



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.



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

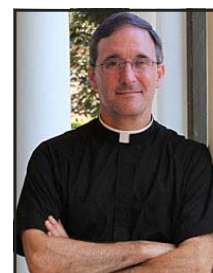
FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Recently we were asked to host a pair of Italian graduate students at Saint Monica. The program was started by a number of Villanova students and involves professionals who already have an undergraduate degree and are looking to enhance their education but specifically to work more in a more focused way to benefit the Catholic Church in their respective parishes.

The two gentlemen who visited Saint Monica were Mario Compagnucci and Giorgio Paolucci. Mario works in individual financial investments in a large bank while Giorgio, a lawyer, actually spent a year in the American Midwest. There were several hopeful goals for this exchange program. First was to allow these young active Catholics to get a sense of what exciting initiatives are happening in US Catholic parishes. Second, was to get some idea of the challenges we currently face in the US Catholic Church. Third, was to enable a cultural exchange to occur and see if there is a way where the Catholic faith of the two countries could possibly be mutually beneficial in some exchange of best practices.

There were a number of ideas from Italy that the staff found especially interesting and encouraging. The first one is the way that the Catholic faith is taught to young Italian schoolchildren. Religion can be taught in Italian public schools. The Italian State sets out a series of criteria for schoolteachers. The local bishop also has a list of teachers that are approved by his respective (arch)diocese. Teachers that are drawn from both lists are then selected and hired and teach an elective course in Italian public schools. Students themselves can decide whether or not they want to attend the course or not. What was encouraging was the fact that an ever-increasing number of students (both Catholic and non-Catholic) are electing to take the "Catholic course."

A second interesting Italian initiative involves parish bereavement. The custom in some Italian parishes is the realization that any death in a family is *(continued on Page 4)*



OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

During this Year of Mercy, excerpts of the Diary of Saint Faustina's will be published weekly in our parish bulletin in the hope of bringing the parishioners of Saint Monica closer to our Lord through the knowledge and experience of His infinite mercy.

"Whatever You do with me, Jesus, I will always love You, for I am Yours. Little matter whether You leave me here or put me somewhere else; I am always Yours."

- Saint Faustina (Diary, 1145)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sr. Rose Bernadette Mulligan, IHM and Fr. Zlock shared the joys of their respective vocations with the Religious Education Program students and catechists during last Monday night's session. The presentation included a question and answer session. It was a great and positive way to end this year's Religious Education Program. Thank you Sr. Rose and Fr. Zlock!

Registration for the 2016-2017 Sunday morning (Grades 2 & 6) and Monday evening RE classes (Grades 1-6) school year is ongoing. The registration

forms can be found on the parish website, under Religious Education. Parents are asked to register their children as soon as possible. Questions? Mary Pizzano would be happy to speak with you via e-mail at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or at 610-647-4757.

Parents are reminded that the registration forms and payment for the Sunday morning sessions (Grades 2 & 6 only) must be received in the Office of Religious Education by Sunday, May 15th.

FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

2015-2016 Choral Season

Thanks for a great year!


The Saint Monica Parish Choir will conclude the 2015-2016 Choral Season on Sunday, 29 May, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join me in thanking the talented volunteer musicians of our parish for their dedication and many, many hours of service throughout the year. The cantors of the parish will continue to lead our sacred music throughout the summer months while the choir enjoys a much deserved break!



