



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.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Mike Pence and Why "God Has No Grandchildren" – Part 1

Sherry Weddell is the co-director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, creator of the institute's "Called & Gifted" discernment process and the author of *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*.

This summer in Colorado Springs, I personally met Sherry as well as Dominican Father Michael Sweeney, O.P. (along with Sherry, the co-founder of Catherine of Siena Institute) at their "Forming Intentional Disciples in Parishes" conference. In this week's article below, Sherry comments on how, in 21st-century USA, Canada and Europe, "God has no grandchildren." Faith is not simply inherited, but personally chosen. Therefore, "cultural Catholicism" by itself is dead as a retention strategy. Next week's article will outline what we are trying to do at St. Monica to address these phenomena and is based on my 20+ years of personal experiences of parish work in Philadelphia, and the work that the "Institute" is trying to do to energize parishes like St. Monica.

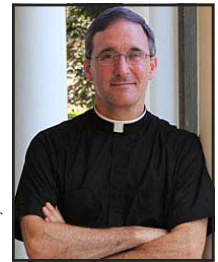
When low-profile Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana was chosen to be the 2016 Republican candidate for vice president, one of the first things the public learned about him was that he was a devout, unapologetic Christian ... with a twist. Pence was raised in a highly committed Irish-Catholic family, had served as an altar boy, and even considered becoming a priest at one point.

But now he considers himself an evangelical Protestant whose faith permeates his life. As a July 20 story in The New York Times recounted, the turning point was the moment when, as an undergrad at Hanover College, Pence said, "I gave my life to Jesus Christ ... and that's changed everything."

"Mr. Pence came to feel that something was missing from his spiritual life," the Times said. "The Catholicism of his youth, with its formality and rituals, had not given him the intimacy with God that he now found himself craving."

"I began to meet young men and women who talked about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," he said in a 2010 interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network. "That had not been a part of my experience."

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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

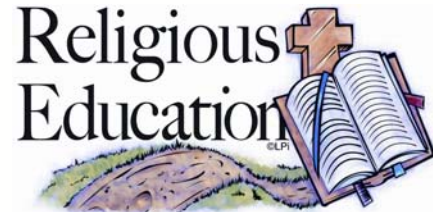
During this Year of Mercy, excerpts of the Diary of Saint Faustina's will be published weekly in our parish bulletin in the hope of bringing the parishioners of Saint Monica closer to our Lord through the knowledge and experience of His infinite mercy.

"The Mercy of the Lord I will sing forever, Before all the people will I sing it, For it is God's greatest attribute, And for us an unending miracle."

– Saint Faustina (Diary, 522)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The parents of registered students have received the "Back to School" information via email. If you have registered, but have not received this information, please contact the RE Office at 610-647-4757. **Classes begin on Monday, September 12.**



FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

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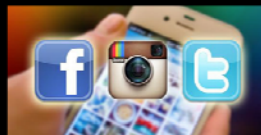
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FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

Our New Organ in Pictures VIII

The organ console has been completely disassembled, sanded and is now ready for staining, finishing, then reassembly next week. Most employees and craftsmen in the organ shop are in South Carolina dismantling a pipe organ slated for restoration after our organ is complete.



Adopt a Family Program

In our Adopt a Family Program, we invite you to join our efforts to emotionally, spiritually, and financially support our mothers in need and build stronger families throughout the Philadelphia region.

St. Monica's Adopt a Family Weekend
Saturday, September 24th & Sunday, September 25th



Please visit the Legacy of Life table in the Gathering Room after Mass. Photos of the families and their stories will be displayed. A Legacy of Life Staff Member will be present to answer your questions and help you select a family.

Pray for a Family! | Support a Family!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JULY 2016

July 2016	\$68,947	45% Electronic	July YTD 2016	\$68,947	45% Electronic
July 2015	\$70,693	47% Electronic	July YTD 2015	\$70,693	47% Electronic
July Budget	2016-17	\$70,693	July YTD Budget	2016-17	\$70,693

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$6,498
Electronic	\$5,675
Total	\$12,173

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SECOND COLLETION

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Society. 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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This is the sort of story that often makes serious Catholics want to tear their hair out. One reason is because some Catholics do experience intimacy with God through the formality and rituals.

In my early days as a Catholic, I remember lively conversations with my first pastor, who just couldn't take in what I was telling him: that many Catholics were leaving the Church for the evangelical world. He was incredulous. How could they leave the Eucharist? Father demanded that I "tell them to stop it!" I've been working on that ever since.

We must grasp that Mike Pence is the 21st-century norm, not the exception. We live in an era in which the majority of Americans raised as Catholics have left the Church at some point in their lives. According to Pew Research in a Sept. 2, 2015, study, 52% of Catholic adults have left the Church; and so far, 11% have come back. The same survey indicates 41% have not yet returned. It is essential that we understand that many think about leaving for months or years before they exit stage right — and that many leave not because their faith in God is declining, but because it is growing; and they honestly believe, based upon what they have experienced, that there is little or no help to be found in the Catholic community.

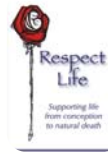
A friend in parish ministry told me the true story of six men and women - all unrelated to one another — who came to her one at a time in a single month to say, "I'm thinking about leaving the parish for the mega church down the road because I have these questions, and there isn't anyone in the parish that I can talk to about this."

My friend was able to talk four of the six out of leaving on the spot, simply by listening and connecting them with someone in the parish who understood that God was at work in these people's lives. After sustained evangelization had begun to change the parish culture, the two who had chosen to leave came back.

