

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

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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. 11:30a.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.



Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

For several months, I have been posing two questions to the Lord and the people of Saint Monica:

- 1. What would Jesus Christ like the Parish of Saint Monica to look like in 5 years?
- 2. If the parish closed tomorrow besides parishioners who would miss us?





Over the past 9 months, we put a number of activities in place to help us discern the answers to those questions. Last week I began to describe those activities based on a handout that was placed in the parish bulletin. I outlined the establishment of a **Prayer Ministry** as well as a **Parish Discernment Team**. I outlined the commitment of several parishioners involved in the **Parish Missionary Disciples** initiative as well as the **Called and Gifted** charisms workshops we held at Saint Monica. This week I would like to finish outlining how we have been

"Throwing a fleece before the Lord" and asking Him to tell us His heart.

A few months ago, Saint Monica participated in the "Disciple Maker Index" survey. This assessment tool was developed by Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) in partnership with Measuring Success. Although it asks about the parish, it was NOT a "customer satisfaction" survey. Questions in the survey invited respondents to reflect on their own spiritual life and their practice of the faith. Thus, it measures the spiritual "health" of a parish in two areas: (1) <u>Individual Spirituality</u> - a pastor can see aggregate data as to the level of spirituality of his parishioners and (2) <u>Parish Effectiveness</u> – measuring how the parish is living and fulfilling its mission as part of the Catholic Church. The DMI offers a scientific method for tracking individual spiritual growth, allows each parish to assess how important each parish ministry is to its members and how effective the parish is in carrying out that ministry and impacting the broader local community. (Continued on Page 4)



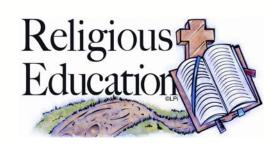
OUR PARISH PRAYER
INTENTION for THIS WEEK

For the success of the Called and Gifted Workshop this weekend.

FROM the Office of Religious Education

Register now for the 2017-2018 year! If you have not yet registered your child or children for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Monday Night Program, please do so prior to June 30. The registration form can be found on our parish website at www.saintmonicachurch.org.

Please make every effort to register prior to June 30 so that we can acquire the optimal number of catechists and accurately order the teaching materials.



FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM the OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today's reading from Acts describes external manifestations that accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit. These phenomena were audible and visible though the actual outpouring of the Spirit was not. As those present were filled with the Spirit, they began to speak in other languages, a feat that could only have some supernatural origin. The crowd that gathered was confused, astonished, and amazed. The exact nature of this marvel is less significant than is its meaning. It was clearly a manifestation of the universal presence and power of the Spirit. The outpouring of the Spirit and the preaching of the gospel to all nations are considered the reuniting of the

human race and the gathering of all into the reign of God.

The responsorial psalm depicts God as the creator and sustainer of all life. God is described as robed in majesty and glory, wrapped around with radiant light. The splendor of the natural world is attributed to the wisdom of the creator. God is also extolled as the one who cares for all living things. The act of creation and the power of the creator are perceived in the constant renewal of life that unfolds before our eyes. God is both the original creator and the one who continues to control the forces of nature. Finally, God not only creates but re-creates. Life is sustained and perpetuated. This is all reason enough to bless the Lord.

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

Nathan John Baker Annabelle Cecilia Beirne Bryce William Beltrante Karolina Elizabeth Bienkowska Ava Marianne Blazejewski Nicholas Joseph Ciocca Owen Francis Conrad Robert Patrick Peter Corr Benjamin Albert Costello Zachary Mary Curvan Wesley Sebastian DeFreytas Devlyn Madeleine Gerrity Anna Elizabeth Haag Marie Elizabeth Horgan Benjamin Anthony Kenneck Brendan Genesius Kennedy Casey Christina Kovarick Andrew Peter Lara Anneliese Teresa Liedtka Dylan Paul Lofgren

