



# 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)*

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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.

11:00a.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.

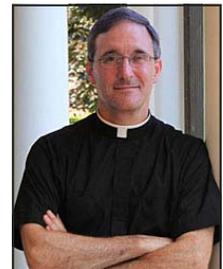


Seventh Sunday of Easter

Week of May 17, 2015

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Last week, I introduced you to Katie and Jules van Schaijik who are founders of the "Personalist Project," a non-profit organization based in West Chester, PA, dedicated to the spread of "Christian personalism." Personalism is philosophy that focuses attention on the truth about the nature and dignity of persons—a truth directly at stake in the deepest and most difficult problems afflicting our society today.



Katie and her husband recently posted an article in the *National Catholic Register* entitled, *10 Things That Are Strengthening the Family*. She was responding to an article by Father Dwight Longenecker's who listed the items that are challenges (one could say, threatening) the family. So what are some of the positive, modern "goods" for the contemporary family?

**1. The Valid and Positive Achievements of Feminism.** The establishment of the equal dignity of women in society, law, and culture. The end of a patriarchy that sees women as subordinate to men. Suffrage and the women's right to vote. Access to higher education. Full participation in public life.

**2. Natural Family Planning** and a much deeper and richer understanding of married love and sexuality. Before John Paul II, there was very little understanding of the unitive meaning of conjugal relations. It was normal for Catholic husbands to think of sex as their right and for wives to think of it as their duty. *Humanae Vitae* didn't just condemn artificial contraception, it endorsed family planning. John Paul II's writings afterward extolled the beauty and greatness of spousal love, and its central place in God's plan of redemption for the world, a vision that today is a source of help and strength and joy and gratitude to married couples.

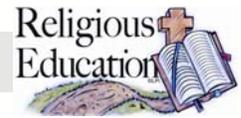
**3. Greater Respect for Children.** The growth and spread of Montessori education, the current abhorrence to corporal punishment used to be, even (Continued on Page 4)

## OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



Lord Jesus, we pray for our parish's new Director of Family and Youth Ministry, Jason Carter, who is with us this weekend. We ask that you help him and his family as they transition from Florida to this area. We pray also that the families of Saint Monica support Jason through the gift of their time and talent in the areas of family and youth ministry, fellowship, service and outreach. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The student Progress Reports were distributed to all Religious Education students during final session of the year, May 4th. Progress Reports for students absent on May 4 can be picked up in the rectory during regular hours. May God bless the catechists and aides who assisted in another successful year! We are most grateful for the attention and cooperation of the parents throughout the year, especially during the challenging winter months. We look forward to the 2015-2016 school year which begins on Monday, September 14th.

The registration forms for the 2015-2016 Religious

Education Program Monday evening sessions (*Grades 1-6*) and the Sunday morning sessions (*Grades 2 and 6*) are posted on the parish website. A link to the registration form has been forwarded to all currently registered families. Please register your children if you have not already done so. It is very important that an accurate number of students for the Religious Education Program is obtained as soon as possible in order to provide sufficient teaching staff, materials, classroom space, etc. Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

## WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES 2015



In less than five months, our Archdiocese will host the Eighth World Meeting of Families! Pope Francis will attend. He will visit Cuba prior to his visit to the USA. He will then visit Washington, D.C. (where he will address congress) and New York City (where he will address the UN General Assembly) before coming to Philadelphia. He is expected to make an appearance at the end of the Festival of Families to be held on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway on Saturday, 26 September, and then will celebrate Mass on the museum steps in the afternoon of Sunday, 27 September. Over one million people are expected to attend the Mass!

Registration for the Congress (*22 - 25 September*) is open. The keynote speakers will include Reverend Robert Barron, Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap, Archbishop of Boston, and Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, Philippines, and our own former parishioner, Professor Helen Alvaré. You can sign up for the Congress online in advance or pay as you attend on a daily basis.

A Youth Congress for children and youth, ages 6 - 17, will also be held at the same time as the Adult Congress. A wide variety of activities will encourage them to embrace the mission of love that brings families fully alive.

Volunteer registration opened on 27 April. It is anticipated that 10,000 volunteers will be needed for a wide variety of tasks. Please see the website for job responsibilities and security clearance requirements.

Volunteers are required to register (@Worldmeetingoffamilies2015). There is no fee to volunteer but a free-will offering is requested to offset the cost of the mandatory background checks. Hosting families are also very much in need. Please consider hosting someone; it will be an enriching experience for all!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. MaryKay and Rick Bergan at [berganfamily@comcast.net](mailto:berganfamily@comcast.net).

## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

### 2014-2015 Choral Season

*Thanks for a great year!*

The Saint Monica Parish Choir will conclude the 2014-2015 Choral Season on Sunday, 7 June, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join me in thanking the talented volunteer musicians of our parish for their dedication and many, many hours of service throughout the year. The cantors of the parish will continue to lead our sacred music throughout the summer months while the choir enjoys a much deserved break!



