



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.

11:30 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.

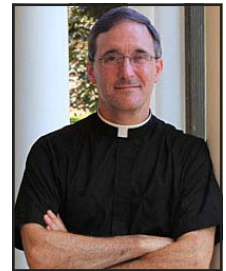


Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 3, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

This time of year is a time of bitter-sweet celebrations as students graduate from one educational institution and move on either to high school, college, higher education or (heavens!) an actual job. The transition from high school to college is especially challenging when it comes to the faith life of high school students. On a positive note, colleges and universities are places where many students have found their personal Catholic faith enhanced especially when they come in contact with the hundreds of "Newman Centers" (at public and private universities) or Campus Ministries (at Catholic universities). Nevertheless, more and more, these Catholic centers seem like small oases in massive oceans of doubt, skepticism and even hostility towards religious expression in general, and the Catholic faith specifically.



Ravi Zacharias is an author, speaker and apologist who specializes in speaking particularly at large and elite universities like Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Princeton, UNC and Michigan. For years, in packed auditoriums, Ravi has gently but compellingly countered the skepticism and hostility and has explained our faith to students who, ultimately, are searching for answers to ultimate questions and can't find them in a hyper-secularized campus setting.

Recently Ravi posted a podcast for high school students entitled, "*Postures of the Mind; Affections of the Heart.*" He mentions three "challenges" that high school students (and adults as well) need to do to "train their minds" and bring their thoughts under the control of God, in order to not only thrive at the university, but in life as well.

The first challenge is "**learning how to forget.**" Even young high school students have already faced some difficult issues from their past that they have solved and settled and from which they can comfortably move on. However every young person has also had to deal with other situations where hurt feelings, unresolved issues and damaged relationships still remain. These can involve issues at home, friendships, *(Cont'd on Page 4)*



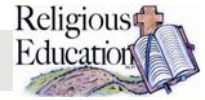
OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

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.

"The Lord answered me, My daughter, love has brought Me here, and keeps Me here. My daughter if you knew what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy. I say this that you may constantly unite yourself with Me through love, for this is the goal of the life of your soul. This is an act of the Will."

- Saint Faustina (Diary, 576)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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

Walk-In registration for the 2016-2017 Sunday and Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) school year is available this coming Monday in the Saint Monica Gym foyer. Parents can drop off completed forms/payment or stop by to complete the forms and make payment between 6:00 and 7:15pm.

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. **Registration for the Summer Session ends on April 4.** The link to the registration forms can be found on the parish website at. For more information, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757.

Parents are reminded that the Participation Slips required of those who attended the Summer Session 2015 are due to the Religious Education Office on or before April 15th.

FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

THE PENNSYLVANIA GIRLCHOIR

Sunday, 17 April at 3 pm

Music at Monica's closes the 2015-2016 Concert Season with the Pennsylvania Girlchoir on Sunday, 17 April at 3:00 pm. A free-will offering will be accepted. All are welcome. Join us as we celebrate a successful season and are able to support our designated beneficiaries: Siloam and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center!



Today we celebrate . . .

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 3, 2016

Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter a special feast in honor of the infinite mercy of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

What is Divine Mercy?

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we can call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind by remembering ABC:

A — Ask for His Mercy

B — Be Merciful

C — Completely Trust in Jesus

This message and devotion to Jesus as *The Divine Mercy* is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God’s Mercy.

During this Year of Mercy, excerpts from St. Faustina’s diary are published in our bulletin and prayed at each Sunday Mass so that we may grow closer to our Lord through the knowledge and experience of His infinite mercy.

Information excerpted from <http://www.thedivinemercy.org>.



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 20, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$8,383
Electronic	\$4,735
Total	\$13,118

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Collection 2016	\$37,100
Easter Collection 2015	\$41,717

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOXES

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of April is for the benefit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Adult Literacy Program. 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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personal failures or poor decisions. In such cases, one must simply “shut the gate,” or “burn the bridge.” These are events and issues of the past that you will never be able to solve and “get closure.” They must be dropped and left behind or they will haunt you and plague your thoughts in the years ahead. On a natural level this might seem impossible, so you need to bring them to the Lord, have Him bury them under His grace and allow His comfort to let you put them aside.”

The second challenge is to “*be determined what you are going to remember.*” This has much to do with establishing and protecting your good name and reputation. In this regard, Ravi quotes Ecclesiastes 12:1 – “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.” One challenge that faces college students is the question of whether you and this world occurred by natural accident (matter + chance + time) or whether you and this world were created on purpose and thus for a purpose by a loving Father. Science has never *dis-proved* the existence of God. In his books Darwin on Trial and Reason in the Balance, U Cal Berkley professor Philip Johnson explains that he has presented college students compelling and cogent scientific evidence for an “intelligent creator” based on examination of the wonder of nature. Nevertheless, while countering the arguments of college atheists, they still refuse to let go of their beliefs. The reason is that their beliefs are not based on a scientific evidence but on an emotional and philosophical pre-condition that they have already chosen.

The third challenge is “*will you be committed to His Love*” or the “Affections of the Heart.” College campuses can be dangerously lonely places. Students are desperately looking for affection and meaning. In her diaries, world-famous atheist Madeline Murray O'Hare wrote three times, “Will somebody – somewhere – please love me.” How do you feel that love as you graduate and move on to other venues? Where do you find that love when you encounter the inevitable homesickness and loneliness that naturally occur as one stage of life is left behind and you transition into a new phase? In lonely and challenging times, you will find “coincidences” in life that suddenly occur and touch you in a loving way. To quote one IHM Religious Sister, “Coincidences are God’s way of remaining anonymous.” Commit to your faith. Commit to your God. Commit to those who have loved you in the past. You will find that God follows you and follows you, most especially at the darkest moments of your life.

