



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)

Monday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

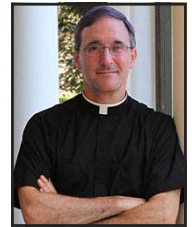
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...



Over the last two weeks we have been examining the quality of my homilies. Initially, I asked whether the homilies were audible. Last week I asked whether I delivered the homily with a sense of passion. 94% of respondents said that the homily was "passionate" or "very passionate." This week I ask whether the homilies are organized. In other words, does the homily connect points that people can follow? This one is especially intriguing to me. Here is the reason. About 6 months ago I asked 20 parishioners to rank my homilies according to the 5 homiletic components (audible – passionate – organized – understandable – relevant). I asked them, "Which component is my strength? Which area provides the greatest area for growth?" Relevant came out as the top component. Organized was rated at the bottom at #5. They said the reason was that I often go off on tangents. When this happens, the overall "theme" of the homily gets lost. Hence I have a special interest in your input this week. Now, on to the topic of *Encountering Christ through the Scriptures*.

Last week I introduced some "tools" to help people with that "encounter." My focus was to provide resources, especially for two groups of people. People on-the-go do not have a lot of time to read the Bible. There are also people who never have engaged the Bible and are looking for a good "on-ramp" to begin. This week, I move into materials for people who are looking for some more advanced material.

Brandon Vogt's approach is "wide." In other words, you cover and read a lot of material within a particular time frame. A different approach is looking at less material but going "deeper" into the content. The "30-30 Challenge" is one such approach. This was developed by Joyce Meyer from Joyce Meyer Miniseries. Joyce asks: "Are you studying the Bible or just reading it? Maybe God doesn't want you to merely 'skim' His Word...perhaps He wants you to *meditate* on it...to allow it to change us from the inside out." Hence she issued the challenge of studying God's Word for 30 minutes a day for 30 days...and see what happens.

Now - **full disclosure** - Joyce is not "Roman Catholic." Still, I have followed her ministry for several years. She is committed to the simple yet powerful message *(Continued on Page 4)*



OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

*For a successful Grand Parents Association Meeting,
6:30 to 8:30 PM on Tuesday, January 23.*

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



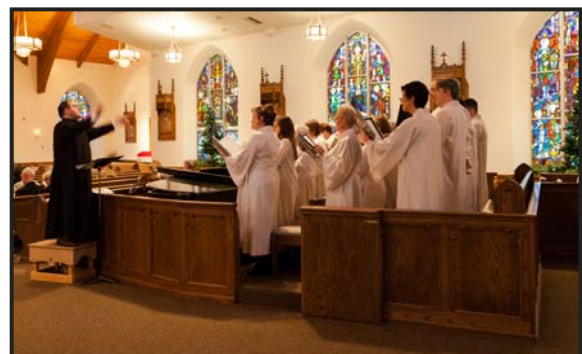
FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

SPRING CHOIR OPENINGS

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 friendly group, please contact Frank Orman at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or at orman@saintmonicachurch.org.



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA NEWS and EVENTS

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CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION



Save the Date!

The first official meeting of the Catholic Grandparents Association will be held on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018** in the Hagenbach Room. Registration at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and end promptly at 8:30 pm. More information to follow.

on Thursday mornings at 6am in Saint Norbert's Parish Dining Hall beginning Thursday, January 18, and continue for thirteen weeks. Register for this free program online on the parish website at saintmonicachurch.org or contact parishioners: Tom McGurk at tlmcgurk@aol.com / 610-722-9384, or Matt Manion at matthew.manion@villanova.edu / 610-324-2038. For more info visit <http://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us on Friday, January 26 at 6:00 PM to Sunday, January 28 for a retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. (Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553).

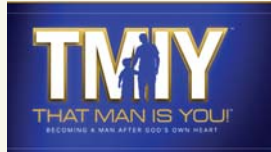
YOUNG ADULTS:

SOLIDARITY WILL TRANSFORM THE WORLD

CYACC's own, Levi Keene, and local Catholic Relief Services representative, Jeffrey Wallace, will share stories from their experiences serving the poor and marginalized around the world. You will hear stories from El Salvador, Ecuador, and Burkina Faso. From these stories, you will learn how humanitarian organizations like CRS provide aid while promoting the dignity of the people they serve. Please join us this Wednesday, January 24, at SS. Peter and Paul, West Chester at 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

TMIIY: THAT MAN IS YOU RETURNS!

Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart



Each week since September, 60+ men have been gathering at 6am in the morning for *That Man Is You*. TMIIY is an honest look at the pressures and temptations facing men today in our modern culture. Sessions take place



COME PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY MONDAY EVENING

at 7:00 P.M.

SAINT MONICA CHURCH

Remember Fatima. Live out its messages.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 2017

December 2017	\$76,748	44% Electronic	December YTD 2017	\$426,591	48% Electronic
December 2016	\$72,306	38% Electronic	December YTD 2016	\$399,552	44% Electronic
December Budget 2017-18	\$73,013		December YTD Budget 2017-18	\$422,999	

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$10,428
Electronic	\$3,369
Total	\$13,797
Christmas 2017	\$64,028
Christmas 2016	\$52,769

**We have 184 families contributing electronically.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

The Fiscal Year 2018 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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of sharing Christ and loving people. She comes from a “Reformation Theology” point of view, but her stuff is solid. You know the saying, “There is ‘an app for that?’” Well, there is an app to help you cover the bible, or a part of the Bible, within a certain time frame. iDailyBread has one called, *30 Day Bible Study Challenge*. This features several 30-day Bible study plans. You follow the Bible study instructions for 30 days. You increase your Bible study efficiency step by step. This, in turn, helps you stick to a daily Bible study. There also seems to be a plethora of other “30 Day” Bible study plans. There is the *30 Days of Christmas*, the *30 Days of Great Men of the Bible*, the *30 Days of Growing In Your Faith*, etc... You get the picture. Do a search of “30 Days” and “Bible studies” and you can find them. I’ve also provided a link on my website.

Our friends at Ascension Press have a different approach and an easy way to understand the Bible. Their product is entitled, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. It is an eight-part study of 30-minute sessions. It helps you uncover the “big story” that is woven throughout Scripture. You come to understand what that “big story” is and find out why it is important to you as a believer of Christ.

After this, you can move on to a more in-depth study with *The 90 Day Bible Reading Challenge*. Instead of reading all 73 books of the Bible, you’ll read 14. You start with Creation and the Garden of Eden. You then continue through the birth of Israel and the coming of the prophets. Finally, you end with the coming of Christ and the start of the Church. This 90-Day guided tour is based on the extremely popular *Bible Timeline* study system. Every day, an introduction to a time period or a topic overview is sent to you along with that day’s reading. A single question helps you reflect on what you’ve read.

Studying the Bible alone is perfect for some people, especially for those “on the run.” Even so, I find studying the Bible *within a group setting* to be enriching. The people in the group provide insights which feed me. They provide practical applications of the Bible to everyday life. The fellowship among believers is also rewarding. There are three scripture-based groups that currently involve parishioners from St. Monica. For women, **Walking With Purpose** meets every Thursday in the St. Monica school cafeteria from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. For the men, **That Man Is You!** (TMIY) “harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church, the wisdom of the saints and a solid scriptural basis to develop the vision of man fully alive!” The sessions begin at 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM in the school cafeteria at St. Norbert.

I have been associated with several men’s Gospel reflection groups for some years. Several men and I meet every Saturday from 7:00 – 8:00 at Starbucks (or as we like to say... St. Arbucks) which is located in the Gateway Shopping Center (125 East Swedesford Road, Wayne, PA 19087). Another vibrant group meets every Friday from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM in Chester at Mita Management (The Wharf at Rivertown. 4th Floor, Suite SH400. 2501 Seaport Drive, Chester, PA 19013 Phone: (610) 497-9700). Usually over 20 men meet and another 20 join us via conference call from as far away as Alaska and London England.

These last two groups are the fruit of seeds planted by **Stewardship – Mission of Faith**. *Stewardship* is a non-profit ministry offering targeted resources for Church Communities, Leadership Teams, Youth, Seniors, and Gospel Reflection Groups. They are not affiliated with any particular denomination, but sponsor a number of Gospel reflection groups at Catholic churches from the Philadelphia to Harrisburg area. Check out their “Group Locator” feature on their website. See if there is a reflection group that fits your schedule, location and spiritual personality.

