



THE CHURCH OF  
**SAINT MONICA**  
 BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

*Encountering Christ - Through Scripture, Through Liturgy, Through Serving Others*

**THE CHURCH of  
 SAINT MONICA**

*Founded January 11, 1897*

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*(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.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 1, 2018**

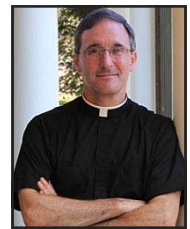
**FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...**

It's Easter! We're now finished with Lent. During that season, we were encouraged to engage in the "three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving." Another practice that was strongly encouraged was partaking of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession).

My Spiritual Director recently reminded me that Easter does not mean that you "graduate" from Lent (praying, fasting and giving alms can now stop) any more than receiving Confirmation means that you've "graduated" from parish life and that you're done with sacraments (like Eucharist and Confession). Easter (and Confirmation) do not mean doing less. It's time to "double down."

During Lent, I have been reading two books that focus on this sacrament. I am rereading *Confession* by Adrienne von Speyr and *The Light Is On For You, The Life-Changing Power of Confession* by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. Adrienne von Speyr was an inspiring, and modern, female role model in the Catholic Church. The Swiss woman passed away relatively recently (1967). She was a physician, theologian and mystic. She was also an amazingly prolific writer, authoring over 60 books and other published works. Yet, her fascinating story is only now coming to the light. Cardinal Wuerl is a "Pennsylvania boy" who was born in Pittsburgh, received graduate degrees from The Catholic University of America, the Gregorian University in Rome and a doctorate in theology from the University of Saint Thomas in Rome. He was previously Auxiliary Bishop in Seattle and later Bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years until his appointment to Washington, D.C. The Cardinal is a prolific writer having published over 30 books, articles and pastoral letters. *The Light Is On* is an initiative of numerous (arch)dioceses of the US to encourage greater participation in Confession. The Washington, D.C. website included a Guide to Confession, FAQs and reflections to help people engage the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a deeper and more profound way.

Their insights provide rich insights into this sacrament. Over the next *(Cont'd on Pg. 4)*



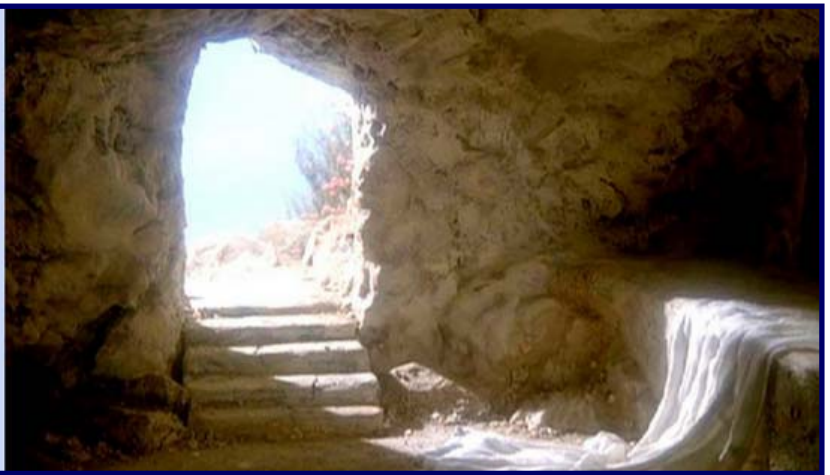
**OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION  
 for THIS WEEK**

*That the lessons of Holy Week purify  
 our hearts preparing us for  
 Easter Sunday's Resurrection  
 of our spirits with our risen Lord.*

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saint Monica  
Religious Education  
wishes all a very

**Happy  
Easter!**

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

- \$150 deposits are due now!
- Please contact Jason to register:  
Jcarter@Saintmonicachurch.org
- Open to current 8th-12 grade students
- Total cost of the trip is \$350

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC**WHAT WE'RE SINGING**

This choral anthem this Easter Sunday is by composer Henry Purcell (1659-1695) and is a beautiful arrangement of *Fairest Isle*, one of his most famous and wonderful tunes. The text is by John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

*Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.  
Alleluia to the highest, Alleluia, joyfully.*

*Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee; but by  
Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.  
There we stand and raise our voices to the blessed Trinity.*

*Alleluia we deserve not here to chant forevermore;  
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while give o'er;  
For the holy time is coming bidding us our sins deplore.  
At the last to keep Thine Easter, Alleluia evermore.*



2018

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*Helping Hands*

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FOR BURKINA FASO



**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY 2018**

February 2018	\$61,807	46% Electronic	February YTD 2018	\$572,779	47% Electronic
February 2017	\$63,163	42% Electronic	February YTD 2017	\$539,650	44% Electronic
February Budget 2017-18	\$65,735		February YTD Budget 2017-18	\$562,782	

Due to the early publication schedule, current collection amounts are not available at this time.

**POOR BOXES**

The money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of April will be for the benefit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Adult Literacy Program. 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](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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few weeks, I would like to offer some thoughts from these two fellow-Catholics on the Sacrament of Confession. Let me offer one word of warning about von Speyr, however. Her writing is dense, deep and challenging. Also, understand that mystics are not “nice” people. They don’t mince words. They offend. They make people uncomfortable. So realize as I share some of von Speyr’s thoughts on Confession, if you find what she writes a bit annoying, a good place to start is to ask “why?” Is this perhaps a call to go deeper in your relationship with Christ and in your relationship with this particular sacrament?

