



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.

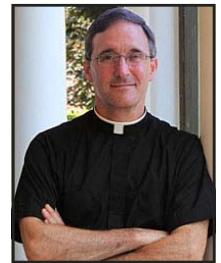
Anytime by appointment.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2016

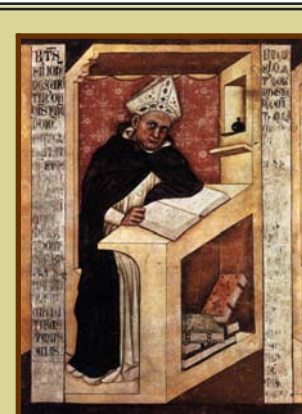
FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...



Recently Archbishop Chaput provided a perspective on religious education of children and the faith formation of adults. Through the "Baby Boomer" generation, families "outsourced" religious education, sacramental preparation and spiritual formation of their children. This was mostly done through Catholic schools (many ethnically based) as well as "Confraternity of Christian Doctrine" or "CCD." For decades, this model worked effectively for millions of Catholic immigrants. It also worked because family structure was stable, neighborhoods were strong and cohesive, religious and moral values were tied in with ethnic traditions, churches were centers of neighborhoods and, within family life, there was homogeneous agreement concerning social values, morals and more within the society.

This changed starting in the 1960s. This entire spiritual/religious system has collapsed and we are now facing a new paradigm. In a long-term study entitled the "*National Study of Youth And Religion*," Notre Dame University looked at this phenomenon. They investigated a wide range of issues (religion/spirituality paths through adolescence; whether American youth are alienated from organized religion; family religious involvement and the quality of family relationships; religion and the life attitudes and self-images of American adolescents; religion and American adolescent delinquency; risk behaviors and constructive social activities). Notre Dame found that, in religious formation, parents are now the "meaning makers." Not only do parent's statements, attitudes and practices concerning religious, faith and the church have a HUGE IMPACT, this is more the case now than at any other time in US history. Parents are the new "pastors" – for better and, unfortunately in many cases, for worse.

Pluralism and the pull of the secular culture now consider the church, religion and spirituality as just one "option" among others. The way parents live their faith clearly indicates the norm to their children. If Mass attendance, reception of the Eucharist and Confession is casual and infrequent, if a disciplined prayer life is non-existent, if the church is merely an "activity" (and an inconvenient one at that) and not a foundation to a *(Continued on Page 4)*



FEAST of SAINT ALBERT the GREAT

BISHOP and DOCTOR of the CHURCH

November 15

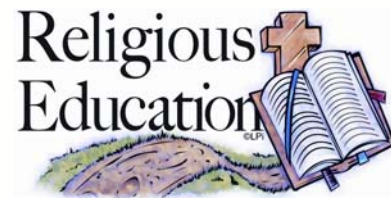
God of Truth, you endowed our brother Albert with the gift of combining human wisdom with divine faith. May the pursuit of all human knowledge lead to a greater knowledge and love of you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on November 14.

Please see the information posted in the Sacrament Spotlight section of the parish bulletin.



FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



7th & 8th Grades
Sundays 4:30-6



High School
Sundays 7-8:30

This Week: How Does God Guide Us Into Full Life?

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

INAUGURAL ORGAN CONCERT & RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to attend the blessing of and inaugural concert on Opus 144, a new instrument by Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders.

Music at Monica's presents internationally-acclaimed organist

NATHAN LAUBE

in concert on

Friday, 9 December at 7:30 pm.

A dessert reception will follow. All are welcome!

MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

A SERVICE of LESSONS *and* CAROLS
with the

SAINT MONICA PARISH CHOIR

Frank K.J. Orman, *director*

Michael Smith, *organist*

Sunday, 18 December at 3 pm

All are welcome!

The Church of St. Monica Family & Youth Ministry Presents

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 11, after the 9:30 Mass



Ages 11 & up: \$15.00

Ages 4-10: \$10.00

Children under 4: FREE

Registration Closes on
Tuesday, December 6
Space is Limited

Live Nativity Animals!

Hot & Cold Breakfast

Professional Carolers

Christian Bling Jewelry

St. Nicholas Games

Proceeds will benefit our first
All Abilities Santa Social,
which will begin at noon on
December 11.

