

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)

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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 Lent

March 24, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

In a post of mine from January 12, 2019 ("St. Monica's Finances So Far This Year"), I alluded to a "Deanery Meeting" that had occurred recently. Deanery 4 ** consists of several parishes located in northern Chester County. The priests of the Deanery get together several times each year to discuss issues that are affecting all or several parishes at the same time.

I mentioned this in another conversation with a number of parishioners. They said that information from such meetings should be shared with parishioners. They said that this is relevant today. Conversations from such meetings will involve and perhaps affect "people in the pews." More transparency, rather than less, from the Catholic church and from the archdiocese would be a positive development. With that in mind let me discuss some of the items we discussed.

The topic of hospital coverage and care of the sick led to a spirited debate. A number of issues were raised. The first issue was whether there are "equitable distances" between parishes that are tasked to cover hospitals. Some parishes are very close to hospitals. Others are significantly further away. Some parishes cover hospitals simply because "they have always done that." The problem is, that involves the number of priests currently available as well as the number of priests assigned to a particular parish. The size of some hospitals has grown significantly over the past 25+ years. The frequency of visits is an issue. There have been increased demands placed on priests and parishes. This involves a growing number of hospice care units and calls to visit parishioners on hospice in homes. The number of nursing homes and senior living centers in Chester County has increased substantially. Explosive expansion is planned over the next 25 years. For example, a few years ago, the Parish of Saints Peter and Paul wasn't responsible for any hospitals or institutions. Today they cover 4 institutions and 1 hospital.

There is the frustrating issue of "double coverage." A family might have a family member or relative who is sick or is dying. They, rightfully so, wish *(Continued on Page 4)*





**OUR PARISH PRAYER
 INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

*Help us remember the Feast of the
 Annunciation of the Lord on March 25.*

-the office of -
Discipleship and Formation

SAINT MONICA CYO TRACK REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
 AT [HTTP://SAINTMONICACYO.WEBSITE.SIPLAY.COM/](http://SAINTMONICACYO.WEBSITE.SIPLAY.COM/)
 AGES K - 3RD GRADE "MINIS" PROGRAM
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 HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL
CYOWILDCATS@SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG
 PRACTICES AND MEETS ARE STARTING UP,
 SO SIGN UP SOON !



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDS ONLY CPR - SIGN UP TODAY!

A **Hands Only CPR** class is being offered at Saint Monica in the school cafeteria. All parishioners, non-parishioners, friends and family are welcome. *Highly recommended for anyone who coaches any type of sports.*

The one-hour class will be instructed by Berwyn Fire Co. Cost-\$30 per person. Learn hands-only CPR, use of AED (defibrillator) and how to handle a serious emergency.

FIRST 7 PEOPLE WHO SIGN UP ARE FREE! There will be two classes to choose from:

Sunday, April 7th at 1 PM or **Tuesday, April 9th** at 7:30 PM. (Choose one.)

Sign-up by calling Charlotte or Brian Schug at 610-251-9648 or 610-613-0414 or going to these links at Sign-Up Genius.

Sunday class: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfmgo=c.CalendarDetails&listid=19457515&daystart=04/07/2019>

Tuesday class: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfmgo=c.CalendarDetails&listid=19457515&daystart=04/09/2019>



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Mark your calendars!

When - Wednesday, March 27th, 7PM,
(Evening Meeting Only)

Where - Hagenbach Room

Topic - Mary Nordahl, from *GenerationLife*, and one of her colleagues will share an update on their latest work as they build a culture of life and the practice of chastity with young adults. We hope you can join us. Questions? Mary Dressler - 610-688-0614.

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. Canned goods and donations can be left through Tuesday, March 26, by 8:30am.

LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

As pastor of Saint Monica, my primary responsibility is to help parishioners grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip them to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish is going to participate in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The ***Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey*** allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth.

