

THE CHURCH OF
SAINT MONICA
 BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

Encountering Christ - Through Scripture, Through Liturgy, Through Serving Others

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 SAINT MONICA**

Founded January 11, 1897

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(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.

11:30a.m.

Holy Days 8:30 a.m.

of Obligation 12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Monday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

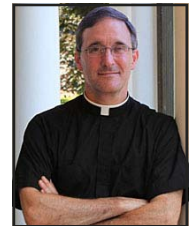
Anytime by appointment.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

For Lent this year, Pope Francis looked at a line from the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). In Part 1 of his reflection, the Holy Father looked at the root of the problem. In Part 2 below, the Pope answers the question "What can we do against such forces?"



Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. By devoting more time to **prayer**, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Corinthians 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet, even in our own daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

And what about **fasting**? Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. It allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. It also expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up! It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger. *(Continued on Page 4)*



**OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION
 for THIS WEEK**

That the Parishioners of Saint Monica use the richness and solemnity of Holy Week to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and for a time of fervent prayer for those who are suffering around the world.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Small Groups
and Monday Religious
Education Classes are
NOT in session March
25th, 26th and April 1st,
2nd.



Classes resume
April 8th and 9th

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



- \$150 deposits are due now!
- Please contact Jason to register:
Jcarter@Saintmonicachurch.org
- Open to current 8th-12 grade students
- Total cost of the trip is \$350

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

THE MUSIC of HOLY WEEK

The many and varied liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter provide us with a wealth of musical experiences and those encounters can play a pivotal role in our prayer.

We begin our final countdown to the celebration of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. The season of Lent culminates in Holy Week and follows Jesus' footsteps from His triumphal procession into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the Triduum: Jesus' Last Supper and betrayal on Holy Thursday, to the Passion and Death of

Good Friday, to the keeping vigil, looking toward the light of Holy Saturday and the newness and resurrection of Easter and all its many joyful "alleluias!"

Music has the unique ability of setting the tone for all of these images and emotions. The hymns and choral music for these liturgies are chosen with extreme care so the assembly may participate fully, and the choir can also contribute by singing works that allow the worshipping community to stop, reflect and enter into these mysteries. All of the texts of the choral anthems are published in the Orders of Service for each day.

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Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2018

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
 Sunday, March 25

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. |
 Confessions at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday
 Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

TAIZÉ PRAYER CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

*The musicians of the Parish lead a solemn and
 reflective musical service to begin Holy Week.*
 Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.
 Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

**The Solemn Evening Mass
 of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.**

*Adoration in the Chapel of Repose following Mass
 with Night Prayer at 9 p.m.*

*The Church will be open for prayer until 11 p.m.
 There is no daily morning Mass.*

GOOD FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
 Friday, March 30

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.
 Mid-Day Prayer at 12:00 p.m.

**The Solemn Celebration of
 the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.**
*The Liturgy of the Word, Veneration
 of the Holy Cross, Holy Communion*

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

**The Great Easter Vigil in the
 Holy Night at 7:30 p.m.**

*The Lucernarium, Liturgy of the Word,
 Blessing of Water and Liturgy of the Eucharist with
 the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation*

Please note that there are no confessions on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1

Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY 2018

February 2018	\$61,807	46% Electronic	February YTD 2018	\$572,779	47% Electronic
February 2017	\$63,163	42% Electronic	February YTD 2017	\$539,650	44% Electronic
February Budget 2017-18	\$65,735		February YTD Budget 2017-18	\$562,782	

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Sunday Collection \$9,029
 Electronic \$5,180
Total \$14,209

** We have 190 families
 contributing electronically.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2018 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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I would like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be the invitation of the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, perhaps even within the context of Eucharistic adoration. Inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness," this takes place in our churches, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession (*Edited*).

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds," and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

Charles Zlock Jr

THE SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY



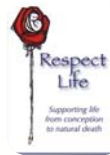
DESIGNER BAG BINGO

APRIL 26th
7:00 to 9:30PM
in the CAFETERIA

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT
FUN — PRIZES — COMRADERY

RSVP: saintmonicawomenssociety@gmail.com

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



In Scripture, the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us to "hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm." - *Hebrews 6:18-19*

We pray that all who are involved in the adoption process would be filled with the hope of Christ and "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." - *Phil 4:7*

RETRouvaille

... A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of a healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program will be held at the Malvern Retreat House Family Life Center in Malvern, on April 13-15. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & THE ROSARY

Keep in mind:

Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parish Rosary every Monday at 7:15 p.m.