The Saint Monica Parish Choir, Lessons & Carols 2015

Congratulations to our First Communicants

Audrey Bergan
 Eve Bolton
 Isabelle Bolton
 Christopher Bosler
 Sarah Breault
 Elizabeth Brown
 William Burgo
 Elena Carreon
 John Carter
 Connor Ciccarelli
 Jack Connolly
 Peter Connolly
 Graham Costello
 Reilly Crowe
 Colin Curvan
 Henry DeHart
 Charlie D'Emilio
 Nicholas DePolo



Benjamin Driscoll
 Madeline Fox
 Charlotte Friel
 Austin Goulet
 Kelly Johnson
 Lila Jones
 Nathan Kenneck
 Cecilia Kennedy
 Emily Klaiber
 Lauren Krapels
 Alexandra Lenehan
 Megan Mahoney
 Lyla Matzinger
 Nola Mault
 Conor McCarthy
 Maribel McGinley
 Julia McGinn
 Drew McKenzie

Morgan McLaughlin
 Caroline Morrissey
 Katherine Morrissey
 Margaret Neary
 Addison Neibert
 Declan O'Brien
 Shane O'Brien
 Tristan Reilly
 Marika Szela
 Cooper Tadeo
 Grace Valenti
 Camila Washburn
 Malik Washburn
 Lucy Weber
 Karlee Welgoss
 Amelia Wells
 Steven Wiechecki
 Jett Williamson

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS *for* MARCH 2016

March 2016	\$54,839*	44% Electronic	March YTD 2016	\$629,156	44% Electronic
March 2015	\$82,960	44% Electronic	March YTD 2015	\$659,533	41% Electronic
March Budget	2015-16	\$71,000	March YTD Budget	2015-16	\$671,940
* Easter	3/27/16	\$41,505			

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Sunday Collection **\$10,998**
 Electronic **\$10,558**
 Total **\$21,556**

*We have 167 families
 contributing electronically.*

POOR BOX

The money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of May will be for the benefit of the Bethesda Project. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 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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traumatic and disorienting where just getting over the emotional loss can be challenging. Attending to the day-to-day functions of a family while simultaneously planning a funeral Mass, reception, viewing, etc. can tax people beyond their capacity. Thus, the local parish custom was that the parish family/home closest to the home where the death occurred - nearest to the church parish bell tower is, by custom obligated to pick up the logistical issues of planning the Mass, calling the funeral home and making all of the funeral arrangements. The bereaving family is naturally involved but is not responsible for details and logistics and can focus on the spiritual and emotional aspects of taking care of their own family members.

The third interesting issue dealt with financial support of parishes. In Italian law, apparently one can designate a certain percentage of tax revenue to any particular "social service." This could be something along the lines of the Red Cross but could also involve a certain percentage designated to one's particular parish. Italians feel that religious support is beneficial and have historically found that support of social organizations and churches of various denominations has a significant positive affect to the society. Therefore, they see this as a way to provide financial benefit to organizations that are providing concomitant benefits.

Next week I will outline what aspects of American Catholicism and parochial life interested and fascinated our Italian guests.

Charles Zlock Jr

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY



Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with Jesus?

In the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, author, Father Michael Gaitley, highlights the teachings of 4 Marian "experts" – St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe,

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II. Join with fellow parishioners and families as we read (about 2 pages per day), ponder, and meet once a week for 6 weeks to watch Father Gaitley's DVD and discuss

the readings with the aid of a companion manual in small groups. We will meet on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in the cafeteria from May 17 - June 21. The fee is \$25 and includes all materials. **Registration deadline is Sunday, May 8th.** To register or for more info contact Maureen Kozak at momokozak@comcast.net or 610-416-7570.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 AT OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION PARISH A WILDERNESS ADVENTURE THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS: JESUS IN MY HEART Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Adult and High School Volunteers are needed to help with **crafts, games, activities, music, Bible stories and snacks** during VBS.

All children, ages 3 to 12, are welcome to join us from **Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24 from 9 AM to 12 Noon** each day. This is **15 hours of songs, games, activities, crafts, Bible stories and daily snacks.**

The deadline is **Monday, May 9.** Registration Forms are available at www.AssumptionAcademy.weebly.org

MAY CROWNING OF MARY



Miss Mary Ellen Smith will serve as our parish's May Queen during our annual May Crowning of Mary, our Blessed Mother. Please join us on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 8th**, at the closing of the 11:30 a.m. Mass as we celebrate and honor Mary, our Blessed Mother!

