

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

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

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 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  
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610.647.4757

**Parish Website**

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**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)**

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

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

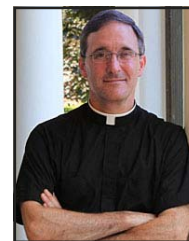
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

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




In the midst of all that is happening in the church, and in the world for that matter, what can we do? It sounds simplistic, but I think that returning to the "original sources" might provide some answers. What do I mean by "original sources?" Those would be what the saints actually wrote, not just summaries of their ideas. Over the next few weeks, I would like to look at the original works from two of these saints – St. Benedict and St. Catherine of Siena.

*The Rule of St. Benedict* is one of my favorite spiritual books. Now, it might seem a bit curious that one could find spiritual succulence from a "rulebook." First, the book is quite short. The copy I have is only 150 pages and the type set is huge. It is also divided into 73 chapters (or "rules"). Most chapters are less than one page long. Thus you can easily read one chapter in a sitting. It will take you less than 2 minutes. Hence it is very readable and accessible for busy people.

Why read St. Benedict? Rod Dreher is senior editor of *The American Conservative*. His columns are widely read and quoted by those on both the left and the right. Rod is a big fan of St. Benedict. In fact, he authored a book which I have previously mentioned entitled *The Benedict Option*. A description of the book can be found on WorldMagazine.com. An FAQ article on *The Benedict Option* can also be found in the *American Conservative*.

In his book, Dreher notes how chaotic the world of St. Benedict was. The Roman Empire was cracking at the seams. Barbarians were literally at the gates. Large parts of the clergy were suspect. Heresies were rampant. Morality was lacking in large parts of society. In the midst of this chaos, St. Benedict found like-minded Christian men and eventually formed a community. He also wrote a handbook to establish some kind of order in the midst of this chaos which became the "Rule of Benedict." Dreher says that *The Rule* integrated four principles:  
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**OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

*May those attending Alpha each Sunday find Jesus in a new way.*

FROM *the* OFFICE of DISCIPLESHIP *and* FORMATION



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, 5 September. 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 or to schedule an audition at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or [forman@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:forman@saintmonicachurch.org).

**Have you given any thought to joining our group? We are especially in need of tenors and basses — consider it!**





The Alpha Course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, where guests have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed setting. At each session, people enjoy a simple meal, laughter and learning about the person and teachings of Jesus in a fun and non-threatening atmosphere where no question about life or God is too simple or too hostile. Alpha is for anyone: all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. Everyone is welcome.

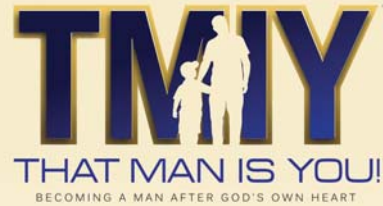
**Registration is open at [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org)!**

**DISCOVER - Each Sunday**

- September 16: Who is Jesus?
- September 23: Why Did Jesus Have To Die?
- September 30: Faith – How Can I Be Sure?
- October 7: Why And How Series – Reading the Bible.
- October 14: Why And How Series – Praying and Prayer.
- October 21: How Does God Guide Us In Life?
- October 28: How Can I Resist Evil?
- November 4: Why And How Series – *Telling Others About Christ and Faith.*
- November 18: Does God Actually Heal Today?
- November 25: What About this Church Thing?

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- 1:00 – Informal Meal; 1:25 – Welcoming and Announcements
- 1:30 – Video Presentation on Current Topic
- 2:00 – Small-Group Discussion.
- 2:30 – Session Ends.



**THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE**

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By Honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

**DISCOVER**

- The unique Catholic vision of love and marriage, which is so profound that it spans from the Paradise in Eden through Christ's sacrifice on Calvary to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in Heaven.
- The latest neurological science that harmonizes profoundly well with the Church's vision of love and marriage.
- Powerful stories from around the globe of men and women whose lives give testimony to the power of love.
- The structured approach used by saints to make true progress in the spiritual life.
- The grace of renewal being offered to men and families through an encounter with Our Lady.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

September 13, 2018 – 10 Week Program  
 St. Norbert Church, Parish Center  
 6:00am-7:30am

**SCHEDULE**

- 6:00am Light Breakfast
- 6:15am Video Presentation
- 7:00am Small Group Discussion
- 7:30am Sessions Ends

Contact Tom Cancelmo  
[tcancelmo@btcmktg.com](mailto:tcancelmo@btcmktg.com)

Even if you have registered for TMII already  
 you must register for the Fall 2018 again.

