



# 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)

Saint Monica Rectory  
635 First Avenue  
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312  
Phone: 610.644.0110  
Facsimile: 610.695.0850

### Office of Religious Education (Rectory)

610.647.4757

### Parish Website

[www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org)

### Twitter & Instagram

@StMonicaBerwyn

### Join Flocknote!

Text "Monica1897" to 84576

### Parish Staff E-mail

FirstInitialLastName@  
saintmonicachurch.org

### Parish Leadership

financecouncil@  
saintmonicachurch.org

### 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.



Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

## FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Last week I shared about a podcast entitled "The Four Ingredients of an Amazing Homily." When considering three elements of a positive "Sunday experience" (Hymns, Hospitality, Homilies) homilies play a particularly important role ("No pressure").

Pastors should look at four homiletic areas and ask whether their homily is **Passionate** (Delivered with conviction and emotion drawn from prayer and from the heart of the priest); **Organized** (Does the homily clearly connect points that people can follow logically); **Understandable** (Using words that people can grasp and follow both theologically and linguistically) and **Relevant** (Connecting the homily with people's lives and to actions that they can take that week).

The podcast suggested priests/pastors give four-part scoring matrix to a select group of parishioners for their feedback. Ask them to rate the homilies (on a scale of 1-to-4) in each of the four areas giving a 1 to the area where the priest/pastor is strongest and 4 to a potential area of improvement. I gave this scoresheet to about 15 parishioners and received the following scores:

1<sup>st</sup>: Relevance 2.09 (strongest area)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Organization 2.45 (good, but not great yet)

3<sup>rd</sup>: Passion 2.55 (good, but not great yet)

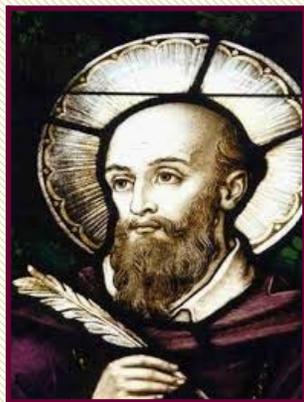
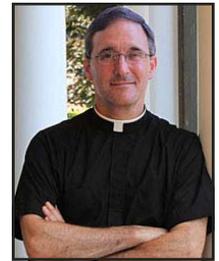
4<sup>th</sup>: Understandable/Clarity: 2.91 (area for most potential improvement)

Last week I shared parishioner comments concerning the "**Relevance**" metric. This week, I share what parishioners wrote concerning the other three areas:

**Organization:** "It is obvious you put time and effort into all aspects of preparing for a homily. But sometimes they are too organized and perhaps too detailed. You state, "There are three ways..." and then you say, "Within those three there are two more..."

"There is sometimes a lack of passion or flow in that it feels more like a college lecture that an inspirational, spiritual, bucket-filling experience."

"You are very much organized. People "get it," I think, due to the use of your iPad and the natural comfort you exude when are giving a homily or lesson. It's like (continued on Page 4)



## SAINT FRANCIS DESALES

Feast Day on January 24th

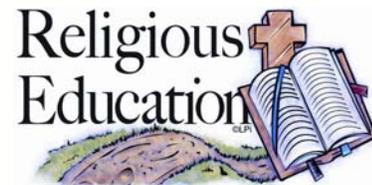
**Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.**

- Saint Francis deSales

## FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on January 23.

Registration for this year's Summer Session and for the 2017-2018 Monday night session is now underway. A link to the registration forms has been emailed to all families of students currently registered. The registration forms can also be found on our website: [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org). ***Please be mindful that the registration for the Summer Session ends on February 6th.*** (Seats are limited!)



## FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



### Steubenville Youth Conference

June 16-18 2017

Open to graduating 8th-12th Students

Cost-\$350

(\$199 deposit to secure your spot)

Scholarship money available if needed

Limited spots available, 1st come 1st served

for more info:

[steubenvilleconferences.com/youth](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth)

[Jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:Jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org)

## FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

### SPRING CHOIR OPENINGS — CONSIDER IT!

Christmas has come and gone, the choir has taken a short break and now we're back and ready to go, already preparing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Consider joining our ministry of music! The Parish Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7 pm and sings each Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. All voice parts are welcome to become involved. To schedule a meeting to join our fun and friendly group, please contact Frank Orman at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or at [forman@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:forman@saintmonicachurch.org).



**THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY of SAINT MONICA PARISH  
INVITES ALL TO JOIN US ON THIS PRAYERFUL JOURNEY . . .**



For more information and to register, please visit [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org), or contact Rosemary Friedrich at [rcfriedrich@verizon.net](mailto:rcfriedrich@verizon.net) or 610-688-4771.

**IF YOU CANNOT JOIN US ON THE BUS TRIP...  
COME TO A PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE**



**THE CHURCH of SAINT MONICA  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017: 1 – 2 PM\***  
**Come for the entire hour or stop by for as long  
as you are able. Your prayers are important.**

**Contact Elena Brazer at 484-318-7888 for more information.**

*\*Concurrent with the March from the National Mall to the Supreme Court in Washington DC.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 2016**

December 2016	\$72,306	38% Electronic	December YTD 2016	\$399,552	44% Electronic
December 2015	\$76,898	40% Electronic	December YTD 2015	\$433,360	44% Electronic
December Budget 2016-17	\$76,798		December YTD Budget 2016-17	\$423,460	

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday, January 15, 2017**

Sunday Collection \$10,258  
Electronic \$ 6,024  
Total \$16,282

Christmas Collection: \$52,768  
Christmas Budget: \$65,674

*We have 164 electronic contributors.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available on line at [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://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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the fact that you've thought it all out and have approached this thoughtfully. Homilies typically flow well."

**Passionate:** "You certainly speak with conviction. My only constructive criticism that might relate to the "passionate" element is -- slow down. We are hanging onto your every word. Slow the cadence of the delivery - don't rush. We're on 'God time.'"

"You generally - but not always - come across as controlled with a smattering of humor, where appropriately interjected. But I think the average person in the pew may not be convinced of what you are trying to convey. It's easy to miss someone's internal passion with a reserved personality-type."

"You definitely come across as more serious and in control rather than letting your passion get a hold of you enough to override your reserve."

"I give you a ten out of ten for passion and organization. You always come across as really wanting to convey the message. Walking out into the audience also conveys passion and willingness to share the message with others."

"You deliver your homily with conviction but I don't notice much emotion."

"You do use poems as prayers and that touches our hearts, but I can't say that your homilies are passionate."

**Understandable/Clarity:** "For the most part I can understand and relate to the messages delivered."

"As a product of RCIA and a-Catholic-still-learning (me), don't assume we know all the Catholic stuff and language, stories, parables in the Bible, etc... Spell it out for us from time-to-time. You do an excellent job."

"I like the challenge of thinking *"where is he going with this"* or working the context for a term I'm not necessarily familiar with. But, I think you can get sometimes a little too "collegiate" for the kids at Mass, or maybe even some of the "still-not-awake-yet" heads."

"I rated 'Clarity' in fourth position only because I am a simple person when it comes to theology and philosophy. I know it is so much more than just those subjects, but I get lost sometimes in the details because I just have trouble connecting the dots especially when you are putting so much out there."

"I really need to pay attention to the entire homily to get the message across, because the storyline is often complex. I enjoy it, and the parishioners (continued)

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

(Continued)

should be paying attention. However, there may be some people that struggle a bit because of the complexity, but I do not know for sure."

"For the most part, yes. Your homilies are understandable. However, there are only some times where it seems one of the initial points you make does not "match" the explanation of another."

"Sometimes you perhaps make a few too many references to articles, authors, outside sources that make it a bit difficult to follow. Maybe just don't mention the references but just build in the content so that the homily "flows" more naturally."

"I do like what you did last week when you came down off the altar and walked in from of the congregation from side to side. I felt more connected to what you were saying. Perhaps others felt the same way."

So there you have it. I wish to publically thank the parishioners who took a chance to offer me constructive and honest feedback. I found the comments fascinating. It also provided a "baseline" for me and a specific area on which I can focus over the following months. I'll send this out later in 2017 and circle back with the parishioners to see if they have noticed any change and improvement.

By the way, if you are interested in being part of the evaluation team, let me know, I'd be glad to include you.

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### SAINT JOHN HOSPICE TOILETRY MINISTRY

Saint Monica Parish sponsors a **Toiletry Ministry** benefiting Saint John's Hospice in Philadelphia. Saint John's Hospice provides shower facilities to 160 homeless men a week and are in great need for travel size toiletries. Please donate any travel size toiletries – shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, body lotion, razors, toothpaste, etc. that are unused from a hotel stay or purchased. The bins are located inside the church entrance to the right. Our collection at Saint Monica can help these men live with some dignity. If you or your group would be interested in helping sort, pack and or deliver the toiletries to Saint John's Hospice, please contact Molly Arbes at [mollyandpeter@gmail.com](mailto:mollyandpeter@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

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### SAVE THE DATE . . .

