



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)

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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.

11:30a.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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

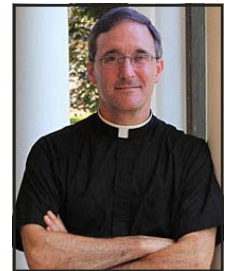
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

— Matthew 9:11-13

On April 11, 2015, Pope Francis declared a "Jubilee Year Dedicated to the Virtue of Mercy" symbolically beginning with the opening of the "Holy Door" at St. Peter Basilica in Rome on December 8, 2015 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception). Last week I referenced the catholic blog site, *Aleteia*, who listed "56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy." They suggested randomly selecting one each week and putting it into practice. Some I thought were interesting, some not too difficult. Some I would personally find very challenging. I listed the first 25 last week. Here are the next 36:

26) Have alternative drinks, other than water, for times when those who have been struggling with alcohol come to visit; 27) Take advantage of sales to buy small toothpastes, soaps, shampoos, socks and feminine products/toiletries; donate them to Parish Outreach, or make gift bags and have them ready to hand out where needed; 28) Read John Paul II's "*Dives in Misericordia*" bit-by-bit through the year; 29) Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for (and extend) forgiveness with those you live with. "...do not let the sun set on your anger" (Eph 4:26); 30) Make a list of your "enemies." Then, every day, say a prayer for them; 31) Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with someone who is not in your everyday circle; 32) Give away something of yours (that you really like) to someone you know who would enjoy it; 33) Pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet as you are traveling to or from work; 34) When mercy for others is difficult, pray Cardinal Merry del Val's Litany of Humility; 35) Make a gratitude journal for your spouse and jot down little things he or she does that you're grateful for. Bite your tongue and go write in it (or at least read it) the next time you want to criticize in a moment of frustration; (Cont'd on Pg. 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.

"Suffering is the greatest treasure on earth; it purifies the soul. In suffering, we learn who our true friend is."



HELPING HANDS *at* SAINT MONICA PARISH!

Registration Opens on January 30th!

SAVE THE DATE

LEND A HAND
this Lent by
PACKING MEALS
FOR THOSE IN NEED



Join your family & neighbors at a
HELPING HANDS EVENT
 a
FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St. Monica Parish in Berwyn invites you to take action to feed our brethren overseas and help reduce global poverty. Join us on Sunday, March 13th at 2pm for a Helping Hands meal-packaging event presented by Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now.

Our goal is to pack 40,000 meal bags to help feed vulnerable children, women, and men in the West African country of Burkina Faso.

We provide the food and packing materials. Just bring yourself and your servant's heart after you **RSVP at cyacc.org/hands**.

WHEN

Sunday, **March 13th** 2-4:30pm

WHERE

St. Monica Parish Center
 601 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312

HOW

Please **RSVP at cyacc.org/hands**



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS *for* DECEMBER 2015

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| December 2015 | \$76,798 | 44% Electronic | December YTD 2015 | \$433,360 | 44% Electronic |
| December 2014 | \$83,202 | 37% Electronic | December YTD 2014 | \$422,824 | 40% Electronic |
| December Budget | 2015-16 | \$82,758 | December YTD Budget | 2015-16 | \$453,416 |

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 10, 2016

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$8,997 |
| Electronic | \$12,239 |
| Total | \$21,236 |
| Christmas | \$63,452 |

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for the Catholic Relief Services. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Saint Monica Parish is 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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36) Learn to make an Ignatian "Examen" every night. Remembering God's mercy each night helps us to be merciful; 37) Respond to provocation with the respect you wish a person would show you; 38) Learn the Jesus Prayer and use it; 39) Take a few minutes during the week to stop at a church and sit before the Tabernacle, simply to be with Christ, the Merciful. If you cannot do that, meditate upon the crucifix; 40) Pray a novena for the good of someone you dislike; 41) Dig out your most attractive stationery and hand-write an actual letter to someone, as a means of demonstrating their importance to you; 42) Offer to read to someone who is feeling ill or is just feeling blue; 43) Ask the Holy Spirit to groan for you when you cannot bring yourself to pray for someone who has done you an injury; 44) Lead with a kind comment with friends as well as strangers; 45) When conversations devolve into "the dark joy" of gossip, help change the subject; 46) Can you play the piano, or any instrument? Can you recite poetry? Give free "concerts" to the forgotten people in nursing homes and assisted living centers; 47) Visit the graves of your ancestors, or visit a local cemetery and walk around praying a rosary for all the souls buried there; 48) Go on Retreat. It's a way to be merciful to yourself and also to the people around you, who know you need to go on retreat. If you cannot do that, at least try to make a day, or evening, of recollection; 49) Admit your jealousy, both to yourself and your confessor; 50) Offer to pray with someone, even someone you encounter on the street or public transport who looks like they could use it; 51) Keep holy cards, short prayers, or blessed medals handy and give them out to people you meet as you are inspired as a blessing to others; 52) Offer hospitality in your home to someone or a group of people you would normally never invite over; 53) With a few other people at your church, plan a party and invite all those from "the highways and byways" to come; 54) If someone you know seems to lack faith, share some of yours — tell him or her how Christ has changed your life; 55) Pay the parking or toll fee for the person behind you; 56) Give the much-maligned Pope Benedict XVI a fair reading sometime. You'll be surprised; 57) Pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. Pray for your dead.

