



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 of Obligation 8:30 a.m.
12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

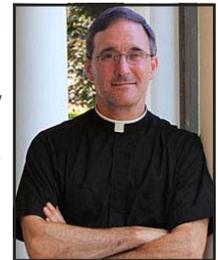
Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...



Last week I mentioned that on February 3-5, 2017 a number of men from St. Monica were planning to attend the **St. Blaise Weekend Retreat** at Malvern Retreat House. This is a traditional retreat for men which includes Mass, conferences (talks), private Adoration, Stations of the Cross and more. Another men's **silent** retreat is also planned soon from **February 24-26, 2017** at the IHM Villa Maria House of Studies in Immaculata, PA. The material for the retreat will be based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and sponsored by Regnum Christi and the Legionaries of Christ. You can find information, fees, times, etc., within this post on my website.

In my previous posting, I also mentioned that, in order for priests to "promote the mission which the laity exercise in the Church and in the world ... clerics are bound in a special way to pursue holiness since ... they are dispensers of the mysteries of God in the service of His people." In order to do this, Church or "Canon Law" says that "priests are bound to annually **make time for spiritual retreats.**" (See Canon #276)

In our noisy, technologically pervasive society, I find that, more and more, I am looking for locations where a more intentional silence is available, and I described one retreat house in Minnesota (*Pacem in Terris*) that offers such an experience. This week, let me describe a location a bit closer to Berwyn, a Benedictine monastery called **Mount Saviour**.

Mount Saviour is located just outside of Elmira, NY, 65 miles west of Binghamton (a little under 4 hours from Berwyn). The monastery was founded in 1951 and sits in the hills overlooking the valley below, remote from the city six miles away. The monks, who come from all walks of life, have chosen to live a simple life in common. Their days are spent balancing prayer, study, work, community events and service to others. They support themselves through the operation of a sheep farm, a craft shop, a bookstore and guesthouses for men and women. The monks run a working sheep farm situated on 1,000 acres of land atop a ridge overlooking the Chemung Valley. *(Continued on Page 4)*



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Feast Day on February 11th

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

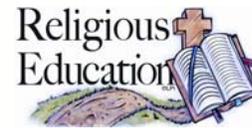
FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on February 6.

Registration for this year's Summer Session and for the 2017-2018 Monday night session is now underway. A link to the registration forms has been emailed to all families of students currently registered. The registration forms can also be found on our parish website at www.saintmonicachurch.org **Please be mindful that the registration for the Summer Session ends on February 6th. (Seats are limited)**

The first semester Progress Reports will be

distributed to all students in the RE Program on February 6. Parents, please review the Progress Report with your child, sign the envelope, and return the envelope to your child's teachers. The Progress Report is yours to keep.



FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



Steubenville Youth Conference

June 16-18 2017

Open to graduating 8th-12th Students
Cost-\$350

(\$199 deposit to secure your spot)

Scholarship money available if needed
Limited spots available, 1st come 1st served

for more info:

steubenvilleconferences.com/youth

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FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

SPRING CHOIR OPENINGS — CONSIDER IT!

Consider joining our ministry of music! The Parish Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7 pm and sings each Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass and for all principal liturgies of the Parish. All voice parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are welcome to become involved. To schedule a meeting to join our fun and friendly group, please contact Frank Orman in the Office of Worship & Music at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or at forman@saintmonicachurch.org.



HELPING HANDS

returns to Saint Monica Parish!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

LEND A HAND
this Lent by
PACKING MEALS
FOR THOSE IN NEED



Join your family & neighbors at the
3rd annual
HELPING HANDS EVENT



- What:** Packing 50,000 meals for hungry families in Burkina Faso
- When:** Sunday, March 12th 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 2016

December 2016	\$72,306	38% Electronic	December YTD 2016	\$399,552	44% Electronic
December 2015	\$76,898	40% Electronic	December YTD 2015	\$433,360	44% Electronic
December Budget 2016-17	\$76,798		December YTD Budget	2016-17	\$423,460

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Sunday Collection \$7,464
 Electronic \$7,740
 Total \$15,204

*We have 173 families
 contributing electronically.*

POOR BOXES

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of January were for the benefit of the Bethesda Project. 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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From the beginning the monastery has offered hospitality to persons that wish to come away to make a retreat. (From *The Rule of St. Benedict*, Chapter 53: 'The Reception of Guests) – "(1) *All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35).* (2) *Proper honor must be shown to all, especially to those who share our faith (Galatians 6:10).*" To that end, **Mount Saviour** provides dwellings for individuals, couples and groups, and they do a fabulous job. **Mount Saviour** offers an "experience" to people who wish an opportunity to live in quiet and solitude for a short while with an intensity not commonly available in today's world. Participants are able to search the depths of their souls as well as to experience the riches of the Christian monastic tradition.

The day is centered around seven times of prayer based on the Psalm passage, "I will praise you seven times a day because all your regulations are just." (Psalm 119:164) . After rising at 4:30 a.m., the monks begin with the night office, known as *Vigils* or *Matins* in the crypt of the chapel. Then Morning Prayer, known as *Lauds*, is sung in the upper chapel, at dawn. Around 9 a.m. on most days the Eucharist Liturgy is celebrated. At noon (just before the mid-day meal), there is a brief moment of prayer called *Sext* and again in mid-afternoon another moment of prayer called *None*. In the evening is pivotal hour to Lauds known as *Vespers*. Concluding the day, all come together once more to sing *Compline*, consisting of three psalms accompanied by a brother with the harp. Men and women guests can join the monks during any of the "hours" of prayer (... or not. I've been going there for years and still have not chosen to "enjoy" 4:40 a.m. prayer).

