



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA



Loved into Forgiveness

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.

11:30 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

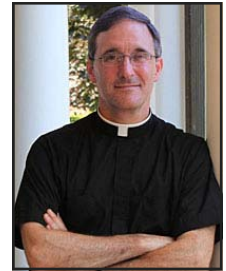
Recently Bishop James D. Conley (Bishop of Lincoln, NE) spoke to the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at Saint Charles Seminary during a "Day of Sanctification for Priests." The bishop referenced the "Jubilee Year of Mercy" recently promulgated by Pope Francis and tied in the writings of St. John Cardinal Newman.

When considering Pope Francis' document *Misericordia Vultus* (his proclamation of the "Jubilee Year of Mercy") The Holy Father mentions that mercy is waiting in the world to be bestowed and that The Church is the mediator of God's Mercy in the world.

People used to go to church to receive something. They wanted to get their "spiritual goodies." Francis has indicated that there now seems to be a need to change the focus. Certainly we "go to church" to receive - not so much "something" - as "someone." But is it not to receive Christ for ourselves. It's not even to receive Christ to give to others either. It's more along the lines of Mark 6:37: "Give them bread to eat yourselves!" We need to offer mercy to others so that, through their own encounter with Christ, they can fend for themselves with their own personal relationship with the Lord.

The challenge that faces us is similar to the challenge that faced St. John Newman in the late 1800s in England. Newman wrote in 1879 that, "These people have no sense of the church and have had no exposure to the Gospel." There are three foundations of Newman's thought on mercy.

The **first challenge** deals with the human heart. Newman's motto was "*Cor Ad Cor Loqitor*" ("Heart Speaks to Heart") which Newman actually got from the teachings of St. Francis de Sales during the "Counter Reformation" in Geneva, Switzerland. Logic and catechesis can inform and instruct, but it cannot *cause* faith. For that you need to touch someone's heart ("*Cor ad cor loqitor*"). Man cannot attain happiness through what humanity alone provides. Consider the example of Saint Augustine who wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you O Lord." The void in our hearts are eternal and only *(Cont'd on Page 4)*



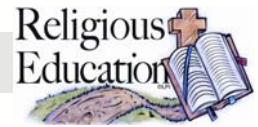
OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

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.

**"There is no soul which is not bound to pray,
for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer."**

- Saint Faustina, (Diary, 146)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program classes are in Session on Sunday and Monday, March 13-14. RE classes are NOT in session on Sunday and Monday, March 20-21 and March 27-28. Parents, please sign and return your child's Progress Report envelope if you haven't already done so.

Walk-In registration for the Sunday morning and Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) for the 2016-2017 school year is available this coming Monday, March 14th in the Saint Monica Gym foyer. Parents can drop off already completed forms/payment or stop by to complete the forms and make payment between 6:00

and 7:15pm. An additional Walk-In registration date is scheduled on Monday, April 4th.

The RE Summer Session for students in Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 is scheduled to begin on June 20-June 24; and continues from June 27 through June 29. The registration period for the RE Summer Session has been extended.

The link to the registration forms can be found on the parish website at www.saintmonicachurch.org. For more information, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757. Parents are asked to register their children as soon as possible.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

EASTER MUSIC AND FLOWER DONATIONS

Included in your offering packet mailed to your homes 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, please contact Frank Orman at orman@saintmonicachurch.org.

LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . .

- Pope Francis



SAINT MONICA PARISH PARTNERS WITH THE LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION ON YEAR OF MERCY INITIATIVES



Many thanks to all who made our first initiative with the Legacy of Life Foundation, the **Diaper and Formula Drive**, so successful! Special thanks to women from **Walking With Purpose** who targeted this as one of their Lenten outreaches.

Showing mercy, hospitality, kindness and hope to families with no support who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy is what **Legacy of Life Foundation** is all about. Legacy of Life raises funds and supports two life-sustaining women’s centers in Bristol and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where they provide initial services -- including ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and 24/7 hot line counseling -- for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. They are unique in their approach, offering advocacy and counseling to free the woman from fear and isolation so that she can choose life. Beyond initial services they continue family support for over 2 years after the birth of the baby by assisting with basic needs and “life coaching” with the ultimate goal of a self-sustaining family.

