayer comes from "[The Treatise On Prayer](#)" by the priest, [Tertullian](#) (c. 160 – c. 225 AD). He was a prolific early Christian author from Carthage in the Roman province of Africa and the first Christian author to produce an extensive corpus of Latin, Christian literature. Tertullian has been called "the father of Latin Christianity" as well as "the founder of Western theology." His thoughts on prayer follows:

We are true worshipers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to Him: it is the offering He has asked for, the offering He planned as His own.

We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart, we must fatten it on faith, tend it by truth, keep it unblemished through innocence and clean through chastity, and crown it with love. We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

Of old, prayer was able to rescue from fire and beasts and hunger, even before it received its perfection from Christ. How much greater then is the power of Christian prayer. No longer does prayer bring an angel of comfort to the heart of a fiery furnace, or close up the mouths of lions, or transport to the hungry food from the fields. No longer does it remove all sense of pain by the grace it wins for others. But it gives the armor of patience to those who suffer, who feel pain, who are distressed. (Continued on Page 4)



## OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

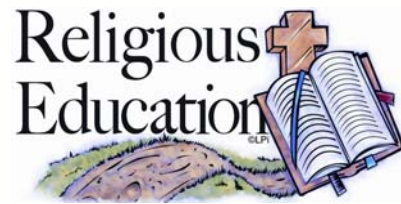


Lord, we pray for the members of our parish community who are actively participating in the Called and Gifted Two (II) program diligently discerning through prayer that the Holy Spirit continues to enlighten them as they follow Jesus' plan for them. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are scheduled on March 23rd.

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.



### *Our Youth Continue to Shine*



Wade Bennett received the rank of "Eagle Scout," a tremendous accomplishment! Wade is a member of Devon Boy Scout Troop 50. As part of the rank requirements, Wade built two benches and a stone devotional candle stand in the back of Saint Monica's Cemetery with the help of the Saint Monica's Youth Group. Wade would like to thank all the volunteers who helped him along the way, and he hopes his project will continue to benefit Saint Monica's community. We are proud of Wade and congratulate him.

On February 21, parishioner Wade Bennett received the rank of "Eagle Scout," a tremendous accomplishment! Wade is a member of Devon Boy Scout Troop 50. As part of the rank requirements, Wade built two benches and a stone devotional candle stand in the back of Saint Monica's Cemetery with the help of the Saint Monica's Youth Group.

On Friday, March 13, the High School Youth Group presented a Live Stations of the Cross for the Saint Monica community. It was a beautiful and inspirational devotion particularly from the perspective of young people, and was well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Sarah Woods, a Conestoga Sophomore, who helped to produce, write, and was the Director of the event. Well done, Sarah! Thanks also to Jeri McCue for her beautiful voice, Frank Orman for accompaniment, and to all of our gifted and talented High School youth who participated.



## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

***Don't forget!***

### **EASTER MUSIC AND FLOWER DONATIONS**

Coming very soon in March, included in your offering packet will be the envelope for your annual offering for our Easter Music and Flower expenses. This special collection helps the parish offer a beautifully decorated church environment for the celebration of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and also to continue our high-quality, sacred musical offerings during those liturgical celebrations. The budget for these expenses is \$7,000 and we are very grateful for

your consideration and support of this special collection.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ONLINE SIGN-UP**

All liturgical ministers should have received an e-mail listing the various opportunities for service throughout Holy Week and Easter. Please consider ministering and sign-up online as soon as possible. If you didn't get an e-mail, contact Frank Orman.

# Another Team Trivia Success

## TEAM TRIVIA 2015

The men of the Saint Monica Holy Name Society would like to thank the 352 players of Team Trivia Night. We very much appreciate your continued support, exuberance, energy and passion for this, our 18th consecutive event. Winners of the evening:

- 50/50 Raffle:** Mark Landis and Bernie Riley
- Theme Tables:**
  - 1st Place:** Sargent - *Walk Like An Egyptian*
  - 2nd Place:** Sanborn - *Music @ Monica's*
  - 3rd Place:** Murray - *Nova Nation*
  - Survivor:** *Lawton Table*
  - Lightning Round:** Pealer - *Titans of Trivia*
- Team Trivia:**
  - 1st Place:** Filippelli - *Our Team Is Awesome - Like Totally*
  - 2nd Place:** Pealer - *Titans of Trivia*
  - 3rd Place:** Dalesandro, *Just Say Know*
  - 4th Place:** Sargent - *Walk Like An Egyptian*
  - Honorable Mention:** Manion - *Team Devonshire*

### SPONSORS OF THE EVENING

- Atlantic Realty Services, Property Management - JoAnne McMonigle, President
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### RAFFLE DONATORS

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Special thanks to the Judges of the evening: Joanne McMonigle, Ann Tower, Dotty Crispino, Joe Sullivan, Maryann Theodos, Sue McCarty, John McCarty, Catherine Clark, Tim Johnson, and Pat Clark. We also want to acknowledge our thanks to Brian Walheim for obtaining extra tables for *Trivia Night* and for the *Helping Hands* event from Total Rental in Downingtown and Home Depot.

