

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*

**Parish Offices**

*(Pastoral Administration; Religious Education; Business & Finance; Worship & Music; Facilities)*

Saint Monica Rectory  
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**Parish Website**

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**Parish Staff E-mail**

FirstInitialLastName@  
 saintmonicachurch.org

**Parish Leadership**

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 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.

11:30a.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.

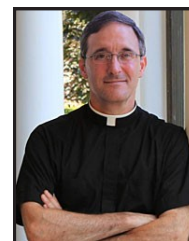
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

**First Sunday of Lent**

**March 10, 2019**

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



Discipleship is at the center of Catholic parish life. It's the clear order – "The Great Commission" - given to us by Jesus Christ himself in Matthew 28:16-20:

*"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"*

One of the most important "discipleship" groups is our young people. **Parents and grandparents are concerned about their children's/grandchildren's lack of interest in church, religion, Mass, etc..** There's has been good, quality research into this topic in recent years.\* Findings are quite interesting. The Pew Research Center's studies on religion have not shown a rosy picture of future church attendance of young people. This was already prophesized by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

*"Perhaps the time has come to say farewell to the idea of traditionally Catholic cultures. Maybe we are facing a new and different kind of epoch in the Church's history, where Christianity will again be characterized more by the mustard seed, where it will exist in small, insignificant groups that nonetheless live an intensive struggle against evil and bring the good into the world – that let God in."*

As a counter, some people have pointed to the "success" of youth and young adult events such as Steubenville Conferences, World Youth Day and Seek. People claim, "Look at how many young people attend. Isn't this a move of the Holy Spirit among our young people?" Well, yes... and no. For example, World Youth Day was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985. Its concept was influenced by the Light-Life Movement that existed in Poland since the 1960s. At this time, young adults celebrated over 13 "days of community" at Catholic summer camps.

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**OUR PARISH PRAYER  
 INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

*Let us enjoy the extra light of daylight savings time which gives extra daylight to enjoy the beauty of the earth.*

-the office of-  
*Discipleship and Formation*

REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE FOR THE STEUBENVILLE  
YOUTH CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY!

*Belong*

PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN!  
ALL TEENS FROM GRADUATING 8TH TO GRADUATING 12TH ARE WELCOME!!!

## NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Monica is considering a new position in the parish. We're looking for someone who wants to use his or her marketing/communications skills to impact the local – and wider - St. Monica community for the Gospel. The role will require a firm understanding of our parish Mission and Vision and how the position supports that Mission and Vision.

We've estimated 12 - 15 hours/week. Tasks would include managing the website, Facebook account, composing and sending out weekly news briefings via FlockNote, handling the scheduling software for the various ministries (altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.). We're also looking for this person to help inform strategic decisions concerning social media/communications needs and opportunities, as well as to help provide or coordinate training opportunities for staff and volunteer team members.

If interested, please contact [parishoffice@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintmonicachurch.org).

### PARISH WIDE SERVICE DAY

**All ages welcome ...**

**Families encouraged to attend!!!**

Do you want to do something that is satisfying and of great service to others? Plan on joining us on **Saturday, March 23rd!** Several opportunities will be available on site in the parish center for you to participate in and positively impact another life! (Writing letters to our military; organizing care packages for the homeless to name a few.) We will also lead a group to Valley Forge Park for a community clean up. If you are unable to attend, no worries, you can still participate! We will be collecting clothes for T/E Cares, cleaning supplies for GVFC, non-perishable food for St. Gabriel's and casseroles for the homeless! (Recipes and casserole tins can be found in the vestibule of the church.) **Please come join in the fun and fellowship!!** More information can be found on our parish website!

