



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA

Don't forget! Tuesday, 15 August
A Holyday of Obligation

The Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses are at 8:30 am & 12 noon

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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Parish Staff E-mail

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saintmonicachurch.org

Parish Leadership

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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.

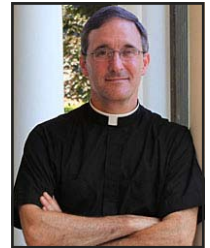


The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

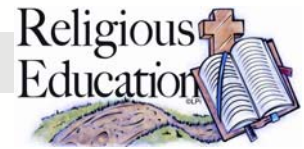
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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

For overfilled bins with art supplies for
the Richard Wright Elementary School
which has continued since
July 22 with special thanks to the
generosity of our parishioners.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education Classes begin for those who have registered for the **Sunday Small Groups** on Sunday, September 10, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 11:45 a.m. The **Monday Night Session** begins Monday, September 11, from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.

Registration Forms can be found on the parish website under Religious Education, or by contacting Diane Pealer in the Religious Education Office at dpealer@saintmonicachurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for our **Sunday Pilot Program** as well as **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. We are not looking for theologians, just people who love Jesus and are willing to spend some time growing closer to God with the future of our Church. For more information, contact Jason Carter, Director of Family and Youth Ministry, at jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-644-0110 ext. 131.

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FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

YOU'RE INVITED: JOIN US!

The Parish Choir warmly welcomes singers of all voice types (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) to join us in the fall! We begin rehearsals on Wednesday, 6 September at 7 pm in the Church. The Parish Choir sings each Sunday for the 9:30 AM Mass, and for all principal liturgies of the Parish at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. *Consider becoming involved!* Contact Frank Orman, *Director of Worship & Music* for more information at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or forman@saintmonicachurch.org.





WALKING with PURPOSE
 RETURNS TO SAINT MONICA FOR A 4TH YEAR!
 THERE WILL BE TWO STUDIES OFFERED
 ON THURSDAY EVENINGS IN 2017-2018.
OPENING NIGHT COFFEE CONNECT:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:00 PM

TO REGISTER, CONTACT: WWP.SAINTMONICA@GMAIL.COM

WWP Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point

Please join us for a taste of *Walking with Purpose* as we explore four foundational steps that we need to take if we desire to live purposefully. Growing in these areas is a lifelong pursuit, but there's no better time to begin than now! If you have participated in *WWP* before and wish to return to the starting point, this study is also for you!

"For I know the plan I have for you, says the Lord. Plans for welfare, not evil, to give you a hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

WWP Touching the Divine: A Study of the Gospel of John

Are you longing to overcome past and present failings and experience a fresh start? Jesus makes all the difference, offering us hope and a new beginning. Instead of identifying ourselves in terms of what our culture values, we can define our worth by our relationship to Jesus. We receive a new identity in Christ, and He calls us *beloved*. Please join *Walking with Purpose* for a talk and discussion about Christ's invitation to receive Him and be transformed by our closeness to Him.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study held on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Cafeteria from October through April. The program aims to bring women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal study and small group discussions at *WWP* each week link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Maureen and Melissa at wwp.saintmonica@gmail.com.

*No experience necessary, just come as you are for some coffee and a chance to see what *Walking with Purpose* is all about.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JUNE 2017

June 2017	\$60,210	47% Electronic	June YTD 2017	\$788,561	45% Electronic
June 2016	\$69,072	44% Electronic	June YTD 2016	\$833,350	45% Electronic
June Budget	2016-17	\$69,072	June YTD Budget	2016-17	\$831,993

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$7,297
Electronic	\$6,000
Total	\$13,297

We have 180 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for Catholic University. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2017 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

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and nationwide in 3 specific areas: (1) providing financial transparency, (2) making information available and accessible to parishioners, and (3) giving parishioners the sense that they are included in parish decisions. *Areas for growth* include support of people in time of need and a sense that the parish is truly "welcoming" (and not just "nice"). "Providing parishioners with opportunities to serve" and "following up with people after they express an interest to be involved" were two critical areas where we could do substantially better.

Other areas where Saint Monica scored well were in the category of ***Personal Faith Practices and Behaviors***. Compared to other parishes, *Saint Monica scored relatively higher* in terms of the frequency of parishioners who attend retreats, go to Confession, attend Eucharistic Adoration as well as participation of parishioners in study/prayer groups. I would point to this last item as representing a "Walking With Purpose" effect where a statistically significant number of people who took the survey either attend WWP or know people who do. In other areas (devotions, attending catechetical classes, Mass attendance, attending parish social events and inviting others to do so) *St. Monica scored about the same as other parishes* around the Archdiocese and the country. *Where we don't do as well* is in our individual prayer time, inviting people to Mass or in inviting people to consider the priesthood or religious life.

There were naturally areas where Saint Monica needs to focus and improve. All items under "***Ways The Parish Helps Me Grow Spiritually***" were areas for growth. Parishioners felt that the parish could better help them grow spiritually through "sacramental preparation, retreats and workshops, through vibrant and engaging liturgies" and helping people with their prayer life. "Forming people to be disciples" was a critical area to be addressed. This was especially interesting considering that Saint Monica had recently brought in Catherine of Siena Institute to hold their "Called and Gifted" spiritual gifts inventory/discipleship seminar for the second time in three years.

Items under ***Personal Spiritual and Religious Beliefs*** showed an interesting dichotomy. Saint Monica scored in the same range as national and archdiocesan parishes in the belief that "the Eucharist is indeed the Body and Blood of Christ," that "Jesus died and rose again" and that "Scripture is the inspired" (continued)

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Word of God." Four items in this category were critical areas that might merit further discussion. Not many parishioners felt that Saint Monica "helps me in my spiritual growth." Relatively few also felt that the teaching of Jesus Christ or the teachings of the Church are normative in their life. It begs the question, "Why is that?"

