

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 Sunday 5:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

11:30a.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.



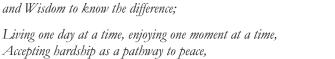
The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I am sure that many of you are familiar with the "Serenity Prayer" attributed to <u>Reinhold Niebuhr</u> American theologian, commentator and professor at Union Theological Seminary:

God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things that I can and Wisdom to know the difference;



Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, Trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will,

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,

And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

A priest friend of mine, Father Bill Kaufman (Pastor of St. Pius X in Broomall) gave me a small booklet named "Acceptance" which offers a reflection on the "Serenity Prayer." (Additional information is provided below). There is a lot of good insight in "Acceptance" that I'd like to share with you interspersed with my own thoughts.

Chapter 1 - Facing life.

Everyone hits "the wall." <u>Everyone</u>, no exceptions. From the biggest, wealthiest movie star to Mother Theresa... sooner or later everyone arrives at a point where life seems to have become too big to cope with. When this happens, we have to get life back and focus on where we have lost our perspective. It can be regained.

Monsignor James C. Vlaun at TelecareTV.org has a great reflection on the readings for October 8, 2015. His thoughts can be found on the video (Continued on Page 4)



OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

Lord, we lift our prayers this week for all those seeking a deeper understanding of the faith. We pray the parish of Saint Monica Church be a place of welcome and encouragement, as seekers discern God's call in their lives. Let us pray for the success of new programs offered this year and for the men and women called to facilitate them; may they faithfully reflect Jesus' love and teachings. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FROM the Office of Religious Education

Please see the Sacrament Spotlight announcements in this bulletin. The Religious Education Program is in session on October 18-19. <u>Classes are not in session on October 25-26.</u>

Liturgy of the Word with Children

The Liturgy of the Word with Children Program (LOW) is held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Registration for this Sunday church program is underway for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. This cost-free program is specially designed to give the younger children of our parish a better understanding and



appreciation for Scripture through age appropriate adaptations of the Readings, Gospel, and homily. Information and registration forms can be found in the "Crying Room" and the Gathering Room of the church. The LOW leaders have obtained the required clearances, mandated by both the state of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more information about the program, please contact Mary Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757.

FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM the OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

CHORAL CONCERT AT CATHEDRAL RELIVES MUSIC OF PAPAL MASS Monday Evening, 19 October at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

from CatholicPhilly.com

Music lovers will have a chance to relive the beautiful music sung at the Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway – plus music that was listed on the program but never sung – at a concert by the Papal Choir Monday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral

Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

As at the papal Mass, David Kimock will conduct the choir consisting of the archdiocesan and cathedral choirs, high school choir, children's choir and hundreds of members from archdiocesan parish choirs.

Titled "A Celebration in Song: Giving Thanks, Reliving the Memories," the concert is free and parking is free in the cathedral lot. For more information call the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship at 215-587-3696.



The mission of the Music at Monica's Series is one of musical outreach to the community - a time to welcome all to the parish. Music at Monica's exists to support outreach efforts of the Church of Saint Monica, to support specific charitable endeavors and to provide a free or low-cost cultural option to the greater community.

OPENING CONCERT

Acclaimed virtuoso soprano

MELINDA WHITTINGTON

with pianist Jeffrey Uhlig

18 October at 3 pm

Program of music by Strauss, Schubert, Mozart, Debussy along with sacred music and spirituals.

A free will offering will be accepted.

A reception provided by Carlino's Specialty Foods
will follow on the Church Plaza.





2 NOVEMBER 7:30 PM

On the heels of the opening performance comes the incomparable multiple Grammy-award winning male vocal ensemble, Chanticleer on Monday evening, November 2nd at 7:30 pm.

Chanticleer, known as "the world's reigning male chorus," recently released its program for the performance, aptly titled, "Over the Moon". The varied offerings include music spanning almost seven centuries from ancient and Romantic-era selections, to modern day "popular" fare, and newly-commissioned works in this substantially rich program - truly something for all musical palettes, as the group expertly sets the standard for choral singing, style and "suavity." Tickets are still available online.

