

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Liturgical Catechesis: "I'm confused about when to sit after Holy Communion."

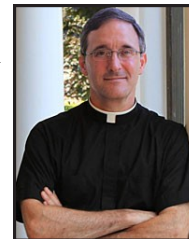
The 2003 General Instructions of the Roman Missal (or GIRM) outlines guidelines for liturgy. It states, "In the dioceses of the United States of America [the congregation] should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer.... The faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise" (No. 43).


The GIRM makes no mention of a posture after Communion. This led to some confusion since many felt the congregation should stand until everyone had received Communion. A letter to the Holy See, reported by a U.S. Bishops' newsletter reported, "In the implementation of the General Instructions, posture should not be regulated so rigidly as to forbid individual communicants from kneeling or sitting when returning from having received holy Communion" (p. 26).

Because we may sit after Communion, we may reasonably presume permission to kneel as long as we like. The celebrant's returning the Hosts to the tabernacle brings the Communion rite (one of the "principal parts" of the Mass) to a close, and many of us grew up kneeling until then. To kneel while the Eucharistic vessels are purified is not required, but the respect it shows should by no means be discouraged. On to this week's reflection...

I've been sharing items that were discussed in a recent "Deanery 4" meeting. One topic was "Regional Schools" vs. "Parish Schools." We first discussed statistics. There is a limited "resource pie" of children available in our area. Competition from top shelf public - private Catholic and private academy schools is significant. Demographic studies shows a declining enrollment in Chester County area parish schools.

We discussed the difference between a "pure" regional school vs. a "several-parishes-combined school." A "pure regional" school model is found in other areas of the country. This is similar to what we have in Philadelphia with our high schools. The school has open enrollment. The building does not rest on any parish grounds. This model has been used in other areas of the country with primary schools as well. A similar *(Cont'd on Pg. 4)*





**OUR PARISH PRAYER
 INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

*What annoying habit we can give up
 from now until Easter?*

-the office of -
Discipleship and Formation

THIS WEEKEND, BOTH MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES, WILL BE JOINING ST. KATHARINE'S YOUTH GROUP!

THE NIGHT WILL START WITH ATTENDANCE AT THE 6PM YOUTH MASS (AT ST. KATHARINE'S) FOLLOWED BY YOUTH GROUP FROM 7:30 TO 8:30!



NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDS ONLY CPR - STARTS 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.

There are 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.cfm?go=c.CalendarDetails&listid=19457515&daystart=04/07/2019>

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

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED.

What do Saint Guy of Anderlecht, St. Abundius of St. Peter's Basilica and St. Theodore (also of St. Peter's in Rome) have in common? They all physically took care of their church as sacristans, servers and custodians of the vessels and vestments.

We have had a number of fine, dedicated parishioners serve as members of the "Altar Guild" over the years. They generally take care of the objects that are used for Mass. This would include such items as the glass and brass "followers" on the candles, the candles themselves, the altar cloths and altar linens, tidying up and cleaning and just making sure that the sacred space is such that it gives honor and glory to God.

The number of people who have done this over the years has dwindled. Hence we are looking for anyone (large or small - young and old) who feels a call to serve the Lord in this capacity to pray about it first. If you then feel that this might be a way whereby you can serve God and his people, please let me know.

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Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2019

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Sunday, April 14
 Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
 Confession at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday
 Sunday Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Palm will be blessed and distributed at each Mass.

HOLY WEEK DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.
 Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 18

The Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Adoration in the Chapel of Repose following Mass
 Night Prayer in the Chapel of Repose at 9:00 p.m.
The Church will be open for prayer until 11 p.m.
There is no daily morning Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Friday, April 19
 Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.
 Mid-Day Prayer at 12:00 p.m.
The Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.
The Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 20
 Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 7:30 p.m.
The Lucernarium, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water and Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation
Please note that there are no confessions on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Sunday, April 21
Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

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 31, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$7,120
Electronic	\$10,202
Total	\$17,322

We have 186 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOX

The money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of April is for the benefit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Adult Literacy Program. 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

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model is found in New York. In New York, they have a system of “primary schools” and a system of “secondary (high) schools.” The schools are totally independent. They are not directly tied to the local parish in any way. The school just happens to be located in former parish school buildings. When faced with increasing costs, declining enrollment, what do you do when several parishes need to combine resources and combine schools? Parishioners’ attitudes have often been, “Sure, let’s combine but just make sure the location is here.” That is often a non-starter for a fruitful conversation.

Regardless of the model used, what are some of the important issues that need to be considered? Cost is huge. “Brick-and-mortar schools” involve significant fixed expenses, parish subsidies, salaries, benefits and debt. If a parish has a “parish school” these expenses lead to the declining availability of resources for discipleship, formation, liturgy, and spiritual programs.

Historically, Philadelphia families have been fiercely loyal to their parishes and parish schools. How do we pay for regional schools if that is deemed a more workable model? What is the ability - and willingness - of parishioners to invest in support of a school that is no longer directly associated with their parish? How would parishes subsidize regional schools? To what financial extent would this support be feasible? In some cases, local pastors say to a school, “Here’s what we’re giving. That’s it. Now go and make your budget.”