I like the simplicity of their format and “compactness” of the schedule. We open with the “Universal Prayer of Pope Clement XI.” We follow that with the “Litany of Humility.” Someone reads the Gospel for the coming Sunday and we spend the next 40 minutes discussing the relevance of the Gospel to our daily lives. Before we close the hour, we voice any prayer requests from the group and finish with The “Efficacious Novena To The Sacred Heart Of Jesus”, which was a favorite prayer of Padre Pio.

The reflection meetings are compact, effective and uplifting. You’re in for one hour, then you’re done. Since they meet each week, you can attend when you can. They’ll be there regardless.

So pick an approach that fits you. You can’t go wrong with these resources. You need it and ...you are not THAT busy!

Charles Zlock Jr

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND MEN'S CLUB



Annual HNS Retreat at Malvern

Our date is set for our **Annual Retreat at Malvern**. Mark your calendars for **February 2, 3, 4, 2018**. More details to come; reserve that weekend. You will be home in plenty of time for Super Bowl kick-off.

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT - OUR 21ST EDITION IS HERE!

It's that time again folks! The men of Saint Monica's Holy Name Society are well under way to provide our parish community with our 21st edition of **Team Trivia Night**. This year's theme will be **"TV Sitcoms – Past or Present"**. Game night is **Saturday, March 10th**. Doors open right after 5:00 mass. Get your winning table ready. Registration forms will be in the parish bulletin on weekend of February 10/11. Looking forward to yet again an outstanding night followed by **Helping Hands event on Sunday March 11th**. An outstanding weekend at Saint Monica's.



Come Join Us!

CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
2:00 to 5:00 PM

Sponsored by the

SAINT MONICA HOLY NAME SOCIETY & SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Something spicy is in the air! Join us for our Chili Cook-off as Saint Monica chefs will put their tried-and-true recipes to the test for guest judges and cash prizes.

Contestant / Chef Entry Fee: \$20
General Admission: \$5 per person or \$10 per family

We promise to provide: *Tastings of several delicious chilis - Three voting tickets — you're the judge, you cast your votes on your top 3 favorites; a hot bowl of awesome chili from our HNS cooks along with cornbread, dessert and beverage.*

Please RSVP at WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG.

Look for Chili Cook-off banner to RSVP or call Nancy Lafferty at 610-724-9131.

All inquiries for **Contestants /Chefs** should be directed to Nancy Lafferty at: thelaffs@comcast.net or 610-724-9131

Deadline for contestants is Sunday, January 21.

OUTREACH



The Hungry Thank You for your **Generous** and **Overwhelming** support of the Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard in 2017 by the contribution of 347 bags of food and \$12,556 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 a.m. Mass helpers who load the donations each month

Food for the Cupboard is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month. This month's drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 30. All non-perishable items are welcome. Canned tuna, chicken, chili, peanut butter, grape jelly and pasta sauce are much needed. Checks payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box in the gathering room.

SPIRITUAL BOOK GIVE AWAY



How does knowing Christ Jesus lead to following Him as His disciple?

This weekend, six books are offered to help you better know Jesus, know and understand the central doctrines of the Christian faith, and how Jesus guides us and speaks to us about what we should be doing with our lives. He promises to guide those who are walking with Him and says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go" (Psalm 32:8). Check out the book rack and learn how to grow as Christ's disciple.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 21

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	8:30am-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	7:00-7:30 pm	Parish Rosary	Church
Tuesday	6:45-8:30 pm	Grandparents' Associa-	Hagenbach
Wednesday	7:00-9:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:15-10:45 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.

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 January 21 – 28

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ David Trassatti	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services</i>
7:30 am	+ Josef Hartmann	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ John J. Howland	Fr. Garvey	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Garvey	Cantor	
Monday, 22nd	+ Drew Brazer	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 23rd	+ Antoinette Piombino	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 24th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 25th	+ Helaine Walsh	Fr. Avicelli		
Friday, 26th	+ Edward O'Malley	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 27th	+ Edward Berry	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Serano	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ William Hewchuck	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Marie v. Matosziuk	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Bill Ward	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, Ray Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Margarita Elloso, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Charlie Litzelman, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, 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

*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: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

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