But let’s start with some insights from Cardinal Wuerl on grace, repentance and conversion. Many of us carry “baggage” that we want to unload. Nevertheless, when you suggest “Confession,” you get, at best, objections and, in many cases, downright refusals. Let’s look at some of these.

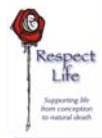
Some say, “Why should I go to Confession? What do I do wrong? I’m a good person.” This shows an extremely cavalier attitude towards sin and (sorry...) an overinflated view of your virtue. John 1:18 says, “If we say that we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” The longer one lives a life of “small” sins and selfishness, the farther one travels from the light. You begin to plunge yourself into a life of darkness and slowly become increasingly inured and “used to” evil. Sin becomes a lifestyle. The danger here is that eventually, the long-term habit of dismissing smaller sins will inevitably lead to dismissing the BIG ONE.

In her chapter, “A Casual Approach Towards Confession,” von Speyr writes, that every Christian is conscious of their sins and errors emerging almost daily out of their own particular inclination and weaknesses. What is particularly scary is that, if we are really honest with ourselves, we know that, given a particular set of circumstances, we are capable of *even greater sins*. Many of us probably know friends, family members or *(continued)*

### FROM the PASTOR'S DESK... *(Continued)*

colleagues who found themselves in significant trouble, which led to a loss of credibility, a spouse, children, a job, money, perhaps even led to jail time. I know of several such examples in my life. If we haven’t been to Confession in a long time, we are also aware of our laxity towards Confession and God’s forgiveness. The danger of such an attitude and practice is that the person clearly shows that they are not only able, they are even prepared, to sin more. By continuing such a practice, the person falls inadvertently and accepts an “atmosphere of general sinfulness.”

*Charles Zlock Jr*



### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author of Life, who died and now lives forevermore. May we who work and pray that children in the womb may be protected always draw strength, confidence, and joy from Your victory over death, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

### RETRouvaille

#### ... A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of a healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program will be held at the Malvern Retreat House Family Life Center in Malvern, on April 13-15. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”**

*- John 11:25-26*

**HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!**

## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAINT MONICA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers of the Parish, past chairs of this yearly tradition, (Mark DiLucca and Oscar Mestre) of over 40+ years, have decided to move on and can no longer chair this event for the parish community. However, we do have a date in the books on reserve at Downingtown Country Club for Columbus day, October 8th, 2018. The post dinner has recently been hosted at 30 Main. If anyone would like to take ownership of this great event for the parish community, please contact Mark DiLucca at 484-368-2057 or [mjddorset@gmail.com](mailto:mjddorset@gmail.com) before June 1st, otherwise the date will no longer be reserved. Thank you.

### FROM DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE:

*Navigating Your Spiritual Life*

*Amidst the Chaos of Addictions*

Join us for a 24-hour spiritual healing retreat sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way, June 22-23<sup>rd</sup>. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family, spouse or family. It is an ecumenical retreat. Register online at [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400. For more information, contact Mark Christmyer at [mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org).

### SPIRITUAL BOOKS GIVE AWAY



The *Feast of The Divine Mercy* is celebrated on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina, a Polish nun, reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and recorded in her diary. The devotion was actively promoted by Saint Pope John Paul II. On April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. A copy of Saint Faustina's diary, books explaining the Divine Mercy devotion, a practical guide to Mercy in action and what Pope Francis says about Mercy, which *Jesus I Trust in You* is now the central teaching of his papacy, are available in the book rack. "Mercy is the divine attitude that embraces, it is God's self-giving that welcomes, that leans down to forgive." - Pope Francis

### YOUNG ADULTS: Holy Hour with Music & Prayer



Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? Join us this **Wednesday, April 4** for our monthly Holy Hour. Come spend some time with the one who has risen! Confession will be available. Adoration begins at **7:30 PM at Saint Agnes, West Chester**. Fellowship afterwards. [www.cyacc.org](http://www.cyacc.org).

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & THE ROSARY

Keep in mind!

**Eucharistic Adoration**

every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Parish Rosary**

every Monday at 7:15 p.m.

Take time for Jesus and Mary.

### FAMILY AND ADULT VOLLEYBALL!



Saint Monica Parish invites all parishioners to participate in volleyball starting Saturday night, April 7, in the Parish Center Gym. From 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. families with children in Grade 7 and above will play friendly matches. From 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. the adults take over and have the court and nets to themselves. Only requirement is a pair of sneakers. Come join the fun!

### THE SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY



## DESIGNER BAG BINGO

APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 to 9:30PM  
in the CAFETERIA

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT  
FUN — PRIZES — COMRADERY  
RSVP: [smswomenssociety@gmail.com](mailto:smswomenssociety@gmail.com)

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 1

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	8:30am-4:30 pm 6:30-7:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Confession	Church Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Communion Service Choir off this week	Church Church
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	<b>Walking With Purpose</b>	
Friday	9:15-10:45 am 9:00 pm - 8:00 am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Church
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](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 April 1 - April 8

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
7:30 pm Easter Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Schola	
Monday, 2nd	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 3rd	+ Robert Shoemaker	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 4th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 5th	+ Dominic Tenaglio	Norbertine		
Friday, 6th	+ William Hewchuck	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 7th	Hugh and Patricia Rocks	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Francis Orman	Norbertine	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Buckley Family	Norbertine	Cantor	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Frank Peter Roth	Fr. Zlock	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, 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, 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, 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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

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