## ST. MONICA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITYS



### Baby Supply Drive \* March 2 - 17 \*

Drop off **\*NEW\*** items at the display in the Gathering Room. Pick up a reminder card from one of the church exits to help with shopping for these most needed items:

- Diapers - size NB, 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups
  - Boys' Clothing - size 18 months, 2T and 3T
  - Girls' clothing - size NB and 0-3 months
- Checks to "Legacy of Life Foundation" are also most appreciated!  
(Note St. Monica Church in the check memo)

Questions? Contact Marybeth Panaro at 610-688-0090

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JANUARY 2019

January 2019	\$66,210	51% Electronic	January YTD 2019	\$475,018	48% Electronic
January 2018	\$84,381	45% Electronic	January YTD 2018	\$510,972	47% Electronic
January Budget	2018-2019	\$75,356	January YTD Budget	2018-2019	\$500,892

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

Sunday Collection	\$8,088
Electronic	\$16,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,938</b>

*We have 186 families contributing electronically.*

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for the Collection for Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2019 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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World Youth Day is about encouraging Catholic youth. It gives them the opportunity to attend Mass, receive catechesis, share their faith with other like-minded peers, and grow stronger in their faith. *(Personal note: I attended WYD as a chaperone in Toronto in 2002 and in Cologne in 2004).* It was held in Sydney, Australia in 2008. A few years after that event, Andrew Singletona wrote: "The Impact of World Youth Day on Religious Practice – A School of Political and Social Inquiry" (Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, Online publication date: 04 May 2011). Andrew wrote: "WYD is an audacious initiative of globalized Catholic ministry to youth. Among its many aims is the desire to invigorate and further deepen the faith of young people. Elements such as the experience of community solidarity, religious instruction, worship, and religious experiences could all lend themselves to changes in religious practice post-WYD. However, little research in English has been conducted on WYD generally, and specifically on the impact participation has on the faith of attenders. Little research has been conducted on the ways in which specific religious encounters shape the trajectories of teen and young adult religion. I sought to investigate what impact attendance at such an event has on indicating an increase in attendance at Mass."

For example, in 2009, Trinitapoli and Vaisey (p. 132–3) found that mission trips predict 'increases in attendance at religious services ... and prayer' It is not clear, however, which dimensions of the trip (bonding with others, the religious preparations, a sense that God is present) are conducive to the change. Singletona's article investigated the impact participation at this event had on Mass attendance specifically post-WYD. Data was from a representative online survey conducted five months after the event among registered 2,483 English-speaking attendees. Although open to all, the main target group of WYD is Catholic youth aged 15–35. His research probably reflected this.

The study revealed that change in faith practices is most likely among those with moderately high levels of pre-WYD religious practice, rather than those with the lowest or highest pre-WYD levels of religious practice. WYD is most efficacious for those whose commitment is moderately high, rather than for the least committed Catholic.

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

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Given the cost and commitment required to travel from overseas (to Australia for example), it is expected these overseas visitors, with long distances to travel and from poorer countries, would be on average more religious than their more local counterparts. Why make the journey if not really committed? In addition, the odds of attending Mass more post-WYD increases if most of the person's friends also attend Mass.

Next week I want to look a little more into these youth/young adult events, present first-hand testimonies from these young people about their experiences, and examine key implications that these have especially to parents and other adults.

*(\*\* Personal correction: An apology and credit to Sherry Weddell concerning last week's insights. Although what I articulated was a joint effort between her and Catherine, the majority of the work and many of the conclusions outlined were initially Sherry's work.)*

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP - WORKSHOP

At the request of the Archdiocese, St. Norbert Parish will host a Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors on **Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the Main Church. This workshop is required for all new ministers, as well as for current ministers who have not attended a workshop in over 3 years. This is the only remaining workshop currently offered outside the Philadelphia Basilica location in 2019. To register, please email [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).

### ARCHDIOCESAN MASS HONORING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is **Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18<sup>th</sup> and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. St. Raymond of Penafort Praise and Gospel Choirs will provide the liturgical music. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. **All are Welcome.** For more details or to register, call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

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### CYACC - BOWLING

Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults on **Wednesday, March 20th at Devon Lanes, 300 West Lancaster Ave, Devon, PA.** It's Bottomless Bowl on Wednesday nights - \$10 per person for up to 3 hours of bowling! We'll begin gathering at **7:30pm**. Bowling begins at 8:00pm. We hope you can join us! For more info, find us in Facebook/email us at [cyacc1@gmail.com](mailto:cyacc1@gmail.com).

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS PRAYER?

Do you or someone who you know needs spiritual, emotional, physical, or relationship healing? Please join us for our monthly Prayer and Healing Service at Saint Norbert's Church on Thursday evening, March 14 at 7:30pm. The Church is on 30 Leopard Road in Paoli. This is a beautiful night of healing prayer with the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, all in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact: Pete Radice at [prfr@comcast.net](mailto:prfr@comcast.net) or 610-265-5787.