Here, at Saint Monica’s, we are continuing our outreach to these families with these initiatives this Spring: The **Merry Widows** have graciously agreed to support the **Respect Life Ministry** with the next event, a **Celebration Luncheon** for moms progressing in Legacy of Life’s Self-Transformation and Renewal (STAR) Program. Food prepared locally by our fabulous parishioners will be taken to the Bristol facility on Friday, March 18th where it will be served to moms, as a way of encouraging them on their journey. A small gift will also be presented to each mom to help her on the road to self-sufficiency. Contact Rosemary Friedrich at rfriedrich@verizon.net if you would like to help with remaining details.

In mid-March, the **Holy Name Society** will begin planning a **Renovation Project** at a recently acquired Legacy of Life property in Bristol, PA. Contact Joe Lydon at lydonjoe@comcast.net if you would like to get involved.

For those of you who want to help but need more flexibility, watch for our Legacy of Life Foundation **Adopt-A-Family Weekend** here at Saint Monica Parish ministry groups or individual families can “adopt” by reviewing a binder of stories of families and selecting one to support, both spiritually and financially. Here are the levels of sponsorship and corresponding information you would receive:

\$100 sponsors will receive a gift bag with a framed photo, their adopted family’s story and a prayer card; \$250 sponsors will receive the gift bag plus a family update after 3 months; \$500 sponsors will receive the gift bag plus a family update twice per year; \$1000 sponsors will receive the gift bag plus a family update 3 times per year.

Want to do something right now? A generous supporter will match on-line gifts made at www.legacyoflifefoundation.org through April 16, 2016 for twice the benefit! Many thanks for joining in these Saint Monica Year of Mercy Initiatives!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY 2016

February 2016	\$65,808	44% Electronic	February YTD 2016	\$574,316	44% Electronic
February 2015	\$61,110	44% Electronic	February YTD 2015	\$576,573	41% Electronic
February Budget 2015-16		\$67,451	February YTD Budget 2015-16		\$601,495

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$10,054
Electronic	\$12,371
Total	\$22,425

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOXES

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of February was for the benefit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. 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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Christ is big enough to fill the void in our hearts. Along difficult pathways; only Christ orders the disorder and heals the brokenness. Here is where sacraments play such a key role. Sacraments equal encounters with Christ-in-the-crisis.

The second challenge deals with implementation of the "Year of Mercy." Programs and techniques don't touch hearts, only witnesses do this. In addition, mercy does not mean the same thing as just being nice and fair and tolerant. Finally, discipleship not only involves the right to speak or call or talk, it involves the responsibility to do so. Discipleship is about Christ and Christ is always about a personal encounter. "Personal" encounter overcomes "impersonal" secularism. Newman wrote about what he called "well endowed men" who not only understood their faith but also could explain it in a way that was cogent and compelling, these were people whose lives were exciting and completing as well. He wrote "A few highly endowed men will rescue the world for centuries to come. These are the people who have "received and transmit the sacred flame...fully purposed to send it on as bright as it has reached them." Newman recommended to parents the importance of having their children be in contact with such men and women. Quality time with even a few of such believers would lay a firm spiritual – and very human – foundation in the lives of their children.

The third challenge – disciples have to intellectually know their faith as well. Newman was writing in the midst of the "Industrial Revolution" where some saw religion/faith in conflict with science/reason. Cardinal Newman disagreed, as did Pope Benedict XVI years later. The Pope Emeritus once said that "We must not only believe in faith *and* reason, we must believe faith *in* reason as well." In 1871, according to Newman, very few people knew their religion because very few people actively "entered into their religion." Since very few people could explain their faith, very few people could take the historical context in which they lived and explain the churches role in their own time (Sound familiar?). Lay men and women who were lay faithful would "have more of an impact that even the very best clergy could even attain. Athanasius was a bishop but Andrew, and the rest of his lay brothers and sisters, were a greater force against the greatest heresies at the time."

It is the same today. We simply cannot stay in the church building and remain in our comfortable "catholic ghettos." We need to inoculate the "spheres" of the world with the sphere of the Gospel. Help *(Continued)*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

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people to discern the Holy Spirit in their lives. Offer guidance, not control. To quote Archbishop Chaput, "Get out of the way and allow the Holy Spirit to move in the souls entrusted to your care."

