



# THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA



*Called by Name; Gifted by God; Committed to Prayer; Driven to Serve... Abiding in Hope*

## 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  
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312  
Phone: 610.644.0110  
Facsimile: 610.695.0850

### Office of Religious Education (Rector)

610.647.4757

### Parish Website

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

### Twitter & Instagram

@StMonicaBerwyn

### Join Flocknote!

Text "Monica1897" to 84576

### Parish Staff E-mail

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.

11:30 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 Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord

January 3, 2016

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

So "Happy New Year." I wish many of God's blessings and grace upon you, your families and friends in the coming months of 2016.

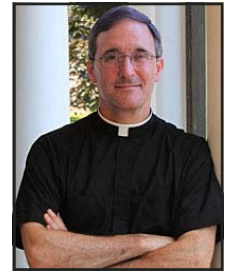
Naturally, "new year's resolutions" have a long-standing tradition in America (and I suspect in other cultures as well). Remember what you promised you were going to work on at this time last year?

Well, I decided to look waaaaay back to January of 2015 and see what I wrote about. The topic (silence and finding quiet time in the midst of a technically noisy society) is well worth revisiting.

In October of 2015, Greg Reitman wrote an article entitled, *"Why You Should Demolish Social Media on Sundays."* I don't know if Greg is Catholic but he visits the idea of using Sunday as an opportunity to have a *Sabbath* from technology. Greg writes, "My goal for Sunday was to completely shut myself off from digital devices, social media & the Internet."

Obviously this is a noble goal. It is also very difficult as outlined by Greg as he writes, *"It's 8am and I've completely failed. It didn't help that my wife Erica & I launched our day with a live periscope tour of our new home to 30 of our nearest and dearest strangers, I have responded to 10 emails, 4 tweets, checked my Instagram and updated my website. Oh, I forgot Facebook, Soundcloud, Tumblr, Steller & Slack. Sound familiar?"*

Rod Dreher is senior editor of *The American Conservative*. His columns are widely read and quoted by those on both the left and the right. It was he who apparently coined the phrase, "the Benedict Option." A description can be found in *WorldMagazine.com*. An FAQ article on the Benedict Option can also be found in the *American Conservative*. Integrating the teaching of Christ found in John Chapter 17 (Being "in" the world but not "of" the world), with the Rule and spiritual tradition of St. Benedict, Dreher says that the "Benedict Option" integrates four principles: Order, Prayer and Work, *(Continued on Page 4)*



## OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION

### for THIS WEEK

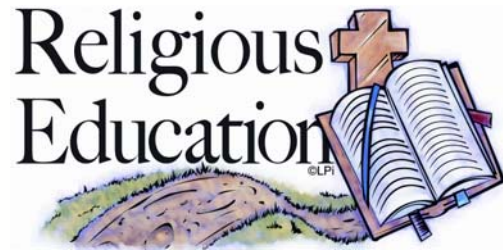
During this Year of Mercy, excerpts of the Diary of Saint Faustina's will be published weekly in our parish bulletin in the hope of bringing the parishioners of Saint Monica closer to our Lord through the knowledge and experience of His infinite mercy. *"Today, the Lord said to me, 'Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul.'"* — Saint Faustina Kowalska

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*The students, catechists, and administrators of the Religious Education Program pray that you are surrounded by God's love, peace, hope, and joy in 2016!*

Information regarding the cancellation of Religious Education classes due to inclement weather has been emailed to all registered families. This information can also be found on the parish website under "Religious Education".

The Religious Education Program classes will resume on Sunday, January 3 and Monday, January 4.



## FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



Saint Monica Life Teen and Edge Students went Christmas Caroling to the homebound members of our parish.

Merry Christmas!



## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

**TODAY! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*A Celebration of Christmas!*

*A Child's Christmas in Wales*  
WITH THE PRINCETON SINGERS

**SUNDAY, 3 JANUARY 2016 at 3 PM**

Narrated by author Paul Watkins, holiday carols accompany a reading of Dylan Thomas's classic story. This local favorite will be, as always, replete with snowballs, Christmas whiz-bangs, harrowing pranks and a heart-warming ending along with the incomparable spirit and sound of the Princeton Singers!