Charles Zlock Jr

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 AT OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION PARISH A WILDERNESS ADVENTURE THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS: JESUS IN MY HEART Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

All children ages 3 to 12 are welcome! This is 15 hours of songs, games, activities, crafts, Bible stories and daily snacks. The cost is \$55.00 per child, \$95.00 for two and \$125.00 for three or more in the family. Each child will receive *Saint Cards*, a *VBS Tee-Shirt* and a *Family Cat Chat Music CD*.

Calling all High School and Adult VBS Volunteers!

If you enjoy working with small groups of children on **Crafts, Music, Games, Snacks** or as a **Group Leader** during VBS, please contact Sr. Kathleen at 610-688-6590 or kfitzpatrick@olastrofford.org.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue to pray for our parish’s First Communion and Confirmation Sacrament candidates who are diligently preparing to receive the Sacraments in April and May, respectively. Thank you.



CATECHISTS NEEDED



The Religious Education Program is in need of a few enthusiastic adults to serve as catechists/teachers beginning in September for the 2016-2017 school year for both the Sunday morning session and Monday evening session. Please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. *Sharing your time and talent is a great and life-long gift to the youth of the parish.* A stipend, guidance, and support are generously provided! For more information please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757 or mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org.

SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY



Do you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter away at college? Do you think they would like to receive a care package of homemade cookies just in time for Finals? Please send their name and mailing address to smswomenssociety@gmail.com or use the box in the rear of the church for drop off submissions. ALL women of the Parish are welcome to join us on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm in the school kitchen to be part of the baking fun!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bereavement Ministry of Saint Monica and Saint Katharine of Siena Parishes is offering a presentation on *“Understanding Your Grief”* by Pat Connolly on Sunday, 17 April at 3:00 pm in the Father Hagenbach Room at Saint Monica Parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — *Have you Registered?*

The Annual Day of Reflection for all of our Saint Monica Liturgical Ministers is coming up on Saturday, April 9th, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass. Are you registered yet? Please see the Parish Website to sign-up. Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

DEVON PREP PRESENTS . . .



Parishioner, Matt Kozak, in Devon Prep’s production of

Guys and Dolls

April 14th, 15th, and 16th
at 7:00 pm.

Matinee on April 16 at 2:00 pm.

Purchase tickets online at
devonprep.com

or, if available, at the door.

SAGE - SENIOR CARE ADVISORS

Please join **SAGE Care Advisors** Co-Founders, Aimee Lynn Curry, MSW and Debbie Thomas, MSW along with Parishioner Chuck Ladner, former Chairman, Dunwoody Village, on Tuesday April 19th at 6:30 pm in the Father Hagenbach Room in the Parish Center for a presentation on *Senior Care Planning: A Guide for Senior Living Options*. Seniors can be overwhelmed by the numerous living options available to them. The Main Line offers a wide array of Senior Living Environments, but navigating and understanding these options can be emotional and time consuming.

Learn about:

- the alternatives for senior living
- the costs and benefits of different types of senior living communities
- the range of accommodations within senior living communities
- tools to assess the financial risks of aging.

It’s time to start the conversation! For questions and to RSVP email advisors@sagecareadvisors.com or contact Aimee Lynn Curry 610-212-3990. Light refreshments will be served.

MOTHERS’ HOME 2016 BOWL-A-THON



Mothers’ Home will hold our 5th annual Bowl-A-Thon on **Saturday, April 30, 2016** at Sproul Lanes, 745 S. Sproul Road, Springfield. Lanes are open from **3:00PM-5:00PM and 6:00PM-8:00PM**. Cost is \$150 per lane which includes shoe rental; 2 hours of bowling; private lane; 2 pizzas and soda. There will be arts and crafts for children during the 3PM session. A 50-50 will be held during both time slots. Sponsor this event or reserve lanes at www.mothershome.myevent.com or send a check to Mothers’ Home at 51 N. Mac Dade Blvd., Darby, PA 19023. Attn: Bowl-A-Thon. Call Helen at 610-622-0632 if you have questions.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

Join us for an evening of fellowship, drinks, and challenging discussion at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, College Auditorium on April 22nd at 7:30pm. Rev. Mr. Steven Isaac, David O’Brien, and Peter McShurley will introduce us to *“Faithful Living in a Secular Age.”* There will be drinks, snacks, and great conversation. Ages 21-35. *You must have valid ID to enter.* For more information check out the events page on <https://www.facebook.com/SCSeminary>.

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

ALPHA

REMAINING DATES: APRIL 3, 10

Location: Parish Education Center Cafeteria

Time: 12:45pm-3:15pm

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

April 3 - “Does God Still Heal Today?”

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

Questions? Contact Aagee Lane at 610-908-7007

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 3

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:30-11:00 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	9:00am-3:00pm 4:00-4:45 pm	Ministry Retreat Confession	Parish Center 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 April 3 — April 10

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Stacy Jiorna	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Tony Alzamora	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
Monday, 4th	+ George Shea	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 5th	+ Marie MacFaun	Fr. Novielli		
Wednesday, 6th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 7th	+ Michael and Thomas McAleer	Fr. Albero		
Friday, 8th	+ Patricia Margaret Fitzgerald Rocks	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 9th	+ Michael McAleer	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ James Gormley	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
7:30 am	John and Cathy Rutecki	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ James Gormley	Fr. Driesch	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, 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, 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 Mikowychok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Bob Duxtader, Husband of Mary Lou

H.O.P.E. — HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES

Leader for this week: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

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