The web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form from **March 30th to April 26th**. If you have the opportunity, please stress the importance of responding to this survey to your ministry members, parishioner-friends and parishioner-family members.

At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses so your answers will be totally anonymous. This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to families in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in our parish and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth.

Soon, you will receive a communication from us inviting you to participate in the survey. If others ask you about the survey, please:

- **Remind** them about the dates the survey will be "live" (March 30th to April 26th);
- **Encourage** them to respond as soon they can. *We want to hear from as many people as possible;* and
- **Assure** them that the parish leadership will receive a summary report of the aggregate data and that no one at our parish will have access to individual survey responses.

Thank you for any encouragement that you will provide to the community as we solicit this feedback. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or ideas about good ways to boost the response rate, please feel free to approach me directly.

Thank you for your help with this!

Pax,

Charles Flock Jr

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for FEBRUARY 2019

February 2019	\$57,454	48% Electronic	February YTD 2019	\$532,472	48% Electronic
February 2018	\$61,807	45% Electronic	February YTD 2018	\$572,779	47% Electronic
February Budget 2018-2019	\$65,130		February YTD Budget 2018-2019	\$566,022	

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$6,033
Electronic	\$4,429
Total	\$10,462

We have 186 families contributing electronically.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. 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 under the Parish Information tab in the Parish Leadership section.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

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to have that person visited or anointed. An initial call to the parish determines that "their parish priest" is not immediately available (although most priests say that they will stop by as soon as possible). Not satisfied, the family begins to "call around" to other parishes until "a" priest shows up. The problem is that too often, this second priest shows up when the parish priest is already on the way. Or the family fails to notify the other parishes they called to say that a priest has arrived. Then one or two other priests arrive to find that a priest is already there or had been there earlier. In other cases, frantic calls are received to come and see someone at home or in a hospital who is not dying or the situation is not a true emergency call. We are finding that this is happening with increased frequency.

There are some who say, "Well Father, that's your job. You were ordained for that." (I know. I've heard it.) Unfortunately, such a statement doesn't take into account some rather cold, hard statistics. There are 519 priests currently stationed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. 354 are on "active assignment." Most of the rest of them are retired or infirmed. Here's the key stat: Close to 80 priests will turn 75 within the next 5 years. They will be eligible for retirement. Over 20% of the "workforce" might not be available in the near future. Many parishioners assume that we still have the same number of priests that we did years ago. The number of priests assigned declined by 28% over the past 5 years. We are not ordaining enough priests to cover any losses to death or retirement or other factors. There were 12 priests in my ordination class of 1994. That was the last "double-digit" ordination that Philadelphia had. Not immediately being able to visit sick or dying parishioners is not (necessarily) a reflection of "Father's" callousness or lack of pastoral zeal. St. Agnes in West Chester used to have 8 priests in the house. Now only 2.5 live at St. Agnes (2 full time and one resident). The parish is responsible for 8 institutions. The hospital to which St. Agnes is assigned is the only hospital in the archdiocese whose pastoral coverage is not being shared among several parishes. The hospital is growing. The number of priests available is not.

The issues are "expectations and demands." Next week I'll outline the discussion that we had about how we are trying to address these issues. (Continued)

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

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**** Parishes in Deanery 4: Archdiocese of Philadelphia:** Our Lady of the Assumption (Strafford), SS. Philip and James (Exton), St. Ann (Phoenixville), St. Basil the Great (Kimberton), St. Elizabeth (Upper Uwchlan), St. Isaac Jogues (Wayne), St. Joseph (Downingtown), St. Joseph (Spring City), St. Mary of the Assumption (Phoenixville), St. Monica (Berwyn), St. Norbert (Paoli), St. Patrick (Malvern), St. Thomas More (South Coventry). *Charles Zlock Jr*

SCAM ALERT - URGENT!

