



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.

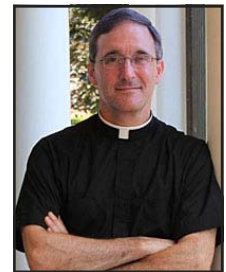


The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of September 13, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

How many times have I heard, "Father, I don't come to church anymore because all you guys ever talk about is money." First, that's not true. Second, part of the problem is that we don't talk about money enough or, when we do, we don't talk about it very well. So let me "talk about money" over the next three weeks. I shall examine three topics: "Background – Catholics and Financial Generosity," "Giving: How And How Much" and finally, "The Future of Macro-Strategic and Micro-Tactical Catholic Philanthropy."



Background – Catholics and Financial Generosity

For years, I had always believed, and practiced, the principle of "tithing" or the offering of the "first fruits" as referenced in Sacred Scripture:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it" (Malachi 3:10).

"Abram gave him a tenth of everything" he had recovered during battle (Genesis 14:20).

Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people - that is, from their fellow Israelites, who were descended from Abraham. Melchizedek, the King of Salem, although he did not trace his descent from Levi, nevertheless collected a tenth from Abraham. Thus even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the plunder! (Hebrews 7:4-10).

He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Several months ago, the Parish of Saint Monica received a generous contribution from a benefactor's will. So, with these Scripture passages in mind, I took out a "tithe" from the bequest and offered it to the various ministries and organizations of Saint Monica. I then asked them to prayerfully discern and "sow some good seed" *(Continued on Page 4)*



NOTICE OF CHANGE IN MASS TIME

Beginning this weekend:

**Sunday, September 13th
the 11:00 a.m. Mass time
will change to 11:30 a.m.**

Among other advantages, this change will help facilitate the growth and development of our new Family and Youth Ministry.

Please make note of this change and spread the word!

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



More than 155 students in grades 1-6 will begin the 2015-2016 Religious Education Program this week. May God bless our catechists, students, and families this year as they strive to grow closer to our Lord.

We warmly welcome new students from the following families, some of whom attended the RE Summer Session: The Gustave/Allen Family, The Curvan Family, The Krapels Family, The Labutta Family, The Lukes Family, The Mendicino Family, The Gregory Family, The Garabedian Family, The Muhly Family, The O'Donnell Family, The Lepore Family.

We are blessed to have the following

catechists teaching our youth about our faith this year: Mrs. Anne Bondi, Mrs. Lorraine Kinslow, Mrs. Kellianne Miley, Mrs. Marybeth Panaro, Mrs. Meredith Stefanowicz, Mrs. Pamela Matzinger, Ms. Julia Rocks, Mrs. Ellen Tannenbaum, Mrs. Amy Brown, Mrs. Bridget Tomasicchio, Mr. Nick Kennedy, Mrs. Mary Pizzano.

The Religious Education Program is in session next Sunday and Monday, September 20th and 21st. The students' parents are reminded to send in a *Shelter in Place* bag for each child by the first week of October, marked clearly with the student's first and last name.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

SAINT MONICA YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY KICKOFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13th



EDGE
Middle School Youth Ministry
(7th & 8th Grade)
4-5:30pm



LIFE TEEN
High School Youth Ministry
(9th-12th Grade)
7-9pm



SUMO SUITS, JOUSTING, FOOD AND MORE! BRING A FRIEND

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

OPEN PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS JOIN US!

Parish Choir Rehearsals for the 2015-2016 Choral Season resume on Wednesday, 9 September at 7:00 pm in the Church. Please consider attending any rehearsal on the following dates if you have an interest in joining the Music Ministry of our Parish:

Remaining: **September 16, 30 — 7 pm**
October 7 — 7 pm

We are happy to welcome anyone interested during those times. You can sit and listen, or jump right in

and sing with us — a no pressure way to see if the music ministry is the right fit for you. A very simple audition to assure the ability to match pitch is required.

For further information, please contact Frank Orman in the at 610.644.0110 ext. 118 or e-mail forman@saintmonicachurch.org.

