



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.

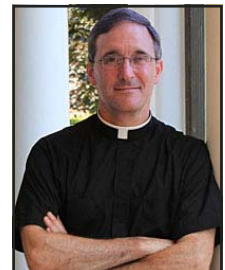


The First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Over the past two weeks, we have looked at prayers associated with various intentions and categories. We looked at "Prayers Offered for Anxious Moments" as well as "Prayers Related to Families." This week we look at "Prayers Related to Vocations."



Prayers Related to Vocations

Prayer For A Married Couple

O God, we want to live our life together with you and always to continue it with you. Help us never to hurt and never to grieve each other. Help us to share all our works, all our hopes, all our dreams, all our successes, all our failures, all our joys and all our sorrows. Help us to have no secrets from each other so that we may be truly one. Keep us always true to each other, and grant that all the years ahead may draw us ever closer to each other.

Grant that nothing may ever come between us and nothing may ever make us ever drift apart. And as we live with each other, help us to live with you, so that our love may grow perfect in your love, for you are the God whose name is love. This we ask for your love's sake. Amen.

Prayer For A Marriage In Difficulty

Dear Saint Jude, during your life you encouraged the first Christians to be loyal and true to their faith, even amidst the harshest and most difficult circumstances. Like these early followers of Christ, my spouse and I now find ourselves in need of renewed faith. Painful experiences, stressful events and the pressures of married life have weakened our relationship.

Intercede for us, Saint Jude, and show us how to heal our marriage. Open our hearts, minds and spirits to be willing to rededicate ourselves to a renewed relationship, guided by the love and commitment we once knew. Help us to put *(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.

"Jesus, You have allowed me to know and understand in what a soul's greatness consists: not in great deeds but in great love. . . Although our actions are small and ordinary in themselves, because of love they become great and powerful before God." - Saint Faustina (Diary, 889)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Progress Reports have been distributed to most students. All other students will receive their Progress Report at the next Religious Education session. Parents are asked to review the Progress Report, sign and return the **envelope ONLY** to the child's teacher.

The Religious Education Program is NOT in session on Sunday, February 14 and Monday, February 15. The classes will resume on Sunday, February 21 and Monday, February 22.

The **Saint Monica Religious Education Program Summer Session registration forms** can be found on the parish website: www.saintmonicachurch.org. (*Click*

on the Summer Session banner.) The Summer Session registration is open to students registered in Saint Monica Parish, entering Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 in the Fall of 2016. The completed registration forms and payment should be received by February 22nd.

Registration for the 2016-2017 Sunday classes (Grade 2 & 6 only) and Monday classes (Grades 1-6) will take place in early March.

SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT



The Confirmation candidates are reminded to regularly review the Confirmation Study Guide, which can be found on the parish website.

FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

Pianist Meral Güneyman made her orchestral debut in the United States under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas as first prize winner of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's Young Artist's Competition. She was promptly reengaged by Tilson Thomas to play the Schumann Concerto with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Her Carnegie Hall debut was as winner of the East & West Artists' International Competition also performing with Leon Fleischer and the Baltimore Symphony. Her accolades further include winner of the Juilliard School's Chopin Concerto Competition and Naumburg Competition finalist, which, once again, brought her to Carnegie Hall.

Ms. Güneyman, a Turkish-born American citizen, holds the title of "State Artist," representing the Ministry of Culture of the Turkish Republic, worldwide.

MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

Internationally-Acclaimed Concert Pianist & Steinway Artist

MERAL GUNEYMAN

Tales and Dreams — a belated Valentine's Concert

Sunday, 28 February at 3 pm

Sponsored by Jacobs Music Company

The program will feature works by Beethoven, Liszt, Saint-Saëns, Rachmaninoff and also some virtuosic transcriptions of popular favorites!

HELPING HANDS *at* SAINT MONICA PARISH!

Registration is open and spots are filling!

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, February 7, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$10,724
Electronic	\$5,484
Total	\$16,208

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for the Aging and Infirm Priest of the Archdiocese. 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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aside any bitterness, angry arguments, negative thoughts and misunderstandings. Lead us to be sensitive to the burdens and problems that weigh heavy on our shoulders, accepting of each other's limitations and forgiving of one another's faults. Willing to embrace the compassionate love of Our Divine Savior, may our marriage advance in faith, hope and love. Amen.