*This program is family-friendly!  
A free-will offering will be accepted.  
All are welcome!*

**SAINT MONICA PARISH INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE A NEW AND PERSONALIZED SPIRITUAL WORLD FOR YOURSELF!**

*Come As You Are — Come When You Can — Stay If You Like!*

**ALPHA**

If you are looking for:

- A safe place to ask ANY questions about the Catholic/Christian faith
- Help in starting a spiritual relationship or a feeling of belonging
- Guidance in understanding the Bible and the Church in greater depth...then **ALPHA** is for you! **ALPHA** is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Participants will gain assistance in starting a spiritual relationship or supporting an existing spiritual relationship. Weekly attendance is encouraged, but not required. Each session includes a light meal. We hope you will join us!

**Dates:** Sundays January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28; March 6 & 20; April 3

**Location:** Parish Education Center Cafeteria

**Time:** 12:45pm-3:15pm **Cost:** \$20 **Registration is required by January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**OREMUS PRAYER PROGRAM**

If you are looking for:

- Help in developing a deeper and more personal relationship with Christ
- Assistance in understanding the Bible and prayer
- Guidance in determining how God personally interacts in your life through prayer...then **OREMUS** is for you! Learn the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life, learn how to express yourself to God, hear His voice, and overcome common difficulties often encountered in prayer. Each session includes a powerful 30 minute DVD video, followed by small group discussion. Topics include: What is prayer? Before you Pray... Praying among Distractions and Dryness, among others topics. Weekly attendance is encouraged, but not required. Light refreshments will be served. Join us!

**Dates:** Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27; February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16

**Location:** Parish Center

**Time:** 7:00-8:00pm **Cost:** \$20 **Registration is required by January 4<sup>th</sup>** *(Cont'd on Pg. 5)*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for NOVEMBER 2015**

November 2015	\$75,566	42% Electronic	November YTD 2015	\$356,563	44% Electronic
November 2014	\$74,979	37% Electronic	November YTD 2014	\$359,621	41% Electronic
November Budget	2015-16	\$80,911	November YTD Budget	2015-16	\$370,658

**DUE TO THE EARLY PUBLICATION DEADLINE, THE COLLECTION TOTAL FOR LAST WEEKEND WAS NOT AVAILABLE.**

**POOR BOX**

The monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of December were for the benefit of the AIDS Ministry — Calcutta House. 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...

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Stability, and Community.

This can only be accomplished when we intentionally build silence into our day – every day! The Benedict Option might also have us occasionally-but-regularly take a “technology retreat” and shut off the E-Noise for longer periods of time. Marty Kaplan is the Norman Lear Professor of Entertainment, Media and Society at the University of Southern California’s Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism. He was once a guest of Bill Moyers on “Moyers and Company” and spoke about this very subject which I featured in a previous posting here (*I love it when the secular world thinks that they have “suddenly discovered” something the Catholic Church has known about for 2,000*).

So if you’re lost for a New Year’s Resolution, perhaps a bit of silence might be for you – at least on “The Day of Rest.” As Greg Reitman says,

*I want to commit to unplugging one day a week. It won't solve everything but it will give me something. Something I like to call perspective. Perspective that will tell me that it's all good and life isn't just about what's on my screen. So I'm taking it one day at a time. Next Sunday will be the day I start my digital detox.*

*Or maybe the Sunday after.*

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### TRIP REGISTRATION OPEN



*Donations also welcome.*

**It's time...** to register **now** for the Saint Monica Bus Trip to Washington, DC for the **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual March for Life** on Friday, January 22. **All participants** please register on-line so that we have your contact information for the trip and an accurate headcount. Can't attend the March yourself? If your means allow, please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of the trip for others, especially students and children who are invited to participate at no charge. In this way, you can be involved and demonstrate your support for this peaceful witness for life.

To **register**, **make a donation** or **get more information** about the trip go to the March for Life

registration webpage accessible from the parish website at [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org) or contact Maurita Buhmer at [jbuhmer1@verizon.net](mailto:jbuhmer1@verizon.net).



**MOM –**  
**Heart of the Home**

*For, By, and About Mothers*



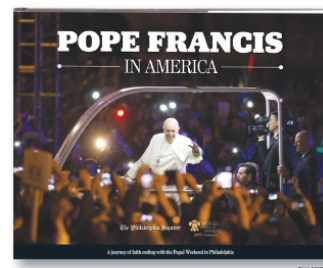
### Registration is OPEN for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal

February 13, 2016 • 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester.

Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Renee Eells and Kathi Clapham. See our registration form for all details at [www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html](http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html) or call Deb MacKenzie ([dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com](mailto:dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com)).