For more info and to register, go to www.saintmonicachurch.org

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for OCTOBER 2016

October 2016	\$73,202	44% Electronic	October YTD 2016	\$262,033	46% Electronic
October 2015	\$72,448	44% Electronic	October YTD 2015	\$281,996	45% Electronic
October Budget 2016-17	\$75,591		October YTD Budget 2016-17	\$275,139	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Sunday Collection \$12,521
Electronic \$5,977
Total \$18,498

*We have 163 families
contributing electronically.*

POOR BOX

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of November will be donated to the Saint Patrick Fathers. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available online 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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deeper relationship with Christ, then no religious education program, no youth program/youth director, no pastor can hope to build a spiritual and religious foundation in the children.

On the other hand, we are also seeing a noticeable counter-movement in the Catholic Church and other faiths as well. I regularly see young parents with strong spiritual beliefs and attitudes (and small children) consistently and regularly attending Mass. They integrate personal spiritual practices (prayer and Scripture) in a disciplined way in their life. They serve the poor and others in neighborhood activities, volunteer organizations, Scouts or civil office. In such cases, the children develop a strong relationship with Christ and grow in their faith and religious education programs, sacramental preparation and youth work become a structure that is built upon the foundation of the parents' lives. The synergy can be quite effective, exciting, hopeful and fun to watch.

The Catholic faith is being besieged on all sides. In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 10,000 Catholics are leaving the church each year. Parents no longer have the luxury to say, "Well, my child goes to Catholic School" or "My child attends Religious Education and goes to youth group every week." It doesn't count - because it doesn't matter. The religious formation of children can no longer be out-sourced. Parents can no longer say "I went to Catholic School. My parents and grandparents went to this parish for years" and think this will suffice to feed their spiritual life and that of their children. The temptations of the flesh, the power of Satan and the pull of secular culture is too strong for you to rely on a religious formation that stopped in 8th grade or high school. You won't make it - and your kids are watching what you say and what you do.

We need new models, styles and approaches. Parents, in fact all Catholic adults, need to be able to support and state their beliefs in a way that is clear, articulate and compelling. There is a wealth of new materials, programs, initiatives, foundations and intentional family religious movements that have recently appeared, many only within the last 10 years. I am extremely encouraged by the witness and engagement of young parents and senior adults who are making things happen. As one person recently commented, *"These people are annoying. They're making messes. They're doing too much, doing it too differently and doing it too fast. BUT, I am absolutely convinced that (he/she) is in touch with the Holy Spirit. Everything that they do, is done on the prompting of that same Holy Spirit and, in that regard, I think that it's anointed. She/he is doing God's work. I guess we better just strap in and hold on for the ride."*

Charles Zlock Jr

THE ANNUAL SAINT MONICA THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Our Parish's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which benefits Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard is in full swing and will end on **Wednesday, November 16, 2016.**

Due to the construction, drop off this year will be outside of the Gym. We have a cart (and signs) indicating the drop off area. If you need assistance with your bags, please ask. Monetary donations are also welcome and should be made out to St. Gabriel's (donations can be placed in the box labeled box) Delivery will take place on November 18th. If you are able to help with loading or delivery to Saint Gabriel's after morning Mass on November 18th, please contact Karen Peterson at (484) 614-7669 or peteronka227@gmail.com We **thank you** all for your generosity, kindness and concern for those less fortunate.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION COACH CLINIC

**November 29, 2016: Registration 8:30 am — 9:00 am
Clinic: 9:00 am — 11:00 am**

Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale; \$15 for all coaches. Checks can be made payable to OCE. Pre-registration is necessary. Visit cyophilly.com. Please bring something to write with. *(Optional Safe Environment Class to follow.)*

LITURGY of the WORD with CHILDREN

Registration for our parish's children's Sunday church program, *Liturgy of the Word with Children (LOW)*, for students in K through 3rd grade is ongoing. This program, offered during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, is specially designed to give the younger children of our parish a better understanding and appreciation for Scripture through age appropriate adaptations of the Readings, Gospel, and homily. The children leave the church with trained, adult leaders at the time of the First Reading and return to their family prior to time of Communion. All adult leaders have obtained the required clearances. Information/registration forms can be found in the gym foyer.