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 15, 2015**

Sunday Collection	\$12,582
*Electronic	\$2,645
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,227</b>

\* We have 165 families contributing electronically.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The Special Collection this 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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It strengthens the power of grace, so that faith may know what it is gaining from the Lord, and understand what it is suffering for the name of God.

Prayer is the one thing that can conquer God. Even the Lord himself prayed.

Its only art is to call back the souls of the dead from the very journey into death, to give strength to the weak, to heal the sick, to exorcise the possessed, to open prison cells, to free the innocent from their chains. Prayer cleanses from sin, drives away temptations, stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous, brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm.

*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 year's big 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.

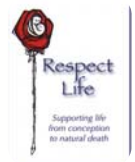
### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



Lisa Toscani, **Max's Mom** and former Saint Monica School mother, is in need of our help! Lisa was diagnosed with stage 4 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 **Chadwicks** in Audubon for a night filled with dancing and fun. For more information contact Jeannine Peters at 202-246-2003 or visit [www.youcaring.com/maxsmom](http://www.youcaring.com/maxsmom) to make a donation.

### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

This year we are seeking to provide information about life-giving resources that are available and very helpful, but some of us are unaware of them. A few weeks ago, we gave some general information on **Rachel's Vineyard** ([www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)). Here are more details — Rachel's Vineyard conducts weekends for healing after abortion. These weekends are offered throughout the year. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. Please call: 877 HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463)



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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 email system; just email Mark DiLucca at [mdilucca00@comcast.net](mailto:mdilucca00@comcast.net). Our next **HNS meeting** is set for **Monday, April 6th at 7:30 p.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.



### THE HUNGRY NEED YOU . . .

to help them by contributing canned goods or donations for the next food drive for the Food Cupboard of Saint Gabriel's Parish in South Philadelphia. **The drive will be held after all the masses next weekend and through 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31.** You may leave your contribution in the large boxes in the gathering space of the church. Checks payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the small tin on the table in the gathering space. Any questions, contact Mary Anne & Frank Duffy at 610-644-4739 or by e-mail at [mbd917@comcast.net](mailto:mbd917@comcast.net).

### 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.

### LOOKING FOR "SAINT JOSEPH"

During Sunday liturgy, after the proclamation of the Gospel, I would like to do something more dignified with the Book of the Gospels than simply putting it on the side table. In addition, the Adult Faith Formation Committee is considering crafting a more dignified Book of Prayer Intercession that would be placed in the back of the church then brought up with the Offertory Gifts.

We are envisioning a wooden stand (that would be placed in the Sanctuary) possibly with two parts - a primary one for the Book of the Gospels and a secondary one for the Book of Intercession.

I am looking for someone in the parish with refined wood-working skills who could work with us to design, craft and build such an object that would also match the wood color of the Sanctuary area. If interested, would you please contact Frank Orman at [610-644-0110](tel:610-644-0110). *Thank you.*

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for MARCH 22

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tues/Weds.			
Thursday	3:30-5:30 pm 7:00-8:30 pm	LTP Girls Walking with Purpose	Parish Center Cafeteria
Friday	9:00-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church
Sunday	3:00-4:00pm	Taize	Church

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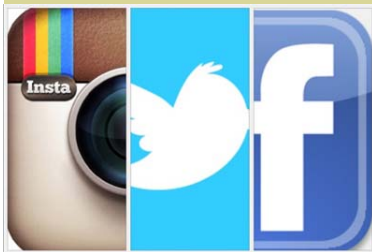
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## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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 22 - March 29

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
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	
Monday, 23rd	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 24th	+ Alberto Manotas, Sr.	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 25th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 26th	+ James Beirne	Fr. Antry		
Friday, 27th	+ Kevin J. Flynn	Fr. Jachwa		
Saturday, 28th	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ James Susack	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 a.m.	+ Jeanette Alleva	Fr. Zagarella	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Thomas and Mary Farrell	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	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 Izz, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (*son of Liz*), 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

Agatha Susack, Mother of Patti Ritter; Robert Reimer, Husband of Helen

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

Leader for this week: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

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