SUPPORT MUSIC at MONICA'S: Friends of Music

This series is completely supported by the "Friends of Music" and requires no financial support from the Parish. We rely exclusively on the generosity of parishioners, friends, music lovers, local businesses and community members to keep this series alive. Please consider making a donation to continue the excellence in programming and outreach. Contact the Music Office for more information at 610.644.0110 ext. 118.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2015

 September 2015
 \$67,258
 44% Electronic
 September YTD 2015
 \$209,548
 45% Electronic

 September 2014
 \$68,502
 38% Electronic
 September YTD 2014
 \$214,520
 42% Electronic

 September Budget
 2015-16
 \$70,603
 September YTD Budget
 2015-16
 \$217,061

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Sunday Collection \$8,773 Electronic \$10,307 Total \$19,080

We have **167** families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for Mission Sunday. Next weekend the Special Collection will be for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. 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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reflections page of the U.S. Bishops site (click on "Daily Reflections, Video/ 2015-10-08 Reflection, 1-464). In his reflection, Monsignor Vlaun talks about Jesus telling us "To ask, to seek and to knock." Sometimes in life, we have to **ask** Jesus to help us to "seek what was lost" in our life – peace, serenity, contentment, a sense of purpose.

The first step is to mentally gain a sense of perspective. Think about it, right now the world is limited to your house, your job, your town. Even if you fly to Germany or Italy or Ireland, India or Paris or Hong Kong, your "world" is then no bigger than the interior of the airplane and the nearest airport. Don't focus on the awful, menacing future, the unending nightmare of shadowy days and years! You live only one minute at a time; that's this minute. You can think of only one thing at a time, do only one thing at a time; you actually live only one breath at a time. Stop living in a tomorrow that may never comestart living one day at a time - today. Yes, plan for tomorrow - but live only till bedtime.

Next week we will examine what you do with those crazy people, "whirling around" in your life like dervishes, who seem to cause you to lose your peace, serenity and contentment.

Reflections taken from <u>The Way to Serenity and Peace of Mind</u>. by Vincent P. Collins (St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana. Abbey Press, St. Meinrad IN. 47577)

Charles Flock Fr

SAINT MONICA THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Parish's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which benefits Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard in Philadelphia, will begin Saturday, October 24th. Empty paper bags will be available at all exits of the Church. Please take a bag and fill it with the items noted on the "checklist" placed inside the bag.

All donations must be returned by November 11th. Questions? Contact Karen Peterson at 484.614.7669. Please drop off your filled bag to the Gathering Room of the Church on or before November 11th.

<u>**NEW!**</u> Look for info about a new and convenient 'drop off service' in the parking lot when returning your bag!

SUMMER'S BEST TWO WEEKS

It is not too early to start thinking about Summer 2016! The Broadhurst Family invites your family to learn about a great opportunity for athletic and spiritual growth, and fun with friends. *Summer's Best Two Weeks* is a Christian summer camp experience for girls and boys ages 8-18 in beautiful Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Join the Broadhursts and friends, **Today, Sunday, October 18th after the 9:30 am Mass** in the Old School Music Room for a short presentation over coffee and donuts. Young parishioners who are campers will be there to answer questions and share their experiences. Visit sb2w.org to learn more.



SAINT MONICA BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Today! Sunday, October 18 at 1:00pm: Presentation on "Spousal Grief" at Saint Katharine of Siena Parish Center in Wayne. Pat Danzik, MSS, LSW, will present a talk and then follow with group discussion on the topic, "Spousal Grief." For more information or questions, please call or email Mary Ann Crowe, RN, SKS Parish Nurse, at 610.688.9479.

PARISH COFFEE THANK YOU!

A big thanks to the second grade Communion class for sponsoring a great coffee and donut get together after the 9:30 a.m. mass this past weekend. It was a beautiful day for donuts and fellowship. Thank you to the Holy Name Society for sponsoring the donuts!

News and Announcements

SAINT MONICA HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Saint Monica's Golf Committee wishes to thank all the players and sponsors for their dedicated support of our 31st Golf Outing on Monday, October 12th at Downingtown Country Club. It was truly a "fun raiser". A perfect weather day provided great fellowship and fun golf. Special thanks to the trailblazing women who by playing made our event much improved.

Congratulations to this year's winners. 1st place: Oscar Mestre, Bill Gerhart, Frank Guthridge & Jerry Schiano. 2nd place: Mike Cappelletti, Marty Cappelletti, Geoff Kenneck & Bill Sayer. The Women's division winners: Cathy Cappelletti, Nancy Lafferty, Mimi Daily & Susie Sargent. Closest to the pin - men: Bill Sayer. Long drive – men: Jeff Kenneck. Closest to pin women: Nancy Lafferty, and best drive for women: Cathy Cappelletti.