The current Catholic culture and atmosphere is not in sync with the reasons why Catholic schools were founded in the first place. The reason for Catholic schools was to pass on the faith to future generations. With close to 40% of Catholic parish families not attending Sunday Mass with their children, is this really working to fulfill the mission? The idea that “If you fill the school, you’ll fill the pews” has proven to be false. One priest commented: “We’re failing because we are not looking at this honestly.”

We talked about national Catholic school trends. 70% of parishes nation-wide do not have a “parish” or “regional” Catholic school. It begs the (some would say heretical) question: “What is the necessity of Catholic schools in a parish or even in our archdiocese?”

Finally, who works all of this out? What is the timeframe to finding solutions to such (continued)

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complex issues?

A final topic discussed at the Deanery Meeting dealt with the internet. Specifically we discussed internet safety and internet addictions. A “Safe Haven Sunday” was recently introduced by the archdiocese on March 2-3, 2019. As Archbishop Chaput wrote, improper and immoral internet use “is one of the leading causes of addictions, abuse, adultery, divorce, and even human trafficking. It creates unsafe environment for children and undermines marriages and families. Safe Haven Sunday will give us an opportunity to address the damage done to marriages, families and our culture as a whole, while providing helpful resources for but individuals and families.” An implementation guide for parishes has already been developed. Further information on this initiative will be forthcoming.

Charles Zlock Jr

CYACC - ANGELS, DEMONS, AND GHOSTS: THE REALITY OF THE SPIRITUAL REALM

Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults, on **Wednesday, April 10th**, for what is bound to be a fascinating conversation with Fr. Mike Speziale on the reality of the spiritual realm and what you should know about it. The event begins at **7:15pm** in the **Hagenbach Room at Saint Monica's in Berwyn, PA.** Look for CYACC signs! We hope you can join us! More info: www.cyacc.org; or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

EARLY BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Due to the Holiday Schedule of our Publisher, the April 21 Bulletin announcements are due no later than 12 Noon on Tuesday, April 9.

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 Coming to Monica's - HNS Mass at 9:30 AM, followed by a continental breakfast in the cafeteria.
 ALL Moses followers are welcome.
 More info to come.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO MAKE HOMEMADES?

(For the Non-Italians, Homemades is "Pasta" of course!)

JOIN THE SM WOMEN'S SOCIETY COOKING FOR KENSINGTON
Wednesday April 24TH 6:30 PM - 10 PM
Parish Center Cafeteria

You will learn how to make homemade gnocchi and gravy, while preparing a special meal for the Kensington Community Center. All you need to do is show up with the following ingredients and a spirit of camaraderie.

- 4 eggs, 2 lbs flour,
- 2 16oz ricotta cheese, 1 large bowl.

Our goal is to provide enough to serve the monthly community meal at the center on April 26th. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve with us please let us know at smswomensociety@gmail.com or contact Nancy Lafferty at 610-724-9131 or Betsy Coyle at 215-528-3193.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



Unplanned is the true life story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood employee who left the abortion industry after seeing the ultrasound image of an abortion. Johnson now runs the *And Then There Were None* ministry that helps former abortion workers find new careers after leaving the industry.

Johnson's story is also a story of redemption. *Unplanned*, which is based on her memoir by the same title, powerfully exposes the abortion industry's lies. It chronicles how she was healed by faith.

Unplanned will be in theaters nationwide on **March 29th**. See <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/> to see what local theaters it will be playing in. PLAN on going to this movie.

Every Sunday at 1:00pm, St. Monica sends out an email with links to the Bulletin, Mass readings and latest events happening in our parish and area. Do you receive it? If not, let us know! Send us an email at ministries@saintmonicachurch.org. Don't miss out!



RETREAT FOR MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Malvern Retreat House
 Fr. William Gillum, O.F.M.Cap. will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. For the flyer or registration information go to: www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information, please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through *Retrouvaille* (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. *Retrouvaille* provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crisis. **The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more info, or to register, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are confidential.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 7			
DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
	7:15-7:45 pm	Parish Rosary	Church
	7:30-8:30 pm	Parish Confessions	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
	9:30-11:30 am	Respect Life	Hagenbach Rm
	12:00-3:00 pm	Merry Widows	Hagenback Rm
	7:30-8:30 pm	Hands Only CPR	Cafeteria
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
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
	9:00 pm-8:00 am	Nocturnal Adoration	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 April 7 – April 14

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Kitty Borzillo-Dowds	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Theodore L. Reimel, Jr.	Fr. T. Rossi	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Anthony Alzamora	Fr. Serano	Cantor	
Monday, 8th	+ Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 9th	+ Catherine LaCorte	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 10th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 11th	John Rutecki	Fr. R. Rossi		
Friday, 12th	+ Ronald J. Daniels	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 13th	+ Richard Dressler	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Sadie and Nick Borzillo	Fr. Zlock	Contemporary	
7:30 am	+ Bill Ward	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ James DiAntonio	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

If Mass is being said for a loved one and you would like to present the gifts, please see the Usher.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Matt Baker, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, 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 Izz, 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: Ame Austin at 484-919-0029

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