FOUND

A pendant of significant value was found under the pews on the right hand side of the church near the choir area some time around Easter. Please call the rectory office at 610-644-0110 if you lost this.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education Program is in need of a few enthusiastic adults to serve as catechists/teachers beginning in September for the 2016-2017 school year for both the Sunday morning and Monday evening sessions. Please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. *Sharing your time and talent is a great and life-long gift to the youth of the parish.* A stipend, guidance, and support are generously provided! For more info contact Mary Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610.647.4757.

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SAINT MONICA MEN'S SOCIETY

Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, May 21st, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Grotto Lawn. Enter your best chili, ready to go and in an electric crock pot. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Plan on having chili for lunch and/or dinner. We will have ample amounts of chili, besides the competitors' chili, to feed everyone. Please RSVP with a headcount to John McCarty at mccarty564@gmail.com or at 610-291-9197.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: *NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES*



The Holy Name Society is again proudly sponsoring a spectacular night at the Reading Phillies for our parish community. Fathers are welcome to bring their children to a fun packed evening on Saturday, July 9th. Price per ticket of \$25 includes: bus transportation, ticket, buffet dinner and an outstanding fireworks display. Bus will depart from Saint Monica's at 4:15; game time is 6:35pm. Limited number of tickets are on hand, so chime in now to reserve your seats. Reservations can be made by emailing Mark DiLucca at mdilucca00@comcast.net

CONGRATULATIONS to our PENN RELAY ATHLETES



Congratulations to the relay teams from Saint Monica and Saint Norbert who were selected to compete at **“CYO Night at Penn Relays!”** It was a great night of community and competition for the athletes and their families. Please keep the children and their coaches in your prayers as they approach the most competitive part of their season! We are grateful to have nearly 100 children from Saint Monica and Saint Norbert working together to build speed, distance and community, too!

PRAYER REQUEST



Your continued prayers for our parish's 51 Confirmation candidates and their families are appreciated. Bishop Timothy Senior will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Monica on Thursday, May 12th.

SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY

On Tuesday, April 19th, the Women's Society charted new ground with a brand new event to connect with our parish college students. This year's **Cookie Bake** had the ladies measuring and mixing three different kinds of delicious homemade cookies. The baked goods were packaged with love and a beautiful prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino asking for intercession during final exams. Sixty cookie care packages were shipped near and far. Students responded warmly and were touched by the outreach and personal touch extended from their parish.

Our next event will be in support of the **Holy Name Society's Chili Cook Off** on May 21st. We are looking for volunteers to bake pies and/or cornbread. If interested please email smswomenssociety@gmail.com.

SINCERE THANKS!

Kudos and sincere thanks to the following organizations that provided hospitality to the ALPHA participants and ALPHA team members:



Walking With Purpose, Merry Widows, Family and Youth Ministry, Religious Education Program, Eucharistic Ministers, Legion of Mary, Respect Life Committee, CYO, and Holy Name Society

Your assistance in evangelizing and building community among the ALPHA participants is invaluable.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for May 8

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday		Mother's Day	
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday			
Friday	9:30-11:00 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 May 8 — May 15

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
7:30 am	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Zagarella	Quiet	
9:30 am	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
11:30 am	Mothers of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 9th	+ Fr. George Hagenbach	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 10th	+ Regina Uveges	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 11th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 12th	Intentions of the Lambertz Family	Fr. Antry		
Friday, 13th	+ Dominic DiAntonio	Fr. Jaehwa		
Saturday, 14th	+ Dominic DiAntonio	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Patricia DeHaven	Fr. Antry	Choir	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas DeHaven	Fr. Avicolti	Choir	
11:30 am	The Merry Widows	Fr. Avicolti	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Kathleen Dempsey, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Thomas Losoncy, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, David Mikowchok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Charles Carmelich, Father of Gerry Jaffé

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

Leader for this week: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

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