“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

SAINT MONICA PARISH
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WYOMING & WEST WYOMING
363 WEST 8TH ST., WEST WYOMING, PA. 18644

PARISH STAFF
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Mr. William Jenkins, Deacon
Mrs. Nancy Beccaloni, Parish Secretary
Mr. Julian Ruiz, Religious Education
Mrs. Amy Tomczak, Business Manager
Mr. Howard Kelley, Sacristan

+ + + MASS SCHEDULE + + +
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Morning Mass 11:00 AM
Monday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Tuesday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Wednesday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
Friday Morning Mass 8:00 AM
(Adoration following Mass - Benediction 11:30 AM)

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Mission Statement – We the parish community of Saint Monica out of love for God and one another and as disciples of Jesus Christ, are committed to working together to build a diverse and inclusive community in which all are welcome to grow in faith and faithfulness.

Parish Membership - New members are always welcome. Please call the Parish Office to register. Membership is necessary for anyone in our Religious Education & Sacrament Programs as well as anyone wishing to be a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation.

Sacraments -
Baptism – Baptismal Instruction held each First Tuesday monthly; required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.
Confession - Saturday, 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM or by appointment.
Marriage – Diocesan Policy requires a six-month advance notification to the priest & participation in Pre-Cana Instruction.

Religious Education - Youth Program Sunday, 9:45 AM dismissal 10:45AM; IC Adults Wednesday, 6:00 PM.

Diocesan Catholic Schools - Elementary or High School for information call 714-9610.

Pastoral Care of the Sick – Please call the Parish Office for visitation & Sacrament of the Sick, at home, in the hospital or Health Care Facility. Local hospitals do not provide pastors with names of hospitalized parishioners.

Bereavement Committee - Meet the second Monday of the month. Joanne Austin coordinator 288-6785.

Senior Citizens - Meet the first & third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Society - Meet the first Monday of the month after the 8:00AM Mass.

Prayer Group – Wednesdays 7:00PM.

Pregnancy Help - 24/7 call 1-800-723-8331 or 570-826-1819.

Snow Days – There will be no Mass at Saint Monica Parish whenever Wyoming Area Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather and dangerous travel conditions. Please watch local network television stations for school closing announcements.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020
**Mass Schedule**

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**Saint Monica Ministries** - We will not be scheduling any altar servers, Lectors, or Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the month of June and perhaps longer. For Lectors if you are at a Mass you may be asked to lector both readings and perhaps the responsorial psalm, but only if you are willing to do so. Please read over the reading before Mass, you may bring your own lector work book to read from so as to minimize contact with the lectionary. We will be sanitizing the lectionary between Masses. Only Fr. Peter and Deacon Bill will be disturbing the Holy Communion after Mass is dismissed.

**Sanctuary Candle**

- July 12 - July 18 – All Parishioners by Pastor
- July 19 - July 25 – For All Grandparents by Parishioner
- July 26 – Aug. 1 – Int Brittany Hockenberry by Friend

Requesting the Sanctuary Candle or donating the Bread and Wine is a wonderful way to honor your loved one. It may also be offered in honor of a special occasion, intention or in thanksgiving. Please call the Parish Office for available dates and details.

**Bread & Wine: July – For an End of the Pandemic** by Parishioner

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**Sunday Collection – July 5, 2020**

$3,184.43

Weekly amount needed to Meet operational expenses:

$8,000.00

Difference

- $4,815.57

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!!!*

Please be mindful that we can still mail our offertory gift to the church office, or bring it with us when we are able to return. We depend on contributions to be able to continue our mission here at Saint Monica Parish.

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**Capital Improvement Campaign** – We are still in the midst of our campaign to raise monies for a new HVAC heating and air conditioning unit for our church. Our old unit was beyond repair and the purchase of a new one was imperative. The cost of the new unit is $60,000.00 and is almost fully installed. We are almost there so we are asking for a renewed effort to bring this campaign to completion. All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations may also be made by mail, dropped in our mail slot or put with your weekend offertory into the designated baskets. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

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**Mass Intention**

Dorothea Atherholt  
Barbara Begliomini  
Mackenzie Bilbow  
Patty Cegelka  
Maria Gansior  
Leslie Hackenberg  
Bob & Lynda Hyzenski  
Charles Karcutskie  
Janet Kelly  
Bernadine Lello  
Kermit Loch  
George Paskaitis  
Julianna Potter  
John Romani  
Joseph Saraceno  
James Seiwell  
Pam Slavinski  
Frank Sobeck  
Joseph Sorick II  
David Stahley  
Tom Stafanoski  
Fr. Peter Tomczak  
Deborah Tomko  
Joseph Yesnowski

There were 24 winners! 3-$1000.00, 2-$100.00 and 19-$50.00 for a total of $4,150.00. Our parish made a profit of $4,170.00. Thank you to all who took part in this important fund raiser!

**First Holy Communion** – Ten children will receive Jesus for the first time at a special celebration just for them and their families on Saturday morning, July 18th. We welcome to the Table of the Lord!

**Vacation Sweepstake Winners!!!**

- Chase Evans  
- Elizabeth Infante  
- Tyler Kostik  
- Luca Laskaris  
- Lydia Luvender  
- Alexa McCarroll  
- Jake Olmsted  
- Lucy Olmsted  
- Natalie Pikas  
- Matthew Shemo

We thank Fr. Peter, Deacon Bill, Mrs. Nardell, Mrs. Granahan, Mrs. Lewko, Mr. Ruiz, Parents and all who helped to prepare our children for their very special day. God bless them and please keep the children in your prayers.

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Welcome back to Mass!