Prayer for Priests *(Author: Richard Cardinal Cushing, former Archbishop of Boston)*

O Almighty Eternal God our Father, look upon the face of Your Son, and for love of Him - the Eternal High Priest — have pity on your priests. Remember O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

Above all, I commend to You: the priests dearest to me; the priests who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests who I assist; the priests who taught and instructed me about You and Your Holy Scriptures; the priests who helped and encouraged me to accept You as my Lord and Savior; and all of the priests whom You sent to touch my life and those of my loved ones,
Amen.

Charles Zlock Jr

Disco Family Bingo is Back!

Friday, March 4th: 5:30 to 7:00 pm

What happens when you combine bingo, a professional DJ, prizes and fun? You get **Disco Family Bingo** at Saint Monica! This super fun event is for everyone. There will be prizes for the young and cash for the young at heart! Pre-registration is required so we can order enough pizzas and bingo supplies for everyone. To sign-up, visit the Parish Website and click on the image for Disco Family Bingo. **Bonus** - You can make it a socially and spiritually fulfilling night for the family by attending the Stations of the Cross afterwards at 7:00 in the Church.

DIAPER AND FORMULA DRIVE

Heeding Pope Francis' call to mercy, Saint Monica's begins their partnership with the Legacy of Life Foundation with a **Diaper and Formula Drive**. Join us in showing mercy to families experiencing an unplanned pregnancy by donating these most needed items:



**Diapers (all sizes), Baby Wipes,
Baby Shampoo,
Wash and Lotion,
Diaper Rash Cream;
Similac Advanced, Similac Soy and
Similac Alumentum Formula**

A collection basket will be set up in the Gathering Room for your donations from February 13 – 28th. See the Parish website or stop by the Gathering Room to learn about other ways you can support these families.

CPR/AED TRAINING CLASS



CPR and AED Training are being offered again this year at Saint Monica's. If you attended last year's class, you are not required to take it this year, but you are invited to attend for FREE as a refresher.

The training will teach you CPR and give you the knowledge to operate an AED if called upon to do so. *(CPR and AED training are required to be taken together.)* All over 12 years of age are invited! No previous experience or medical background is required. Medical professionals are also invited to attend.

Classes will be held in the cafeteria on two different days - you only need to attend one class. The dates are **Sunday, February 21st from 1:00 - 3:30 PM** and **Tuesday, February 23rd from 7:00 - 9:30 PM**. The cost for the training is \$50, payable by cash or check to EMS Educational Services, Inc at that time. There is no written test; only practical demonstration of the skills will be required to obtain the certification. To attend the class, please register by going to one of the following links:

For Sunday, February 21st: <http://tinyurl.com/gr4zbbu>

For Tuesday, February 23rd: <http://tinyurl.com/j82hdvr>

Questions? Call Charlotte or Brian Schug at 610-251-9648 or e-mail at bschug@gmail.com.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth. The devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Join us each Friday in Lent at 7 pm.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

To all members of our parish community: Registration forms for our 19th Edition of Team Trivia Night are in **THIS** weekend's bulletin. Don't get left out of this, the Holy Name's key note event of the year. Game night is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th. For more info, contact Mark DiLucca at mdilucca00@comcast.net.

NEW! ALL ABILITIES BINGO

Friday, March 4 7:30-9:00pm

This event is open to those with autism, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities or special needs of any type and their families. Come enjoy a fun evening where you can feel accepted, connected and loved! To attend, please e-mail Trish O'Brien at tobrien77@comcast.net.

FAST, ABSTINENCE, AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2016

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

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 Philadelphia. The food is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month. The drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:00 am on Tuesday, February 23. All non-perishable items are welcome. Checks payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box.

THE STATIONS of the CROSS

Each Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm

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: WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG

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

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for February 14

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	Hagenbach Room
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 7:00 pm	Legion of Mary Stations of the Cross	Rectory Church
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 February 14 — February 21

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Agatha Susack	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Robert Reimer	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Avicolti	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Bill DiSanto	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 15th	+ Mary Rutecki	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 16th	+ Marie Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 17th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 18th	Mary Bean	Fr. DiAntonius		
Friday, 19th	+ J. Kevin Mueller	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 20th	+ Thomas McAleer	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Frank Ward	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Care of the Aging and Infirm Priests</i>
7:30 am	+ Renato DiStefano, Jr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Vincent DiSanto	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zagarella	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, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Marie C. Fitzgerald, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Josephine Pogorzelski, Julia Quici, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, 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: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

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