Additional adult leaders and student assistants are needed. Training and resources are provided. Adult and student leaders are assigned on a rotating basis. For more info, please contact Mary Pizzano at 610-647-4757.

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SAINT MONICA HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Dues Request: Thanks to all those that have submitted their annual dues. To those that have not, please consider doing so. Cash or check made out to Saint Monica's HNS, in the amount of \$15 can be put in collection basket, or mailed to rectory, or simply bring to our annual Christmas social dinner.

Annual Christmas Social Dinner: Our Annual Christmas dinner social is scheduled for Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm at 30 Main. Cost is \$40/man. Please indicate you are attending by emailing Mark DiLucca at mjddorset@gmail.com.

Breakfast With Santa - Help Needed: The HNS has been asked again to provide culinary skills to cook breakfast for *Breakfast with Santa*. There will be one seating only after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 11th. We will most likely start around 7:30 am or so. If you can make it, it will be great to have you!

Retreat — Mark your calendar: Our annual 2017 retreat is scheduled for February 3, 4, 5. A very special weekend will be in store. Let's enhance and promote this traditional weekend for all it has to offer. More info to follow, or join us at our January meeting! Prosit

EARLY BULLETIN TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE

Due to the Printing Schedule of the publisher, the following deadlines are in effect for the upcoming Holiday Season:

- November 27th bulletin items are due *no later than* Tuesday, November 15, 12:00 noon.
- December 25th bulletin items are due *no later than* Tuesday, December 13, 12:00 noon
- January 1th bulletin items are due *no later than* Monday, December 19, 12:00 noon.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IS BACK!



Mark your calendars! **Sunday, December 11 after the 9:30 am Mass**, the Family & Youth Ministry will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa** in the Cafeteria and the Auditorium of the Old School

Building. You won't want to miss it!

Family and Youth Ministry will also be holding an **All Abilities Santa Social, at noon on Sunday, December 11, 2016**. This event will be an opportunity for families of all abilities kids of any age to enjoy some holiday spirit and get a picture with Santa. More details coming soon!

THIS WEEK — A TIMELY TOPIC

“Coping With Loss During the Holidays”

Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm

Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center *(note change in location)*

Please join us as Yvonne Ameche Davis, who has spoken at various conferences on the topics of death, dying, and grief, will be with us discuss the topic of *Coping With Loss During the Holidays*.

This presentation, sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry in collaboration with Saint Katharine of Siena Parish, will take place in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE

Our parish's annual Advent service activity, **The Giving Tree**, will begin a week early this year, on **November 19**.

The Giving Tree tags will be hung on the Christmas trees displayed in the Gathering Room of church. Please choose one tag or more and purchase the gift or gift card noted on the tag. All gifts and gift cards will be donated to the following 4 agencies who are assisting the needy living in the Philadelphia area: *T/E Cares, The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center, the Saint Agnes Day Room of West Chester, and Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County* Most gifts are due on December 11, but some are due sooner. Gift cards should be placed into the boxes located at the base of the trees. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** Thank you for bringing Christ's light to those in need!



SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT

The parents of our First Communion and Confirmation candidates are reminded of the due dates for the return of the completed sacrament packets. The First Communion packets are due on November 14. The Confirmation packets are due on December 12. Thank you for your cooperation!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for November 13

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Gym
Tuesday	7:00-9:00pm	<i>Coping with Loss</i>	Hagenbach Room
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Teen Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday	7:00-8:30pm	<i>Walking with Purpose</i>	Cafeteria
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Gym

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group
Lifteen: High School Youth Group



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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 November 13 — November 20

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Beth Dolan	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Vincent Di Antonio	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Madeline Calamari	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
Monday, 14th	+ Tom Losoncy	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 15th	+ Jim Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 16th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 17th	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Driesch		
Friday, 18th	+ Mary Morelli	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 19th	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Vito and Dorothy Panaro	Fr. Antry	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Mary Rutecki	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Richard Kosiorek	Fr. Antry	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Christine Florkowski, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Dan Maguire, Mark Maholick, Tallon Family, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, Antoinette Rissell, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Cordelia McKenna, Mother of Sean McKenna

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

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

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