Mike Pence has a lot of company in the evangelical world. The Pew 2014 U.S. "Religious Landscape Survey" found that 13% of adults raised Catholic now consider themselves to be evangelicals (roughly 6 million people). And leaving the Church as an undergrad is all too normal. White college-age Millennials (ages 18-24) are 17 times more likely to leave the Catholic Church than to enter it. Young Catholic Millennials are also 10 times more likely to leave the faith of their childhood than a college-age white evangelical, according to the 2012 "Millennial Values Survey" sponsored by the Public Religion Research Institute.

Charles Zlock Jr.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



Monday, August 29th, we will observe the martyrdom of St. John the Baptizer. He was killed because he spoke truth to the powerful but sinful king. The Church points to him and tells us **we need to do the same: to challenge our government leaders to do what is right, starting with the protection of every human life, born and unborn.**

This responsibility takes the form of lobbying and communicating with elected representatives. It also takes the form of voting, so that those who fail in their basic responsibilities to the community may not get into public office in the first place. <http://www.priestsforlife.org/blog/index.php/category/saints>.



Save the Date!

Saturday, September 24, 2016

The 3rd Annual AbbeyFest:

Faith, Music and Family

This all-day music festival will be held on the grounds of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli from 11:00 am-9:00 pm. Come and join us at this faith-filled event that features Music bands/Christian artists, Speakers, Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration.

Last year, **AbbeyFest** drew close to 3,000 attendees of all ages, including many parish families. So grab some friends, family, a blanket...and make a day of it! In addition to music, there will be food, craft vendors/exhibits, and games for kids. The 2016 music line-up include award-winning bands such as: *Sidewalk Profits*, *Stars Go Dim*, *The Josh Blakesley Band*, and many more! Catholic author and speaker, *Jeff Cavins*, will give the keynote.

More Information and Tickets on sale now at: www.theabbeyfest.com. Any questions, please check the website or contact Jim or Lia Gorman at (610)296-2330 or jimliagorman@comcast.net.

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOLFERS of the PARISH COMMUNITY

Save the date!



Saint Monica's Holy Name Society is yet again proud to provide for the parish community our 32nd Annual Golf Outing. This years outing is scheduled for Columbus day, Monday, October 10, at Downingtown Country Club. For now...just save the date, and spread the word. More details to come soon. For more information, contact Mark DiLucca at middorset@gmail.com.

SUBSTITUTES & CLASSROOM AIDES NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is in need of a few enthusiastic adults to serve as substitute catechists and classroom aides beginning in September for the 2016-2017 school year for the Monday evening session. (6:00-7:15pm) 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. Training, guidance, and support are generously provided! For more info please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757 or mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED



Additional adult leaders and student assistants for our parish's Children's Liturgy of the Word Program are needed for the Fall. Please consider joining this children's ministry, offered during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Leaders proclaim the Gospel to the participants (Kindergarten thru Grade 3) and offer a discussion and activity about the Gospel. Training and resources are provided to the leaders. Adult and student leaders are assigned on a rotating basis. For more info, please contact Mary Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Walking with Purpose (WWP) informational session will be held on Thursday, September 15th. Please come to have all your questions answered regarding what **WWP** is all about!!! **Session begins at 6:30p.m. in the Education Center Cafeteria.** The question and answer period will be followed by the movie **The Red Tent** to begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Popcorn and snacks provided! Hope to see you then!

OUTREACH



St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard Collection is this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? Cash and donations payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the designated box in the gathering space. Canned goods and donations can be left through Tuesday, August 30 at 8:00 a.m. Sisters Arleen and Rita extend many thanks for our summer help to our inner city neighbors.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Walking with Purpose (WWP) will return beginning **Thursday October 6th, 7:00-8:30 pm and will be held in the cafeteria.** **WWP** is a program designed to enable women to grow in a relationship with Christ through small group discussion and Scripture study. Are you looking for a more meaningful relationship with Christ and others? Are you wondering what faith has to do with everyday life? We will be offering 2 courses this fall, **Discovering Our Dignity** and **Opening Your Heart.** For those returning to the program, **WWP** suggests **Discovering Our Dignity.** In this course we will hear "modern-day advice from women of the Bible. We learn that women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be. Yet the power of God worked in their lives." For those new to the program, you can sign-up for **Discovering our Dignity** or **Opening Your Heart.** **Opening Your Heart** is the initial **WWP** course designed for those new to Scripture study. "Women take a deeper dive into the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us." Please join us! Our **Guest Speaker** Christine Wittman (licensed therapist) will address the topic of grief in a loving and healing way. Please **RSVP** to Diane Claffey at dianeclaffey@verizon.net.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for August 28

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15am-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Tuesday		Rectory Office Closed	
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Teen Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 am 9:00pm-8:00 am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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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 August 28 — September 4

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Lena Tosti	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Eugene Richmond	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Julia Quici	Fr. Avicolti	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 29th	+ Mary Morelli	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 30th	+ Madeline Calamari	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 31st	Communion Service			
Thursday, 1st	+ Claye Carroll	Norbertine		
Friday, 2nd	+ Marie MacFaun	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 3rd	+ Thomas and Mary Farrell	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Margaret Foster Rocks	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Julia Quici	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ John J. McShane	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Norbertine	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Bill Canfield, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Kathleen Dempsey, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., 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

Margaret Morris

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

Leader for this week: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

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