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The annual Holy Name Society Retreat at Saint Joseph-in-the-Hills in Malvern is on! Reserve this special weekend of February 5-7, 2016. Special thanks to all who attended last year and over the years.

Did you know in the past 10 years that Saint Monica's parish of men has sent over 30 different individuals to attend at least one retreat. To register on line, just go to the website address is [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com). If you need assistance or have questions, please e-mail Lee Megow at [megowl@verizon.net](mailto:megowl@verizon.net)

**L**ET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . . - Pope Francis

### CYO CORNER

Saint Monica CYO Basketball season is in full Swing. We have teams at many levels:  
4th Grade - 2 girls and 1 boys team in the "422" CYO League.

5th & 6th grade - 1 Boys JV "A" team, 1 Boys Varsity  
6 & 7th grade - 1 St. Norbert merged, 1 Varsity Girls  
7th & 8th grade - St. Katharine merged team.

9th & 10th grade - 1 Boys High School Boys JV  
11th & 12th grade - 2 teams for High School Boys Varsity

*We also have over 150 boys and girls playing in our 1st grade Clinics and our 12 Intramural teams.*

**Be sure to register your player next year.** (Register on [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com) starting October 1st.)

Come out to support our teams playing in the Saint Monica Gym:

Sunday, January 3

- 6:00 pm - HS JV vs. St. Aloysius
- 7:00 pm - HS Varsity Blue vs. St. Aloysius
- 8:00 pm - HS Varsity Gold vs. St. Margaret

Friday, January 8

- 6:45 pm - JV Boys "A" vs. St. Denis

Saturday, January 9 -

- 12:00 pm - 4th Grade Girls Gold vs. MDP
- 1:00 pm - 4th Grade Boys vs. St. Aloysius

Friday, January 15

- 6:45 pm - JV Boys "A" vs. St. Aloysius

Saturday, January 16

- 11:00 am - 4th Grade Girls Blue vs. Sacred Heart
- 12:00 pm - 4th Grade Girls Gold vs. BTC

Friday, January 22

- 6:45 pm - JV Boys "A" vs. St. Margaret

Saturday, January 23

- 11:00 am - 4th Grade Girls Blue vs. St. Mary

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD SPEAKER

**NEXT WEEKEND**

On January 9 and 10, Saint Monica Parish welcomes a witness from Rachel's Vineyard Ministry. She will speak of God's merciful love, especially for anyone struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain after an abortion. This witness will talk of her own healing through a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat and offer this opportunity to all in need of healing.

*Saint Monica Parish invites you to explore a new and personalized spiritual world for yourself!*

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### CALLED AND GIFTED II (C & G II)

If you are likely to say, "I feel close to Christ and depend on Him daily for guidance and support, but I need encouragement to take personal responsibility for your spiritual growth" ... then **Called and Gifted II** is for you! The session is expected to be 3 hours in length. A continental breakfast will be served.

**Date:** Saturday, March 19th

**Location:** Parish Center **Time:** 9:15-Noon

**Registration is required by January 4th**

**Cost:**

\$10 if you attended **C & G I** and completed *The Spiritual Gifts Inventory*;

\$35 if you did not attend **C & G II**;

Participants must complete *Gifts Inventory* in advance.

Registration for

**ALPHA, OREMUS & CALLED AND GIFTED II**

programs will soon be available on our parish website

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

Questions? Please contact Aagee Lane

610-908-7007 or [aageeclane@gmail.com](mailto:aageeclane@gmail.com)

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 3

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:30 pm	RCIA	Youth Room
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church
Sunday	12:45-3:15 pm	ALPHA	Cafeteria

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## SOCIAL MEDIA



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The Church of Saint Monica, Berwyn



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@StMonicaBerwyn



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## FATHER ZLOCK



**Website**  
Frzlock.com



**Facebook**  
Fr. Charlie Zlock



**Twitter**  
@FrZlock

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifeteen: High School Youth Group



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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 January 3 — January 10

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Claye Carroll	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Francis Gallagher	Norbertine	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Larry Harris	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 4th	+ Marie MacFaun	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 5th	+ Larry Harris			
Wednesday, 6th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 7th	+ Alicia Wiltshire	Fr. Serano		
Friday, 8th	+ Armando Nazario	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 9th	Intentions of the Ortega Family	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Corey William Besack	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	Christine Rocks	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Adele Limmerick	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Billy Small	Norbertine	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Margaret Annechini, Jack Barausky, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, William Dahlman, Jim DiAntonio, John DiFerdinando, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, 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: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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