Evangelization: What the Parish Has or Does that Helps Me Share My Faith With Others is a significant area for growth. "Confidence in church teaching," "providing parish events worth inviting others to," "my willingness/ability to share my personal faith story" or "my willingness/ability to share the Jesus story with others" were items where Saint Monica scored relatively lower than similar parishes, parishes in the Archdiocese and parishes nationwide. Critical areas included the idea that an overwhelming number of parishioners do not sense "God working in their lives." Many also felt that "pastoral care of others" was not strong.

Two final questions really jumped out. Relative to other parishes, very few Saint Monica parishioners/parents felt that "Helping my child grow in their faith in Jesus Christ is my critical responsibility."

Correspondingly, few also felt that Saint Monica provided "what I need to help my child grow in his/her faith in Jesus Christ."

Ok, what next? I shall begin to outline the answer to that question next week.

Charles Zlock Jr

PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Join with other Grandparents for a day of learning, sharing, prayer and support with keynote speakers, Catherine Wiley, Founder, International Catholic Grandparents Association and Jim and Joy Pinto, EWTN's Jim & Joy Show. Topics to include: *Your Biblical Mandate, The importance of Grandparents to the Church, The Family and Society, Grandparenting in Secular Times, Practical, Secular and Spiritual Catechesis*. Ending with celebration of Holy Mass. Saturday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. Visit catholicgrandparentsassociation.org for more information and to register.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOLFERS of the PARISH . . .

SAVE THE DATE!




The Holy Name Society and Men's Club is proud again to announce the our **33rd Annual Golf Outing**. Reserve the date - **Monday, October 9th (Columbus Day)**, at Downingtown Golf Club, followed by dinner and awards at nearby **30 Main**. More details to come. For now, just *save the date*.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you 'coming home' to your Catholic faith after being away for a while from the Church? Have you received all Sacraments - Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation? Many have learned our faith as children, but we never learned how to *apply* what we've learned into our *adult* life. Our R.C.I.A. team can help, we're here for you! It's never too late to 'catch up' and receive sacraments or just learn more about your faith. We meet [TBD] beginning in the Fall. There are no fees for this class. If you would like more information about joining our group as a class member or leader, please contact Christian Loch at Christian_loch33@yahoo.com or 610.235.7112.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CYO

Saint Monica is actively looking for volunteers to help with Religious Education and CYO. Anyone who works with children in these capacities must attend a Philadelphia Archdiocese Safe Environment training session. Saint Norbert is sponsoring a **Safe Environment training session on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00PM** in their school cafeteria. To register, or to search for other sessions, please go to virtusonline.com.



Save the Date!

Saturday, September 16, 2017
The 3rd Annual AbbeyFest:
Faith, Music and Family

Last minute touches are being put on the program for this year's **AbbeyFest, September 16**, on the grounds of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA 19301.

AbbeyFest is the premier celebration of family, friends and contemporary Catholic/Christian music in the Tri-State area. This year we're expecting over 4,000 kids, teen, families, singles, youth groups and young adults. Fan favorite **Matt Maher** returns for his third AbbeyFest along with **Mandisa** of "American Idol" fame, **Mike Magione, Paul J. Kim, PD Anderson, Kyle Sinkule** and **FireHill Worship**.

Tickets will be sold right up to the start of **AbbeyFest**, but you can save by ordering now. For more information, visit TheAbbeyFest.com

COME JOIN THE FALL FUN: SAINT MONICA / SAINT NORBERT CYO CROSS COUNTRY

Fall running season is just around the corner! It's the one sport just about EVERYONE can participate in. It's Cross Country! Registered parishioners of Saint Monica, Saint Norbert, OLA and Saint Isaacs in grades K-8 are welcome to join this CYO program! Under the leadership of Beth Breault (Saint Monica), Dave Fritz (Saint Norbert) and Jack Ryle (Saint Norbert), runners will practice Tuesday and Thursday at Hilltop Park and participate in meets on Sunday afternoons at Belmont Plateau in Fairmount Park. Registration is on a rolling basis through www.wagdogs.com. Questions? Please feel free to email Beth at glackin76@hotmail.com. **We are looking for volunteer assistant coaches!** No experience necessary. Just be willing to spend a few extra hours a week encouraging our runners to do their very best!

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

On September 10, 2017 at the 11:30 Mass, there will be a Golden Jubilee Celebration of the ordination of Father Allan. Father would like to know *if there are any couples in the parish who are celebrating their Golden Jubilee this year*. What a beautiful gift it would be to be able to celebrate God's ongoing presence and work in marriage and priesthood at the same time. Please email Father Allan at allan.fitzgerald@gmail.com if you are celebrating 50 years of marriage!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for August 13			
DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15 am-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Tuesday		Feast of the Assumption	
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 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 August 20 – August 27

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Kevin Kane	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic University</i>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Serano	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ David Mikowychok	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Joseph M. Basile	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 21st	+ Deceased Members of the Schneider, Scheidel and Woelker Families	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 22nd	+ Hermann—Helmlinger Family	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 23rd	Communion Service			
Thursday, 24th	+ Edward O'Malley	Fr. Kim		
Friday, 25th	+ Patricia Margaret Fitzgerald Rocks	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 26th	+ John McCory	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Stacy Giorno	Fr. Aviccolli	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Bruce Niccolo, Sr.	Fr. Misek	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Julia Bruni	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Rico DiGuseppe, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Rita Galbally Melvin

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

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

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