Register at [WWW.THATMANISYOU.ORG](http://WWW.THATMANISYOU.ORG)

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for AUGUST 2018**

August 2018	\$60,922	52% Electronic	August YTD 2018	\$129,752	52% Electronic
August 2017	\$61,680	48% Electronic	August YTD 2017	\$143,620	47% Electronic
August Budget 2018-2019	\$61,679		August YTD Budget 2018-2019	\$134,163	

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Sunday Collection	\$8,105
Electronic	\$3,742
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,847</b>

*We have 190 families contributing electronically.*

**SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Society. 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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1. Order
2. Prayer and Work (or "ora et labora")
3. Stability
4. Community

As I mentioned in a previous article, this could only be accomplished when people actually **scheduled silence** into their daily routine. If this happened, everything else fell into place.

Do we not face similar challenges today? Dreher points to four factors that have caused the current chaos in our society. First, since the Age of Enlightenment, society has extolled the value of the autonomous individual. Look at some of the protest movements out there today. Where is their focus? Is it on the community? Is it on the society? Is it on the team, or is it squarely on the individual. Second, we live in what has been termed a "Post Christian" society. The Enlightenment project not only cut Western man off from his roots in tradition – most especially the Christian tradition – it has now even become *hostile* towards that tradition. This was a tradition which, for centuries, acted as a moral compass calling attention to the actions of human beings and society and offered a kind of moral course correction. Third, a lack of awareness of this fact is part of our problem. Our contemporary world is simply too dark. We sense that something is wrong, but we refuse to look at what the antidote might be. We've been told that objective truths, morals, emphasis on community at the cost of the individual, religious practices are anachronisms, myths, fairy tales, and unscientific. We refuse to look for enlightenment. Fourth, modern forms of Christianity are simply not challenging us enough. They don't "call out" the way we live on a day to day basis. We accept modern society's way of life, and are therefore highly susceptible to being colonized by it. The result is that today, people are not living intentionally. There is nothing concrete to which we anchor our daily schedule. We merely drift through life.

So where can we start? The modern-day "Benedict Option" might accomplish this by, first, having regularly scheduled "technology breaks" to shut off the e-Noise for periods of time. Taking this one step further, try to schedule these breaks for the same time each day (with variations, naturally, on weekends). I knew of one family that had a rule. When the children – and the parents – came home at the end of the day, ALL electronic devices were turned off and placed on the countertop (Continued)

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of the island in the kitchen. They stayed that way until after dinner and after all homework was finished. Then, people could check the devices for 1 hour and *no devices* were allowed upstairs. After that, everything was turned off and placed on the counter again until the morning.

When friends of the children came over to play or for a meal, they had to abide by the same "Rule." Most chaffed at this idea. They thought it was an imposition or weird. Interestingly enough, after a few times, many young people were heard to say, "I wish we did this in our home." This family was introducing these young people to the concept of an intentional "culture" based on "order." Let's look at that concept of *culture* next week.

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### CLEANING SUPPLY COLLECTION SUPPORTING TWO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

THIS weekend, September 22nd and 23rd, the **Saint Monica Outreach and Service Ministry** will be collecting cleaning supplies to benefit two local organizations. Please bring non-toxic items, such as **paper towels, dish towels, sponges, packaged rags, mops, feather dusters, brooms, dust pans, laundry detergent, window cleaners, all-purpose household cleaners, bath tissue and dish soap.** Your donations will benefit: **Great Valley Food Cupboard** and **T/E Care.** Please leave your contribution in the gathering space of the church. We thank you for your generosity! For more info visit [outreachatsaintmonica@gmail.com](mailto:outreachatsaintmonica@gmail.com).

### CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION



There will be a meeting of the Catholic Grandparents Association on **Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm** in the Hagenbach Room. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Dressler at 610-688-0614.



## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAINT MONICA GOLF OUTING 2018

**REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 4!**



The 33rd Annual Saint Monica's Golf Tournament is being held on Columbus Day, October 8th, at Ron Jaworski's Downingtown Country Club!