Caroline Teresa Mara Mary Elizabeth Faith Matson Owen Patrick McCabe John Patrick McEvoy Alyssa Mary Mullin John Ignatius Nielsen Theresa Anne Nielsen Quinn Lucy O'Brien MaryElise Grace Pealer Sean Damien Reed Abigail Clare Ries Gianna Marie SanGiacomo Liam Dominic Sayer John Paul John Bosco Schuller Michael Benedict Soderberg Mateusz Sebastian Swat Matthew Anthony Valenti Sara Chiara Walheim Ella Elizabeth Wright Alexander Issac Jogues Yangello

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for APRIL 2017

April 2017 \$63,602 April 2016 \$63,896 April Budget 2016-17 49% Electronic 49% Electronic \$64,551 April YTD 2017 April YTD 2016 April YTD <u>Budget</u>

\$667,131 45% Electronic \$693,079 45% Electronic 2016-17 \$692,723

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Sunday Collection \$7,161 Electronic \$5,540 Total \$12,701

We have 176 families contributing electronically.

Poor Box

The monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of June will be for the benefit of the Maryknoll Fathers. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2017 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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In June we are scheduled to meet with CLI to review the survey results and, based on the experience of other parishes, consider what metrics we can use to measure the parish for a more effective pastoral plan.



A parish is a spiritual entity – but it is also an organization. According to parish revitalization program, "Amazing Parish," three building blocks are consistently seen in thriving parishes: (1) Reliance on Prayer and the Sacraments; (2) A Commitment to a Healthy Organization; and (3) A Passion for Evangelization and Discipleship.

Thus we wanted to examine Organizational Issues and **Planning** at Saint Monica. Again, with the help of tools provided from CLI, the Discernment Team worked through 125 questions and statements from 5 categories: 1. Environment Factors; 2. Parish Vision and Direction; 3. Parish Structure, Organization and Policies; 5. Practices and Implementation Procedures; and 5. Parish Goals of Sanctifying, Evangelizing, Catechizing, Serving and Governing. The Parish Staff and other selected parishioners will also complete the exercise with the results being summarized and entered into the discernment conversation.

Albert Einstein once said, "God doesn't play dice." Throughout this process, my hope has been that the Lord will begin to make His will and His wishes for Saint Monica clear. Some questions that we should ask are, "How is the parish helping me grow in my relationship with God? How is the Bible and the liturgy enhancing my relationship with Christ? When was the last time I asked someone to visit Saint Monica for some event or Mass? If I haven't, why not? What is preventing me? Would my family or friends feel welcome here? Do I feel welcome here? Where am I in my faith journey? Am I growing in my faith? How can I tell?

Over the next two months, the Discernment Team will examine the information that we have received through the professional-quality, anointed gifts and tools that we have used in order to develop ideas concerning the direction of activities and allocation of resource of Saint Monica for the next few years. Nevertheless, to quote Pope Francis -

Keep praying. Don't forget!

Charles Flock In

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM **SEEKING CATECHISTS** (Teachers)



The Religious Education Pass It On! Program is in need of a few enthusiastic adults to serve

as catechists/teachers beginning in September for the 2017-2018 school year. Classes are conducted approximately three Mondays per month from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. A stipend, training and support are generously provided! Please contact Mary Pizzano for more information: mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org.

CLOTHING DRIVE



Saint Monica Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Wednesday, June 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be using the

services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

With so many unborn babies being aborted every year, it can be easy to forget that countless others are being destroyed while they still are embryos. Pope Francis drew attention to their

plight Thursday, May 18, 2017 in a meeting at the Vatican with researchers and families who are suffering from Huntington's disease. The pope urged the researchers to continue their work seeking relief and cures for diseases like Huntingdon's, but he also urged them NOT to destroy human lives in their attempts to save others'.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED RETREAT

A special retreat for separated and divorced Catholics will be held the weekend of June 16-18 at Malvern Retreat House. Catholic author, speaker and divorce recovery expert Lisa Duffy will give several presentations, including The Six Keys to Healing and Your Own Self Worth. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

News and Announcements

THE CYO Advisory Board Needs Your Input!