Take time for Jesus and Mary.

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SAINT MONICA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers of the Parish, past chairs of this yearly tradition, (Mark DiLucca and Oscar Mestre) of over 40+ years, have decided to move on and can no longer chair this event for the parish community. However, we do have a date in the books on reserve at Downingtown Country Club for Columbus day, October 8th, 2018. The post dinner has recently been hosted at 30 Main. If anyone would like to take ownership of this great event for the parish community, please contact Mark DiLucca at 484-368-2057; mjddorset@gmail.com before June 1st, otherwise the date will no longer be reserved. Thank you.

“FROM DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE: NAVIGATING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE AMIDST THE CHAOS OF ADDICTIONS.”

Join us for a 24-hour spiritual healing retreat sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way, June 22-23rd. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family, spouse or family. It is an ecumenical retreat. Register online at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400. For more information on the retreat, contact Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org

TODAY! TAIZÉ PRAYER for HOLY WEEK

Join us for Taizé Prayer for Holy Week, Today, Palm Sunday, 25 March at 3 pm in the Church. This service of silence, music and scripture is a prayerful and reflective way to begin your Holy Week. Founded in 1940 in a small village in eastern France, Taizé is an ecumenical monastic community whose prayer, three times each day, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

There is no right or wrong way to participate in this service. Feel free to sit, stand or kneel wherever you are most comfortable. During the sung portions of this service, you are invited to sing the melody, harmonize, hum or simply listen. The cross is a focal point to be adored and used in our prayer as we begin this holy and solemn week. There is a period of silence for prayer and quiet reflection between each musical offering. Invite neighbors and friends — all are welcome!

The service is generously sponsored by Selma Koury Wunderlich in memory of her husband Joseph H. Wunderlich.

OUTREACH



Saint Gabriel’s Food Cupboard Monthly 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, March 27 at 8:00 a.m.

YOUNG ADULTS: 'STATIONS OF THE CROSS'



As we journey through Holy Week, please come and experience the beautiful Stations of the Cross trails at the **Malvern Retreat House** as we hold a candlelit procession to prayerfully reflect on the Passion of Our Lord. We’ll be meeting this **Wednesday, March 28**, in the **Memorial Hall Dining Room** at the Retreat House beginning at **7:15 PM** and will begin our procession shortly after 7:30pm. Remember to dress accordingly as we will be outside. We look forward to seeing you. For more info, check us out on Facebook or at www.cyacc.org.

FAMILY AND ADULT VOLLEYBALL!



Saint Monica Parish invites all parishioners to participate in volleyball starting Saturday night, April 7, in the gym. From 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. families with children in Grade 7 and above will play friendly matches. From 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. the adults take over and have the court and nets to themselves. Only requirement is a pair of sneakers. Come join the fun!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for March 25

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	8:30am-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	6:30-7:30 pm	Confession	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 am	Communion Service	Church
Thursday		Holy Thursday	
Friday		Good Friday	
Saturday	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil	Church

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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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.

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 March 25 - April 1

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Veronica Roche	Fr. Antry	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul</i>
7:30 am	+ William Hewchuck	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Joseph Michaud	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 26th	+ Charles DiCola	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 27th	+ Thomas and Mary Farrell	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 28th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 29th	7:30 pm Solemn Evening Mass 9:15 pm Compline	Fr. Zlock Fr. Zlock		
Friday, 30th	9:00 am Morning Prayer 12 Noon Mid-Day Prayer 3:00 pm Solemn Service	Fr. Zlock Fr. Zlock Fr. Fitzgerald		
Saturday, 31st	9:00 am Morning Prayer	Fr. Zlock		
7:30 pm Easter Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Schola	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Margarita Elloso, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Charlie Litzelman, Jackson MacTaggart, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Dr. Edmund McGurk

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

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

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