The Saint Monica Parish Choir, Lessons & Carols 2014

**FROM the DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...**

*Announcing EXCITING CHANGES for the 2015-2016 Religious Education Program and Church Programs!*

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Religious Education Program is expanding its class time options for the convenience of busy families! This coming Fall, we hope to offer a pilot program which offers classes for both Grade 2 and Grade 6 on Sunday mornings, if there is sufficient interest. (9:30-10:45a.m.)

**FORMATION/FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

In conjunction with the Sunday morning Religious Education classes, we plan to introduce a Formation/Fellowship Sunday once monthly. Different members of the parish staff, Fr. Zlock, newly appointed Youth Director Jason Carter, myself, and others will alternate through the calendar year to offer hospitality and a discussion about the weekend's readings and/or Gospel. All parish members, young and not-so-young are welcome. We are still in the planning stages, so stay tuned! We hope you will plan to join us!

**CURRICULUM FOR SUNDAY MORNING AND MONDAY EVENING SESSION**

Beginning this Fall, the catechists of Grades 1-5 will utilize a new curriculum, the *Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program* by Pflaum Publishing. This curriculum is a more interactive alternative to traditional textbooks. The *Gospel Weeklies* are based on the Sunday Gospels, assisting the children in their understanding while cultivating intentional disciples of Christ. We look forward to using this program which offers comprehensive sacrament preparation for the sacraments of First Penance/Reconciliation and First Communion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN (LOW)**

This children's program is hosted during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on most Sundays each month from October through early May. It is designed to bring the week's Scripture readings to life for children ages 5-9, help the children grow in our Catholic faith, and help to form a life-long relationship with Christ. In addition, the program aims to help the children develop into full and active members of the parish community. During the 9:30 a.m. Mass, the children leave the church building with LOW adult volunteers and move to the auditorium where they hear the Scripture readings and Gospel proclaimed at their intellectual level. Discussions and activities follow. The participants return to their family members when the Liturgy of the Word concludes.

**NEW! CHILDREN'S LEAFLETS FOR LOW PARTICIPANTS!**

Beginning this Fall, the LOW participants will receive a full-color leaflet on a weekly basis that retells the Scripture message in a way that's meaningful to them. Puzzles and pencil activities are included to add to the experience. A take-home Family Focus column offers great ideas for parents to build on the Gospel message all week. Look for LOW registration information in late Summer. *(Continued on Page 5)*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for APRIL, 2015**

April 2015	\$60,832	57% Electronic	April YTD 2015	\$720,366	42% Electronic
April 2014	\$70,184	44% Electronic	April YTD 2014	\$715,319	39% Electronic
April Budget	2014-15	\$68,000	April YTD Budget	2014-15	\$705,448

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday, May 12, 2015**

Sunday Collection	\$9,811
*Electronic	\$4,782
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,593</b>

*\* We have 165 families contributing electronically.*

**POOR BOX**

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 budget for Saint Monica Parish is 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... *(continued from page 1)*

in schools. The affirmation of a child's fundamental right and need to have his/her individuality affirmed, respected, and encouraged by the adults in his/her life.

**4. A Better Appreciation of/Care for Those With Handicaps and/or Mental Illness.** Birth defects, special needs, and mental illness used to be seen as shameful. Now there is a huge amount of social acceptance, care and practical support for those afflicted with these conditions and for their families.

**5. The Dying-away of Clericalism and the Emergence of the Lay Vocation.** The relation between the hierarchy and the laity used to be highly paternalistic. The role of the laity was to "pay, pray and obey." It's radically different now. The lay vocation is widely understood to be a path to holiness. There are countless lay theologians and philosophers teaching in Catholic universities and seminaries. The great initiatives that are renewing the Church in our day (pro-life, evangelization, catechesis, education, the arts) are for the most part lay initiatives

**6. Social Mobility.** The rootlessness that plagues our culture is bad, just as Father Dwight Longenecker says in his article, *Ten Things That Are Killing the Family*. However, it's not all bad. Some extended families needed breaking up. Families sometimes need to simply and physically move away from local cultures which are mired in chronic welfare dependence, organized crime, poverty and dysfunctional neighborhoods. The freedom young people have today to decide what to do with their lives and where to center them is basically positive.

**7. Twelve-Step Programs.** Is there a family left in the country that hasn't been helped, or saved even, through AA and its offshoots? It has justly been called the most successful renewal movement of all time, considering its numbers, global reach, efficacy and duration. And to be familiar with its essence and method is to recognize Pope Francis' (notably personalist) themes for the New Evangelization as it advances through "attraction, not promotion," sharing stories, not proselytizing, about fellow sinners helping each other, rather than moral instructors and judging.

**8. Social Networking.** It's ephemeral, disembodied, unreal, distracting, addictive and depressing, BUT, it's also great. It allows far-flung families and friends to keep in touch with each other's lives. It's a way for like-minded people to find each other, connect with each other, and encourage each other. It is a useful tool for the New Evangelization, compensating to a degree for the problem of geographic dispersion and isolation among the faithful, and making it possible to reach and nurture open hearts and minds the world over.

**9. Annulments.** One of the consequences of a deeper and fuller understanding of the nature of marriage is that, in too many apparent marriages, couples live together in misery, without love, and without the grace of the sacrament. The wider availability of annulments in our day gives them hope of human happiness again.