**Can you help by supporting
a professional choir section leader?**

*All levels of donations are welcome — please help!
Contact Frank Orman for more information.*

MUSIC AT MONICA PRESENTS...
THE 2015-2016 CONCERT SEASON

Acclaimed virtuoso soprano
MELINDA WHITTINGTON

with pianist Jeffrey Uhlig

18 October at 3 pm

Free-will offering. Reception on the Church Plaza will follow.



PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA
CONCERTMASTER DAVID KIM, violin

17 January at 3 pm

Sponsored by Michael and Catherine Cappelletti

Free-will offering.

“the world’s reigning male chorus” - *The New Yorker*

CHANTICLEER

2 November at 7:30 pm

General \$25 — Front VIP \$40 — Student \$10

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A SERVICE of LESSONS and CAROLS
for ADVENT with the PARISH CHOIR

13 December at 3 pm

Free-will offering.

VIRTUOSO CONCERT PIANIST
MERAL GUNEYMAN

A program of classical masterworks and virtuoso jazz arrangements by Dick Hyman.

28 February at 3 pm

Free-will offering.

A CHILD’S CHRISTMAS IN WALES
with the PRINCETON SINGERS

3 January 2016

Free-will offering.

THE PENNSYLVANIA GIRLCHOIR

April 2016

date to be announced

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for AUGUST 2015

August 2015	\$71,616	43% Electronic	August YTD 2015	\$142,309	45% Electronic
August 2014	\$67,598	38% Electronic	August YTD 2014	\$146,018	42% Electronic
August Budget	2015-16	\$70,053	August YTD Budget	2015-16	\$146,458

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 6, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$9,287
Electronic	\$11,664
Total	\$20,951

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the Black and Indian Missions. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 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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by giving the money to a particular charity or cause that they found worthy and attractive.

Some who benefitted were:

St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, LaSalle Academy, Saint Raphaela Center, Saint Agnes Outreach Services, Malvern Retreat House, TE CARES, St. Joseph Welcome Center, CCWS Medical, Missionaries of Charity, Mother's Home, St. Gabriel Church Food Cupboard, Mom's House, Chester County Women's Services, Unite, Inc., Christopher M. Jones, Jr. Memorial Fund, Little Sisters of the Poor, Bethesda Project, Chester County Women's Services, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters - Camilla Hall, Delaware Valley Children's Charity, Legacy of Life, LaSalle Academy.

There are those who would say, "But Father, this tithing is a 'Protestant' thing. It doesn't really apply to us Catholics." My friends over at the Acton Institute (a VERY Catholic organization dealing with "Religion and Liberty") write the following:

"When we give a tithe to God, we testify that everything we receive is a blessing from the Lord. He is the giver of all good gifts, and we are stewards of his creation, for 'the earth is the LORD's, and everything in it'" (Psalm 24:1). So when we tithe or give other offerings to God, it isn't the case that we're simply giving him something of our own. We're demonstrating that everything ultimately belongs to God and that part of our first responsibility as stewards is to give a portion back directly."

So giving a percentage or a proportion of one's income is not outside the realm of Catholic thought and tradition. Nevertheless, next week we will examine this idea in greater depth.

Charles Zlock Jr

SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY

We are a fellowship of women who promote, nurture and build relationships among the Saint Monica parishioners with...

OPEN HEARTS



OPEN DOORS

providing an environment that compassionately supports the Spiritual, Social and Service calls of the Parish. If you are new to the parish or simply looking for an ideal opportunity to get out and meet some new faces, we encourage you to join us as we plan our upcoming season of social events and service projects.

Fall Kick-off Wine & Cheese Social, Thursday, September 24TH, 7:00 PM, Parish Center Cafeteria.

Questions? smswomenssociety@gmail.com

STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE REGARDING THE ANNULMENT PROCESS

In the Catholic tradition marriage has always been a permanent and loving bond between one man and one woman. Marriage is the genesis of the family — an intimate community of faith and love which reflects the love of Christ and serves as the building block of society.

On occasion circumstances arise that can lead to the nullity of an attempted marriage and that is why a canonical process is in place to provide for annulment. The practice in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has for several years been to ensure that no undue burdens would be imposed upon those seeking an annulment for valid reasons. The information released by the Vatican today is being carefully studied by the Metropolitan Tribunal. Should there be a need to make adjustments to the current process, we will work to implement them in a timely fashion.