Over the past several weeks parishioners in the Archdiocese have been targeted with fraudulent emails, text messages, even phone calls, that appear to come from their pastor or parish priests. A criminal finds email addresses for staff and volunteers, creates an email address similar to that of the pastor and sends a phony request for help, that looks something like this:

"Hi, How are you doing? I need a favor from you. Email me as soon as you get this message. God bless. Rev. Charles Zlock"

When the parishioners reply to this first email, a request is then made similar to this:

"I am at the hospital and need you to purchase a gift card."

These are phishing requests, trying to scam money or personal financial information from individuals.

Please, if you receive a suspicious text or email, **DO NOT REPLY.** Contact the parish office immediately. Fr. Zlock or office staff **NEVER** ask for money or other items in an email, text, or via phone solicitation. Any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Our Lenten Journey Continues...

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

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MONICA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND MEN'S CLUB

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY MAY 19TH ...
MOSES IS COMING TO ST. MONICA'S!
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS VS. SECOND COLLECTIONS

Over the past several months, there have been a number of questions concerning "Second Collections" during Mass. Let me try and clear up the confusion.

We take up a second collection once each month. This is done at the LAST SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASS of each month. This collection is known as the "Saint Monica Saint Vincent de Paul Collection." The monies from this second collection specifically go into our *St. Monica Fund*.** This fund provides support for Catholic education, for the poor, and emergency support for those in need. **The only other time we have a second collection is when we have a missionary speaker.**

Envelopes for any archdiocesan "Special Collections" (usually listed in the bulletin) are provided to parishioners along with the regular weekly collection envelopes. These envelopes should be placed in the basket **DURING THE FIRST COLLECTION AT THE OFFERTORY.** No second collection should be taken up for these "Special Collections" at any time during the month.

*(** These funds are utilized to support Catholic school scholarships for our students at Visitation BVM School (Kensington) and for our students at St. Katherine, St. Norbert, Bishop Shanahan and Archbishop Carroll. In addition, funds are currently provided to Flite, T/E Cares, Great Valley Food Cupboard, St. Gabriel, St. Joseph Center and Legacy for Life)*

ST. MONICA OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

A local person (female) has encountered some significant difficulties. She has been very pro-active in trying to resolve a housing situation. Right now, through the kindness of the parish, we have provided hotel accommodations for the past two weeks for her but, after Monday, she will once again be without housing.

We have been working with Home of the Sparrow, Handi-Crafters, TE Cares, local churches and several agencies.

Although we have been providing support in prayer, personal contact and searching for resources, our Parish Ministry is now in an area that they are not familiar with.

They asked that something be placed here to see if any parishioners would know of possible housing for this person or would be willing to become engaged in resolving the situation, or at least moving the situation to a better place. The woman has a stipend from HUD but we are not sure what is involved in a property being approved by HUD. If you can help please contact Michelle or Bridget via the parish office at 610-644-0110.

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A PARISH-WIDE SURVEY!

As mentioned in Father's "Letter to Parishioners" in this bulletin, Saint Monica will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed at www.disciplemakerindex.com from **March 30th to April 22nd** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Zlock and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don't use the computer - there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the Gathering Room beginning on March 30th. Questions? Contact Beverly Todor at (484) 320-8805.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for March 24

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	7:00-8:30 pm	Grandparents Association	Hagenbach Rm
Thursday	7:00-9:00 pm	Walking With Purpose	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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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 March 24 – March 31

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Peter J. Roe	Fr. McCabe	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	Nancy Lafferty	Fr. Zlock	Contemporary	
11:30 am	+ Gabriel Ruzzini	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 25th	+ Otto Backof	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 26th	+ Tom Loughran	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 27th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 28th	+ Fr. Ed Hamilton	Fr. Ciferri		
Friday, 29th	+ Charles DiCola	Fr. Driesch		
Saturday, 30th	+ Vincent and Alvera Bocci	Fr. Lee		
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Robert Pepperling	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas and Mary Farrell	Fr. Serano	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Robert Lennon	Fr. Garvey	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

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

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