In order to attend Mass at Saint Monica Parish you will need to register on the sign-up sheet found in the Parish Hall. 40 persons are able to attend a single Mass. You may sign up any time that the church is open. That includes week days before and after the 8:00AM Mass as well as after weekend Masses. You may also call or email the Parish Office during business hours or leave a message.

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We are working very hard to make sure that the church is sanitized before and after each Mass and we ask that individuals also take care to keep their hands clean and sanitized to protect themselves and others as we return to community celebrations. Also please remember that if you are not feeling well, STAY HOME. Dispensation from physically attending Mass is still in place and one may still watch the Mass on social media or television.

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1) Please make sure to wash your hands before Mass and use hand sanitizer.
2) Please maintain a safe distance of six feet at all times.
3) Families may sit together.
4) Everyone MUST wear a face mask and keep it on at all times.
5) There will be no collection during Offertory time at Mass.
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   a) Please place your offering in the designated container in the church hall before or after Mass.
7) The distribution of Holy Communion will take place AFTER the conclusion of Mass.
   a) Please form lines for reception of Holy Communion by using the side aisles. Do not use the center aisle. Continue to observe social distancing. There are tape marks on the floor at 6-foot intervals.
8) After receiving Communion, please depart the church promptly through the handicap entrance. Do not return to your pew, linger or socialize in the church or parking lot.
9) You may make your prayer of thanksgiving once you have left the church.
10) Please remain masked until just before you receive Holy Communion and then return the mask after receiving.
11) Those receiving Holy Communion are strongly advised to receive the Body of Christ in the hand, in keeping with the guidance of health professionals, to avoid the chance of spreading contagion to priests or other parishioners from contact with saliva.

Along with the limit attendance of 40 persons per Mass we use these guidelines to keep all safe. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we return.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Pray for us!
Feast Day - July 16th

New Chain Gate – Our church now has a chain gate. It was necessary to erect the gate as illegal dumping had become an increasing problem. We were finding all kinds of rubbish on our grounds including beer cans, mattresses, all kinds of things including a huge couch. We are responsible for the clean-up and disposal of these items and it had started to become quite costly. In order to keep our grounds maintained, clean and beautiful we will keep the gate closed between 7:30PM and 7:30AM. Thank you for all who keep our grounds so lovely and maintained.

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not a mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition and of unspeakable love." - Washington Irving

Just know that you are all in our prayers. Stay safe until we can greet one another once again. Love to you from the Bereavement committee.

Sacred Heart Church in Dupont Annual Polish Picnic will be a “take-out event”, July 31 and August 1 from 2:00PM to 8:00PM. We offer our delicious homemade Polish foods, some games of chance and theme baskets. Food order forms listing the foods, including homemade pierogi, golombki, haluski and kielbasa, can be found on the parish website at www.sacredheartdupont.com. Please print and complete your order form, detach and return the top half with payment to the parish office by Monday, July 20. Pre-orders can be picked up in the church hall. Potato pancakes will be available both days for purchase on site, along with assorted desserts. Walk-in food purchases are welcomed as supplies last! All walk-in orders must be paid in cash.

Reconciliation – During the Yellow Phase
Confessions will be heard in the Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon from 2:30PM till 3:15PM on July 18th. In order to maintain safe distancing and privacy we will have a temporary confessional in the Hall. Only one person will be allowed in at a time. All other doors will be locked. One may enter through the door by the Sacristy and exit by way of the door and handicap ramp. Please know that perfect contrition still holds true at this time and one may use the following to do so.

The Annual Solemn Novena to Saint Ann

A very popular devotion is the Novena to Saint Ann prayed daily starting on July 17. This great Saint is the Grandmother of Jesus, as well as the Mother of Mary, the Mother of God. Thousands will celebrate this Novena at Saint Ann’s Basilica in Scranton. CTV will broadcast it every day.

Saint Ann’s Feast Day July 26th
Thank you, to all who fund our Parish by advertising in our bulletin; please support our gracious sponsors!
Jesus tells a parable – a story that teaches a lesson – about a farmer who got four different results from sowing seeds. One day, a farmer went out to plant his crops. As he scattered the seeds, some fell on dry hard-crusted ground. Almost immediately, birds swooped down and ate them all. Some fell on rocky soil and they withered and died. Other seeds fell among weeds and thorns. Before long the weeds and thorns choked the life out of the new plants. But there were seeds that landed in good soil. These seeds grew strong and produced a bountiful harvest.

We were created to be good soil. We can turn over the dry hard crust, and clear away the rocks and thorns from our hearts and minds and be pure healthy, well-nourished rich soil the way God intended and wants us to be. Then we can live strong, happy, fruitful lives. What a beautiful story and so appropriate at this time when our summer gardens are blooming and producing.
The Sower and the Seed

ACROSS
2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep

DOWN
1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
4. Covered with stones
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

PATH  CROP  SOIL  THORNS  ROOT
SHALLOW  FARMER  SEED  SOW  ROCKY

Add the numbers in the box to get the code number for each letter. Then solve the puzzle.

A  17+34 = ___
B  28+44 = ___
C  39+57 = ___
D  16+65 = ___
E  62+37 = ___
F  41+38 = ___
G  24+33 = ___
H  47+29 = ___
I  24+58 = ___
L  41+25 = ___
N  23+15 = ___
O  29+49 = ___
P  22+11 = ___
R  55+34 = ___
S  29+16 = ___
T  44+26 = ___
U  13+14 = ___
V  23+68 = ___
W  23+19 = ___
Y  36+25 = ___

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Farmers plant seeds in all types of soils. Fertilizer is used in order to grow a good crop. But the question is still there—will it grow? Christians spread the Word of God to all types of listeners. What is necessary for the seed of faith to grow in each person’s heart?

Luke 8:15

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