Charles Zlock Jr

SIGN-UP FOR MARCH FOR LIFE: *This Weekend!*

 Stop by the registration table after all the Masses **THIS** weekend for final sign-ups for the bus trip to Washington, DC on Friday, January 22nd.

Interested and not at Saint Monica's this weekend? To **register, make a donation** or **get more information** about the trip go to the parish website at www.saintmonicachurh.org and click on the **March for Life** image, or contact Maurita Buhsmer at jbuhsmer1@verizon.net.

OUTREACH



The Hungry thank you for your **generous** and **overwhelming** support of Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard in 2015 by the contribution of 457 bags of food and \$8,410 in donations. This does not include the wonderful donations during the Thanksgiving food drive. Sisters Arleen McCann and Rita Martin (IHM), of Saint Gabriel's send grateful thanks to our parish community for our very helpful and continuing support.

Food for the Cupboard is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month to Saint Gabriel's parish in South Philadelphia. This month's drive will be held after all Masses next weekend and through 8:00am on Tuesday, January 26. Checks payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Room.

YEAR OF MERCY:

High School Mission Trip Support Opportunity

A Saint Monica high school student is preparing for a 10-day service trip from June 4 - June 13 to Chulucanas, Peru. Chulucanas is a Spanish-speaking area of around 89,700 people located on the northeast side of Peru and is 87% Catholic. The Poverty rate is extreme: 63.3%. The area has suffered numerous natural disasters including the 2013 Narino Earthquake and four other earthquakes in the past year. Political and Economic instability is significant.

This student is a true model of someone "going to the fringes" to assist others. Saint Monica is looking to co-support this student with assistance from his own parish community. We will match any parishioner financial support up to \$250. If interested, please contact Father Zlock who will provide a "program portfolio" from the student.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT 2016 - *Save the Date!* Mark your calendars for our 19th edition of **Team Trivia Night - Saturday, March 12th**. *More details to come . . .*

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'd Like!

ALPHA

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

OREMUS PRAYER PROGRAM

Dates: Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27; February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16
Location: Parish Center
Time: 7:00-8:00 pm **Cost:** \$20

CALLED & GIFTED II

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
Location: Parish Center **Time:** 9:15-Noon
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.

It's Not Too Late to Register!

Registration for **ALPHA, OREMUS & CALLED AND GIFTED II** programs are available on our parish website at WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG

Questions? Please contact Aagee Lane 610-908-7007 or aageeclane@gmail.com

Celebrate Valentine's day by



February 13-14, 2016

Whether you are newlyweds or married many years this retreat is a Valentine's gift you will never forget! It is guaranteed to get you back in touch with what you fell in love with in the first place and to unleash more joy and delight in your marriage. Husbands and wives will both love the fun, practical, proactive approach, and couples of all faiths or no faith will feel welcome.

Saint Monica's will host this two-day **Living in Love Retreat Workshop** **Saturday, February 13 from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday, February 14 7:30 am Mass to 3:00 pm**

Includes a lovely romantic dinner Saturday night, and continental breakfast each day. Cost \$125 per couple.

For more information, contact Dave and Kathy Phelan at 610-902-0654. To register, go to www.livinginlove.org or call 610-640-4105.

and / or Enjoy a

Valentine Evening of Reflection

Presented by Father Zlock at the Malvern Retreat House, **Sunday evening February 14, 2016**. Give your spouse the perfect gift right on Valentine's Day! This special evening for couples includes: prayer, cocktail hour, romantic dinner, opportunity for confession, spiritual reflection, adoration and renewal of Vows. Cost \$100.00 to register call 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com/retreats/days-and-evenings-of-reflection.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 17

| DAY | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday | 12:45-3:15 pm | ALPHA | Hagenbach Room |
| Monday | 9:00am-4:30pm | Adoration | Church |
| Tuesday | 6:00-7:30 pm | RCIA | Faith Formation |
| Wednesday | 6:00-8:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm | Youth Bible Study OREMUS | Youth Room Parish Center |
| Thursday | 7:00-8:30 pm | Walking With Purpose | Parish Center |
| Friday | 9:15-10:30 am | 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 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 17 — January 24

| MASS TIME | INTENTION | PRESIDER | MUSIC MINISTRY | NOTES |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 5:00 pm Vigil | + Elizabeth Reger Sutter | Fr. Novielli | Cantor | |
| 7:30 am | + Jerry Mizerko | Fr. Zlock | Quiet | |
| 9:30 am | People of the Parish | Fr. Zlock | Parish Choir | |
| 11:30 am | + Robert DiMidio | Fr. Avicolli | Cantor | |
| Monday, 18th | + Francis William Ward, Jr. | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Tuesday, 19th | + Florence Garzarella | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Wednesday, 20th | Communion Service | | | |
| Thursday, 21st | + Air Comdr. H.S. Bedi | Fr. DeAntoniis | | |
| Friday, 22nd | + Francis William Ward, Jr. | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Saturday, 23rd | + Antoinette Piombino | Fr. Zlock | | |
| 5:00 pm Vigil | + Joe Babbas | Fr. Fitzgerald | Cantor | <i>Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services</i> |
| 7:30 am | + Geraldine Burke | Fr. Zlock | Quiet | |
| 9:30 am | + Wilbur Wilson Oaks | Fr. Fitzgerald | Parish Choir | |
| 11:30 am | People of the Parish | Fr. Zlock | 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, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, 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: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

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