Introducing additional packages:

Children under 17: \$75 includes golf, snacks & lunch (no dinner); Adult Golf Only: \$120 includes golf, snacks & lunch (no dinner); Adults: \$150, all inclusive; Dinner Only: \$30 per person

Register & Pay Online at [saintmonicachurch.org/golf-outing-2018](http://saintmonicachurch.org/golf-outing-2018). Forms are also posted at each entrance. For more information, contact Keith Brown at 267-506-8441 or [kmb24life@gmail.com](mailto:kmb24life@gmail.com)

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE



#### MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE

Join the Pilgrimage to the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Germantown scheduled for Monday, October 8th. We will meet at Betty Rafferty's home for light refreshments at 11:30am. We will leave at 12:30pm **SHARP** by carpool for the Shrine where we will participate in the Novena, devotions, and gift shop. Since we need to know how many are coming and to schedule DRIVERS, please RSVP by calling Ruthie at 610-251-2188 to let us know if you will be coming on this pilgrimage. **RSVP by October 1st.**

### ST. MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY OPENING MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - 7:00-8:30 PM**  
**MAIN SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Welcome all Women of the parish - especially New Parishioners! Help us bring new ideas and grow our ministry of extending spiritual, social and service outreach to our fellow parishioners and beyond! Please join us!

### WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Saint Monica Parish celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> Year of **Walking with Purpose** with its Opening Night on **Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 PM. No experience necessary; come as you are! There will be TWO studies offered on Thursday evenings in 2018-2019.**

Online Registration is **now open** on the Parish Website at [www.saintmonicachurch.org/walking-with-purpose](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org/walking-with-purpose). For more info, contact Maureen and Melissa at [walkingwithpurpose@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:walkingwithpurpose@saintmonicachurch.org).

### OUTREACH



St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard Monthly Collection is this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? Cash and donations payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the designated box in the gathering space. Donations can be left through Tuesday, September 25 by 8:30 a.m.

### SPIRITUAL BOOKS GIVE AWAY

**DO MORE OF WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY HOLY** *What Is Holiness?* Leviticus 11:44 states, "For I, the LORD, am your God. You shall make and keep yourselves holy, because I am holy." But what is holiness? Opus Dei, an international Catholic organization, defines it as, "... following Jesus Christ, imitating Him in thoughts, feelings, words and deeds. It means loving God and neighbor, with a love that gives rise to other virtues such as humility, justice, integrity, and solidarity. Holiness is attained only with God's assistance and our constant striving."

Several books are available this weekend which will allow you to explore the various aspects of Holiness from a variety of authors. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the summons to sanctity is at the core of Christian Discipleship, an imperative for every baptized person. The challenge to virtue, sanctity, and perfection is a charge to ALL.



#### PLEASE JOIN US

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm

#### Parish Rosary in the Grotto (Weather Permitting)

Every Monday at 7:15 pm

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for September 23

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am - 4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Confession	Church
	7:15 - 7:45 pm	Parish Rosary	Grotto
Tuesday	6:30-7:15 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 am	Communion Service	Church
	9:30-11:30 am	Respect Life	Hagenbach Rm
	7:00-9:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	7:00-9:00 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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The Church of Saint Monica, Berwyn



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## FATHER ZLOCK



**Website**  
Frzlock.com



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Fr. Charlie Zlock



**Twitter**  
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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifteen: High School Youth Group



**Facebook**  
CSMEge  
CSMLifteen



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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 September 23 – September 30

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Lawrence Schwartz	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	Anna, Jan and Agatha	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Garvey	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Lawrence Schwartz	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 24th	+ Ed Widmann	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 25th	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 26th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 27th	+ Dorothea Shoemaker	Fr. Ciferri		
Friday, 28th	+ Guyton Carkener	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 29th	+ Roland Gaspari	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Melanie Mizenko	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas DeHaven	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Lawrence Schwartz	Fr. Serano	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Margarita Elloso, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Hugh Gannon, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, Faith Johnson, Clare Johnston, Libby Judge, Debbie Kern, Charlie Litzelman, Jackson MacTaggart, Eugene Matta, Dan McMonigle, Missy Malcarmey, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rob Niederer, Steve Pannella, Apolonia Pepperling, Jim Pierson, 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: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden

Dennis Connell

Richard Deak

Kathleen Keough

Michael Vadner

Kolbe Wolfe

## 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*

**Frank K.J. Orman**, *Director of Worship & Music*

**Jason Carter**, *Director of Discipleship & Formation*

**Meghan Nulty**, *Associate Director of Discipleship & Formation*

**Diane Kirsch Pealer**, *Program Coordinator for Discipleship & Formation*

**Theresa Carey**, *Business Manager*

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**Elizabeth P. Tenaglio**, *Cemetery Administration*

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