### REGISTRATION FOR OLA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

All children between the ages of 4 and 12 please join us for fun and excitement from **Monday Morning, June 24 to Friday Morning, June 28 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON** each day. This is **15 hours** of songs, games, activities, crafts, Bible stories and daily snacks. The cost is \$60.00 per child, \$110.00 for two and \$145.00 for three or more children in the family. Registration Forms can be found at [olastrafford.org/news&events/vbs](http://olastrafford.org/news&events/vbs).

**\*\*\*Adult and High School Volunteers** are needed to help with **crafts, games, activities, music, Bible stories and snacks** during VBS. In order to receive the **VBS CD & Tee Shirt** registrations must be received by **Monday, May 6**. Please put your registration paper and fee (*cash or check to Our Lady of the Assumption*) in an envelope addressed to "Sr. Kathleen - VBS."

### ABBEYFEST KICK OFF CONCERT! MARCH 21, 2019 AT 7:00PM

Tickets are selling fast for the **first AbbeyFest Kickoff Concert Series**, featuring Unspoken, alongside North Point InsideOut and Caitie Hurst. Head to [theabbeyfest.com](http://theabbeyfest.com) to reserve your spot! **Date: Thursday, March 21st, 7 pm**, at Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School in Drexel Hill. *This is a wonderful Lenten Night of Worship.* Limited seating, group sales available.

### *Our Lenten Journey ...*

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE PARISH

Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

#### CONFESSION

**Mondays** - 6:30-7:30 PM

**Tuesdays** - 6:00-7:00 AM

**Saturdays** - 4:00-4:45 PM

**Monday - April 8** - 6:15-7:15 PM - Religious Education  
7:00-8:00 PM - Parish Confessions

#### FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND

#### OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged to participate in Mass and to receive the Most Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PROTOCOL

*If the TE School District is on a two-hour delay on a Monday, there will be no morning Mass. However, there **will still be Adoration**. If the School District is CLOSED on a Monday- there will be No Mass and NO ADORATION*

#### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for March 10

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
	6:30-7:30 pm	Confession	Church
	7:15-7:45 pm	Parish Rosary	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday			
Thursday	7:00-9:00 pm	<b>Walking With Purpose</b>	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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## FATHER ZLOCK



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Frzlock.com



**Facebook**  
Fr. Charlie Zlock



**Twitter**  
@FrZlock

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifeteen: High School Youth Group



**Facebook**  
CSMEge  
CSMLifeteen



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@CSMEge  
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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 March 10 – March 17

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Francine Lane	Fr. Fitzgerald	Contemporary	<i>Special Collection: Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America</i>
7:30 am	+ Ed Widmann	Fr. T. Rossi	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Justin DiAntonio	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 11th	+ Lawrence Harris	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 12th	+ Barbara Walsh-Beilman	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 13th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 14th	+ Jule Carr	Fr. Avicoli		
Friday, 15th	+ Filomena and Mario Ruggieri	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 16th	+ Paul Nappi	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Rocky Borzillo	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe</i>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	Aagee Lane	Fr. R. Rossi	Cantor	
11:30 am	Living and Deceased Members of the McGarvey Family	Fr. Avicoli	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Matt Baker, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Ann Curvan, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Judy Fittipoldi, Elaine Flynn, Hugh Gannon, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Clare Johnston, Libby Judge, Debbie Kern, Charlie Litzelman, Jackson MacTaggart, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rob Niederer, Steve Pannella, Apolonia Pepperling, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Mildred Walsh, Joe Zielinski

## THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

*Mildred Gomez, Mother of Daniel Gomez; Rita Reichert, Wife of Herb Reichert  
Marietta Schug, Mother of Brian Schug*

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

Leader for this week: Ame Austin at 484-919-0029

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden  
Kevin Concannon  
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Kathryn Leib  
Jack Martin  
Michael Vadner  
Alex Weaver  
Kolbe Wolfe

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**Reverend Charles Zlock**, M.Div., M.A., M.B.I.S., *Pastor*  
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