Interspersed with the times of communal prayer are times for personal meditation, reflection and *lectio divina*. Later in the day the brothers work at the various tasks of the day: pottery, artistry, farming, tending an orchard, a vegetable garden, apiary, tailoring, cooking, library, sculpturing, guest reservations for retreat and administration.

Like the *Pacem In Terris* hermitage (which I wrote about last week), one can make the retreat experience as "monastic" as one chooses. One can join the monks at prayer and men can also join the community for meals. The monastery can accommodate about 12 - 20 guests but even though you are sharing "space" with others, I have found that most people keep to (continued)

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themselves and respect the quiet of the other retreatants. Accommodations in the main guest quarters of **St. Joseph** are basic - a 10' x 6' room with a bed, desk, and window. A community shower room and bathroom are at the end of the hall. There is a common room with comfortable furniture and kitchen as well as a well-stocked library. Such simple rooming reminds you that basic comforts is all one needs to live a life of prayer. Both men and women are welcome to stay at **Mt. Saviour**, although women do not stay or eat in the monastery proper but nearby at *St. Gertrude House* which can accommodate several women guests. People can also stay in *St. Peters* which can accommodate several guests at once and is good for small groups of retreatants and families.

For those looking for more independence and solitude, the monastery also offers the *East Casa* and the *West Casa*. These are independent cabins with fully furnished living accommodations (bedroom, private shower and bath room, kitchen and living room with large picture windows overlooking the meadows onto the hills in the distance). You can still eat with the monks (or prepare your own meals in the casa), pray with the community (or not) or any combination thereof.

Mount Saviour is probably my favorite retreat location. I've been to other retreat places but always seem to come back to the rolling hills of the "Southern Tier" of New York State. Next week I shall cover my latest "hermitage" experience in the snowy mountains of Idaho.

Charles Zlock Jr

ST. MONICA'S MERRY WIDOWS

The Merry Widows will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 14th at 1:00 PM** in the Hagenbach Room. We will be serving lunch while celebrating Valentine's Day. Final plans will be discussed for our **Day of Recollection at the Norbertine Abbey on March 14th** as well as other plans for the Spring. We invite all widows of St. Monica's to join us.

To let us know you will join us for lunch or to obtain additional information, please call: Peg Alzamora, 610-647-1129, Anne Marie Gallagher, 610-644-1375 or Maureen Mulhall, 610-644-7794.

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

Pope Francis

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEAM TRIVIA 2017: OUR 20TH EDITION



This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 11th**. This year's theme is, **"A Night At The Movies"**. Start planning now. Registration forms will be in the bulletin on the weekend of February 11/12. Our

event again will be the 1st half of a parish wide active weekend as **Sunday, March 12th**, will be the **3rd Annual Helping Hands Event**. Stay tuned for more details.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY OPENS THIS WEEK! PLEASE READ AND HELP!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

If we have your email, the survey will be emailed to you this week by DiscipleMakerIndex@measuring-success.com.

If you don't use email, please use the generic survey link starting Monday to complete the survey at www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com.

If you don't use the internet, there will be opportunities to complete the survey after Mass on Sunday March 6 and 13th.

The survey will only be available from the week of February 6 through March 20 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Zlock and our various ministries as we as we discern the best ways to grow as disciples who can bring the Good News of Jesus to others through our witness and love. We will receive the results this summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our parish's second graders who received Jesus' forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday! *May the children always experience the joy of God's*

unconditional love and forgiveness!

Special thanks to Mrs. Michelle Tadeo and Mrs. Pamela Matzinger, the coordinators of the wonderful First Penance celebration which followed after the First Penance Liturgy. We also thank the parishioners who have kept the children and their families in their prayers during the preparation period.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING TO BEGIN FOR ALL INTERESTED!

We're looking for a few good kids! All parishioners in 3rd grade or above are welcome to join the Altar Server Ministry. Training will be held during the month of February (to be announced) on a Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. Attending the training session is required. New servers will then have the opportunity to observe our more experienced servers during the weekend Masses, then gradually added to the schedule. This is a very special group of people in our parish! Servers assist the priest at the Mass; prepare the altar; lead processions during Mass; guide the assembly when to stand, to sit or kneel; make sure that what is needed for the celebration is brought, carried or moved into place, among other tasks. Consider serving your parish family by helping everyone to worship and celebrate in the best way possible all while growing in your relationship with God. To register, please contact Frank Orman, Director of Worship, at orman@saintmonicachurch.org or 610.644.0110 ext. 118.

YOUNG ADULTS:

"THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS" CONTINUES

Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? **If so, join CYACC this Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM at SS. Peter and Paul in West Chester.** We will continue Bishop Barron's latest series, ***Catholicism: "The Pivotal Players"*** with the second part about Saint Francis of Assisi. For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for February 5

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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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 5 – February 12

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Mary Byrne	Fr. Avicolli	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Novielli	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 6th	+ Patrick Maher	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 7th	+ Antoinette Piombino	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 8th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 9th	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Danielski		
Friday, 10th	+ Edward Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 11th	+ Michael Dimaio	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Tom Glynn	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Leo and Catharine McGurk	Fr. Serano	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Bill De Santo	Fr. Serano	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Eugene Blendel, 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, Mark Maholick, Jean McGinley, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Ed O'Malley, Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

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 through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

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

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

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