The CYO Advisory Board has put together a brief survey to gather your input concerning our parish CYO programs. We are asking each parish family to take a few minutes to respond to our brief survey. You can find the link to the survey on the Saint Monica website. Thank you

KNITTERS NEEDED

The Elizabeth Ministry needs volunteers to knit small white baby hats that are included in a Baptism Gift Bag given to every baby baptized at St. Monica Church. Easy baby hat pattern and white yarn will be provided. Please contact Carol Wortman for more information: ccwortman@verizon.net or 610.296.7372.

BLACK ROCK RETREAT CENTER Retreat for young men in 8th - 12th grade. \$35.00 / PERSON

Register by Friday, June 9th

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and more.

To register, or for more information, visit: www.heedthecall.org. Questions? Contact the Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at (610) 667-5778.

SAINT MONICA'S MERRY WIDOWS

The Merry Widows will be remembering and celebrating the lives of their spouses at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, June 17, 2017. A breakfast and meeting will follow in the Hagenbach room. All widows of Saint Monica Parish are invited to attend. If you are not an active member of our group, please let us know if you plan to attend.

For more information, call: Peg Alzamora, 610-647-1129, Anne Marie Gallagher, 610-644-1375, or Maureen Mulhall, 610-644-7794.

YOUNG ADULTS:

'PRAISE & WORSHIP ADORATION'

Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? CYACC (pronounced "kayak") exists to offer you social, spiritual, and service opportunities in the local area. Join us this Wednesday June 7, 2017 for our monthly Praise & Worship Adoration. Holy Hour begins at 7:30 PM in the

lower chapel of St. Agnes in West Chester. Confession will be available. For more info, check us out on Facebook or at www.cyacc.org.

COME PRAY THE ROSARY



We have been blessed to have a parish community Rosary prayed every Monday evening at 7:15 p.m. The church will be opened for all to come and pray. Please join us! Bring your children! Bring a friend! Remember

Fatima. Live out its messages. Let this rosary inspire you to seek Our Lady's help in living out the Faith with joy, charity, and humility.

MOTHERS' HOME

MOTHER'S HOME 5K RUN AND WALK

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 at 8:00 A.M. at CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL \$25.00 RUN — \$15.00 WALK

Mothers' Home is a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant

women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Mothers' Home focuses on physical, emotional and developmental needs including positive life skills, parenting and job preparation. Mothers' Home strives to assist mothers to reach their goal of independence and self sufficiency. Please help support Mothers' Home by participating in their inaugural 5K run and walk. Sign up and Donate at https://runsignup.com/Race/Pa/Springfield/MothersHome5KRUNANDWALK. For more info contact John Duffin at 610-565-5032 or Duffinfam@comcast.net

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices will operate on a Summer Schedule through September 5, 2017. Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for June 4

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	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 June 4 – June 11						
MASS TIME	Intention	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	Notes		
5:00 pm	+ Jim Gallagher	Fr. Zlock	Cantor			
7:30 am	+ Joan Schubert	Fr. Zlock	Quiet			
9:30 am	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor			
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Avicolli	Cantor			
Monday, 5th	+ William Hewchuck	Fr. Zlock				
Tuesday, 6th	Hugh Rocks	Fr. Zlock				
Wednesday, 7th	Communion Service					
Thursday, 8th	+ Viola Tartaglia	Fr. Krautsack				
Friday, 9th	+ John I. Kirsch, Jr.	Fr. Serano				
Saturday, 10th	+ David Mikowychok	Fr. Krautsack				
5:00 pm	+ Rocco and Katrina Borzillo	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor			
7:30 am	+ William Hewchuck	Fr. Driesch	Quiet			
9:30 am	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Danielski	Cantor			
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Danielski	Cantor			

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Rico DiGuiseppe, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, 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 departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP

FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden

Dennis Connell

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Giulio Perillo

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