In closing we can also look to the example of Saint Andrew who also provided three guidelines to being a disciple:

1. He did not hesitate. He was the first one to respond "yes," then told others about Christ. Why such a quick response. He was hungry. He was impatiently waiting for God to appear. Like Andrew, each of us needs to be a soul waiting for "the appearance" as to rejoice when He finally does appear - and then go and tell others what has happened.

2. Andrew went outside "the circle." He didn't only stay around people he know and with whom he was comfortable. He sought, and went, outside of the box. And you don't have to stay outside the box for long periods of time (That can certainly be a scary place to be). A short meeting can have a great impact. For example Andrew meeting with "a few Greeks."

3. Much like St. Peter, Andrew chose a different kind of cross than the one chosen by Christ. Much like St. Paul mentions in his Letter to the Galatians, "The cross will take me from man (flesh) to Christ." Our acceptance of "other crosses" is a means of becoming configured to Christ in a unique way. Sufferings always ennoble and provide meaning which leads to purpose in our lives.

Charles Zlock Jr

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Due to the Publisher's Holiday Schedule, all submissions for the Easter Bulletin, March 27, must be submitted no later than 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, March 15.

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 14 at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 19 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bereavement Ministry of Saint Monica and Saint Katharine of Siena Parishes presents a presentation on "***Understanding Your Grief***" by Pat Connolly on Sunday, 17 April at 3:00 pm at Saint Monica Parish.

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2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, March 20

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Palm will be blessed and distributed at each Mass.

TAIZÉ PRAYER CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

The musicians of the Parish lead a solemn and reflective musical service to begin Holy Week.

Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY — March 24

The Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Adoration in the Chapel of Repose following Mass

Night Prayer in Chapel of Repose at 9:00 p.m.

The Church will be open for prayer until 11 p.m.

There is no daily morning Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 25

Morning Prayer: 9:00a.m; Mid-Day Prayer: 12:00 p.m.

The Solemn Celebration of

The Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

The Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY — March 26

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 7:30 p.m.

Please note that there are no confessions on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY — March 27

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.



EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saint Monica Family & Youth Ministry invites you to its first **Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Grotto. This **FREE** event is open to all

Saint Monica families and our friends in the community. Kids aged 10 and under will be divided by age group before the mad dash for eggs begins. In

addition to the egg hunt, there will be crafts for the family to make together. Everything will be wrapped up in time to attend 5:00 Mass. **RSVP by Wednesday, March 16 to familyandyouth@saintmonicachurch.org.**

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

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. Called & Gifted II registrants who have not attended C & G I: Please be certain to complete your Catholic Spiritual Gifts Assessment and contact Siena Institute by February 26 to obtain a follow up/interview appointment. The book needed to complete the Gifts Assessment is available in the rectory.

Registration for **CALLED AND GIFTED II**

is available on our parish website:

WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG

Questions? Contact Aagee Lane at 610-908-7007

ALPHA

Remaining Dates: March 20; April 3

Location: Parish Education Center Cafeteria

Time: 12:45pm-3:15pm

You are welcome to drop in and join us at any of the sessions!

March 20 - "Why and How Do I Talk Catholic to Others?"

April 3 - "Does God Still Heal Today?"

April 10- "What About the Church?" (Final session)

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for March 13

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	2:00-4:30pm	Helping Hands	Parish Center
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	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	9:15-12:00 Noon 4:00-4:45 pm 4:00-4:45 pm	Called and Gifted Easter Egg Hunt Confessions	Parish Center Grotto/Auditorium Church

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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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 March 13— March 20

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Dorothy Berry	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America</i>
7:30 am	+ Anne Fick	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Sister Rose Anthony, IHM	Fr. Zagarella	Choir	
11:30 am	Virginia McCarthy	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 14th	+ Jule Carr	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 15th	+ Michael and Thomas McAleer	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 16th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 17th	+ Timothy Kelleher	Fr. Driesch		
Friday, 18th	+ Mary Gibson	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 19th	+ Joseph and Cecelia Dynakowski	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Debranne Mnton	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	Intentions of Wally and Trish Rutecki	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Justin DiAntonio	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Driesch	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, Yolanda Fazzini, Marie C. Fitzgerald, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Thomas Losoncy, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, 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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