#### Team Trivia 2017 - Our 20th Edition



This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 11th**. This year's theme is, **"A Night At The Movies"**. Start planning now. Registration forms will be in the bulletin on the weekend of February 11/12. Our event again will be the 1st half of a parish wide active weekend as **Sunday, March 12th**, will be the **3rd Annual Helping Hands Event**. Stay tuned for more details.

### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



At the very foundation of our Catholic faith is a call to defend the sacredness of life. So, on this Friday, January 27, hundreds of thousands of people will gather in Washington for the March for Life.

Let us reflect on what Saint Pope John Paul II said in *Christifideles Laici*: "Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory **if** the RIGHT TO LIFE, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."

### PRAYERS PLEASE...

Please keep our parish's second graders in your daily prayers as they prepare to receive their First Penance at the end of this month.



### COME PRAY THE ROSARY

We have been blessed to have a parish community Rosary said **every Monday evening at 7:15 p.m.** The church will be opened for all to come and pray.

### YOUNG ADULTS: Prepare for the Superbowl

Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? If so, join CYACC this Wednesday January 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM at SS. Peter and Paul in West Chester. Francis Klose, a professor from Cabrini University, will give a talk on spirituality and sports. For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at [c yacc1@gmail.com](mailto:c yacc1@gmail.com).

### OUTREACH



**The Hungry Thank You** for your **Generous** and **Overwhelming** support of the Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard in 2016 by the contribution of 347 bags of food and \$9331 in donations. This does not include the

wonderful donations during the Thanksgiving food drive. Sisters Arleen McCann and Rita Martin (IHM), of Saint Gabriel's send grateful thanks to our parish community for our very helpful and continuing support. Many thanks also to Joan Stillwell and her 8:30 Mass helpers who load the donations each month

Food for the Cupboard is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month to Saint Gabriel's Parish in South Philadelphia. This month's drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 31. Checks payable to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box in the gathering room.

### LEGACY OF LIFE

For those parishioners that adopted a family through the Legacy of Life Foundation Adoption Program, packages and family updates can be picked up in the Gathering Room after Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support of these families in need!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Marybeth Panaro, our Religious Education Program's 6th grade catechist. Marybeth was recently awarded the **Saint Pius Medal** by Archbishop Chaput because of her 10 years of dedicated service to the Saint Monica Religious Education Program. Marybeth has selflessly and effectively spread the message of Christ to her students through her words and actions, for which we are deeply indebted. *Thank you and may God bless you!*

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 22

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	<b>Walking With Purpose</b>	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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@StMonicaBerwyn

## FATHER ZLOCK



**Website**  
Frzlock.com



**Facebook**  
Fr. Charlie Zlock



**Twitter**  
@FrZlock

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifeteen: 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](mailto: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 January 22 – January 28

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ David Trasatti	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Relief Service</i>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Novielli	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Patrick Maher	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 23rd	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 24th	+ Ronald Miller	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 25th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 26th	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Krautsack		
Friday, 27th	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 28th	+ Marie and Bob Agnew	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Patrick Maher	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Abbot Antonucci	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Umberto Degli Esposti, James DiAntonio, William Dahlan, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Christine Florkowski, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Jean McGinley, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

## THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

*A. Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Husband of Stella  
David Poe, Uncle of Christopher Moran*

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

Leader for this week: Joanne Rogers at 610-647-1068

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden  
Dennis Connell  
Richard Deak  
Kathleen Keough  
Michael McCabe  
Peter Lynch  
Gerald O'Brien  
Giulio Perillo  
Michael Vadner  
Lawrence Wieser

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

**Reverend Charles Zlock**, M.Div., M.A., M.B.I.S., *Pastor*  
**Reverend Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A.**, Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*  
**The Norbertines of Daylesford Abbey**, *Pastoral Assistance*  
**Mary C. Pizzano**, *Director of Religious Education*  
**Frank K.J. Orman**, *Director of Worship & Music*  
**Jason Carter**, *Director of Family & Youth Ministry*  
**Theresa Carey**, *Business Manager*  
**Catherine H. Levine**, *Parish Administrative Assistant*  
**Diane Kirsch Pealer**, *Religious Education Assistant*  
**Elizabeth P. Tenaglio**, *Cemetery Administration*  
**Frank Pantano**, *Facilities Manager*