A very special "Thank-you" goes to Umberto Degli-Esposti for providing yet another outstanding lunch and dinner at Ristorante Primavera in Wayne. Our featured Beverage sponsor was Matt Funchion, and Penn Beer Distributors. We also thank our hole sponsors: Berwyn Tavern; Tom Brophy; The Damstra Family; Great Valley Racquet Club; Handles Ice Cream; JM Search - Bob Sargent; Dan McMonigle, Neapolitan Deli; Prudential Fox Roach; Oscar Mestre, CLU, ChFC Creative Financial Group; Tom Onufrak; Fred Pioggia; Penn Liberty Bank, Pohlig Builders; Saint Monica CYO; Saint Monica's Holy Name Society, Saint Monica's Women's Club; New Penn Financial & Jerry Schiano; Sterling Investment Advisors, Tim Flatley; and Fr. Zlock. We look forward to seeing all that attended again (and bring a new friend) next year at our 32nd golf extravaganza. Thank-you! Mark DiLucca & Oscar Mestre.

ALL-ABILITIES BOWLING

If you have a child with physical or intellectual differences, you are cordially invited to come to the Saint Monica All Abilities Bowling Social at Devon Lanes. This very informal get together will take place on Sunday, October 25 from 12:00-2:00 pm. Cost is \$5/bowler. This event is open to the community, so please share this invitation with non-parishioners as well. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy and Gary Brooks at wenobrooks@aol.com or Trish O'Brien at tobrien77@comcast.net.

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY DRIVE

The 13th annual Saint Monica Parish Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive ends this weekend. Plastic jars are preferred. Your family's donation can be placed into the bins in the Gathering Room when you attend Mass. All donations are given to the needy living in the Philadelphia vicinity. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

OUTREACH



The Hungry Need You to help them by contributing to the monthly Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard Drive. The drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27.

All non-perishable items are welcome. Checks payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are much appreciated and can be placed in the designated box. Thank you!

SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT



The parents of our First Penance candidates are reminded of the "Afternoon of Reflection" which is scheduled on Sunday, November 1 in the Saint Monica Education Center at 12:30 pm. The afternoon will

include discussions on the topic of forgiveness and practical tips on how to prepare your child to receive the sacrament of Penance for the first time. The afternoon is intended for parents only.

MASS of REMEMBRANCE



On Sunday, November 1st at the 11:30 Mass, the Parish of Saint Monica will be remembering those whose funerals were celebrated here since November 1, 2014.

The Bereavement Ministry will be placing a *Book of Remembrance* at the rear of the church beginning Saturday, October 17th. Those recently deceased will be entered and we invite parishioners to add their own deceased family and friends' names. The Book will remain at Saint Joseph's altar throughout the month of November.

| WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for OCTOBER 18 | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| DAY | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | | |
| Sunday | 3:00-5:00 pm | Music at Monica's | Church | | |
| Monday | 9:00am-4:30pm | Adoration | Church | | |
| Tuesday | | | | | |
| Wednesday | 7:00-9:00 pm | Parish Choir Rehearsal | Church | | |
| Thursday | 7:00-8:30 pm | Walking with Purpose | Cafeteria | | |
| Friday | 9:15-10:30 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 October 18 — October 25 | | | | | | |
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| MASS TIME | Intention | Presider | MUSIC MINISTRY | Notes | | |
| 5:00 pm Vigil | + Larry Norton | Fr. Antry | Cantor | Special Collection: Mission Sunday | | |
| 7:30 am | People of the Parish | Fr. Novielli | Quiet | | | |
| 9:30 am | + Mary Piombino | Fr. Zlock | Parish Choir | | | |
| 11:30 am | + Priscilla Miller | Fr. Zlock | Cantor | | | |
| Monday, 19th | + Robert Ursomarso | Fr. Zlock | | | | |
| Tuesday, 20th | + Joanne McGann | Fr. Zlock | | | | |
| Wednesday, 21st | Communion Service | | | | | |
| Thursday, 22nd | + Shaun F. O'Malley | Fr. Jaehwa | | | | |
| Friday, 23rd | + Thomas P. E. Snyder | Fr. Zlock | | | | |
| Saturday, 24th | + Nelda Ragan | Fr. Zlock | | | | |
| 5:00 pm Vigil | + Russell Hurst | Fr. Fitzgerald | Cantor | Special Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent | | |
| 7:30 am | + Thomas Stewart | Fr. Serano | Quiet | | | |
| 9:30 am | People of the Parish | Fr. Zlock | Parish Choir | | | |
| 11:30 am | + Mercedes Castellano Anchorena | Fr. Fitzgerald | Cantor | DePaul Fund | | |

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, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, 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

Henry Yordan

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

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