**10. The Home-schooling Movement.** More and more parents are taking responsibility for their own children's education. They have resources, support groups and, because of their sheer numbers, very powerful political clout. All of these good developments spring, I propose, from Karol Wojtyla's call to freedom and responsibility as a unique, incommunicable, self-determining moral agent, called to love and communion.

*Charles Flock Jr*

### FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

#### *Sponsored by the Youth & Family Volunteer Board*

Parents, grandparents and children of all ages will enjoy a great night of fellowship, fun, food and great prizes. The \$15/family entry fee includes all of your Bingo supplies, a professional Bingo caller, a beautiful salad bar and soda and water. Whole pizzas are available for \$10 each. We ask that each family bring a dessert to share.

**Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2015  
**Time:** 5:30-7:30 pm  
**Place:** Education Center Cafeteria

**Deadline to sign-up is Tuesday, May 26, 2015. No refunds.**

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE: TODAY!

**Today, Sunday, May 17,** the parish will be honoring all of our parishioners who will reach the age of 90 or more during this calendar year. They, along with their families, have been invited to attend the **11:00 AM Mass followed by a reception in the school cafeteria.** Members of the various parish organizations will be helping to make this event a memorable one for our nonagenarians.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUTREACH



**The Hungry Need You...** to help them by contributing canned goods or donations for the monthly Food Cupboard Drive for Saint Gabriel's parish in South Philadelphia. The drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26. All non-perishable items are welcome. Especially appreciated are canned tuna, chicken, chili, peanut butter, grape jelly, pasta and pasta sauce. You may leave your contribution in the large box 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 narthex. Sister Arleen McCann, I.H.M. of Saint Gabriel's sends many thanks to the Saint Monica parish community for our continued support and help.

### 2015 DAYLESFORD ABBEY GOLF OUTING HERSHEY'S MILL GOLF CLUB

Monday, June 22, 2015

For further information, please contact  
Jeanne Byrne in the Development Office at  
610-647-2530, ext. 118

### DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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#### THE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMS

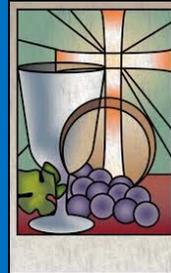
We are blessed to have Mr. Jason Carter, our new Director of Youth and Family Ministry join our parish family, beginning in July. Jason is relocating from sunny Florida and has great plans for the youth and families for our parish! You and your children in Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12 are strongly encouraged to participate in the Youth programs during the coming year.

#### ADVISORY BOARD

Special thanks to the Saint Monica Religious Education Advisory Board members who have worked so diligently to develop these exciting new changes for our RE Program: **Mrs. Bernie Annechini, Mrs. Beth Breault, Mrs. Chris Dunkerley, Mrs. Pamela Matzinger, Mrs. Shilpa Menezes, Mrs. Diane Pealer, Mr. Rocco Piccone**

*\*If you are interested in becoming involved with these parish programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610.647.4757 or mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org.*

### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ZLOCK . . .



To enhance the experience of the people of Saint Monica during the liturgy, I commissioned several parishioners to examine the way that we minister Eucharist both in Church during Mass as well as how we minister Eucharist to our parishioners (the sick and infirm) who cannot attend Mass on weekends. It is not unusual that one notices Communion "traditions" and "customs" in various parishes that are logistically clumsy or theologically questionable but are done under the guise of "pastoral sensitivity." Accordingly, over the next several months we will be implementing several changes that provide procedures in line with Church guidelines and teachings, improve "traffic flow" during Communion, encourage more parishioners at Saint Monica to answer their call to minister to others through the Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministry of Lector and, thus ultimately, to enhance the liturgical experience of Saint Monica.

No changes affecting the congregation will occur THIS week. THIS week, changes will only affect Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. NEXT WEEK, we will implement a new "traffic flow" pattern that ONLY affects people sitting in the left and right wings of the church (in front of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph statue). These changes will be explained and communicated via the bulletin, parish social media and by me - your Pastor. Please pray for the smooth implementation of these changes in the months ahead. Thank you and God bless.

*Fr. Zlock*

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for MAY 17

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	9:30-11:00am	Legion of Mary	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](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 May 17 - May 24

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Clarence Haldeman	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	11 a.m. Mass for our Parish Nonagenarians
7:30 a.m.	+ Edward Cooney	Fr. Rodia	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Vincent DiAntonio	Fr. Rodia	Cantor	
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
Monday, 18th	+ Joanne McGann	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 19th	+ Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR	Fr. Driesch		
Wednesday, 20th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 21st	+ Harry Parker	Fr. Serano		
Friday, 22nd	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Danielski		
Saturday, 23rd	+ Richard Dressler	Fr. Serano		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Jerry Mizenko	Fr. Avicolli	Cantor	Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund
7:30 a.m.	+ Thomas A. Frazier, Jr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Gabriel Ruzzini	Fr. Rodia	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Pam Winning	Fr. Rodia	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, Lou DiFerdinando, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzì, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Margaret Knight, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (son of Liz), Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, 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: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

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