We share the concern of our Holy Father for those who might struggle with this process and always seek to provide them with compassion and understanding.

Personal comment from Father Zlock: I, too, am studying the Holy Father's pronouncements and considering its implications. Please feel free to contact me if you, or someone you know, might benefit from a confidential one-on-one conversation with me on this topic.

FAMILY & YOUTH DAY: September 23rd

Among the Saint Monica sponsored events offered in celebration of the WMOF, Mary Pizzano, the Director of Religious Education and Jason Carter, the Director of Family and Youth will bring the excitement and the important message of the WMOF to the young believers of our parish (Grades 1-12) on **Wednesday, September 23rd** on our Parish Campus from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This **Family and Youth Day** will include fun activities, spiritual experiences, and service opportunities. The students will be grouped according to their grade level for the activities. The day will culminate with a pizza dinner for the students and their families in the cafeteria at 6:00 pm.

Registration for the Family and Youth Day is now open on the parish website. Please kindly register so that we are able to plan efficiently for the number of attendees. We look forward to seeing you and your children at this event!

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SAINT MONICA'S GOLF RETURNS



Our traditional Saint Monica's Golf event returns for any and all members and friends of the parish community sponsored by the Holy Name Society and Men's Club. We are shifting to a fall event this year, and have reserved, **Monday, October 12**, Columbus Day, as the date of our outing. **Mark your calendars, save the date, polish up your game, and look for the registration flyer in this bulletin next week!**

as many sessions as you would like without making a formal commitment to learn/discern if RCIA is the correct path for you. Bring a friend! There is no obligation to join the RCIA Program or the Catholic Church. Practicing Catholics are encouraged to join as well -- you are guaranteed to learn things about the Church you may have never known!

The RCIA sessions will begin in September. The timing of the sessions is to be announced. For more information, contact Christian Loch at (610) 235.7112.

LIVE BROADCAST of the PAPAL MASS



Sunday, 27 September
(Masses at 7:30, 9:30 am and 3 pm)

3:00 PM: SUNDAY MASS
fulfills the Sunday Mass obligation;
replaces the 11:30 Mass

4:00 PM: LIVE BROADCAST
of the PAPAL MASS

on screen in the Church
(does not fulfill Sunday Mass obligation)

6:00 PM: BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
immediately following the Papal Mass,
stay for a picnic in the Grotto

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Papal Visit, our bulletin publisher has issued the following early submission deadline:

All information for the September 27th bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday, September 16th to: parishbulletin@saintmonicachurch.org



Get your tickets now for this year's

AbbeyFest

September 19, from 10 am - 9:30 pm

For the complete line up of artists and speakers go to

TheAbbeyFest.com.

Finally, order your single, family or group tickets now at

TheAbbeyFest.com

AbbeyFest will be held at
Daylesford Abbey located on
220 South Valley Road, Paoli, 19301
Phone: 610.647.2530

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? ARE YOU CATHOLIC, BUT YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED CONFIRMATION?



Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have family members, friends, or acquaintances who

are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) group here at the Church of Saint Monica.

RCIA helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God as they consider becoming Catholic. Come to one or

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for SEPTEMBER 13

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday	6:30-9:30 pm	SAFE Environment	Auditorium
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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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 September 13 — September 20

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ John McKeown	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Black and Indian Missions</i>
7:30 a.m.	+ Anthony and Mary Rutecki	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Sadie and Nick Borzillo	Fr. DeAntoniis	Choir	
11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 14th	+ Tony Alzamora	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 15th	+ George Shea	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 16th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 17th	+ Frank and Rita Canfield	Fr. Novielli		
Friday, 18th	+ VanDevender and Filtz Families	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 19th	+ Jean Niemetz	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Rose and Joe Cirafesi	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 a.m.	+ Margaret Gilligan	Fr. DeAntoniis	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Margaret Annechini, Jack Barausky, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, Lynn Conrad, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Margaret Knight, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (*son of Liz*), Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

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: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

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