

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.

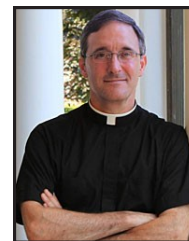
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear People of St. Monica,

We are in the midst of the Disciple Maker Index survey. The "DMI" will only be open until Monday, April 22. As of this past Monday, only 58 people have taken the survey. C'mon team! We HAVE TO do better than that. Last time we had over 200 responses. Go on to the website. Say a prayer. Take the survey. It only takes about 15 minutes. It's important. Thank You!



Liturgical Catechesis: On solemn Masses, why do we incense the Book of the Gospel, bishop/priest, and the people?

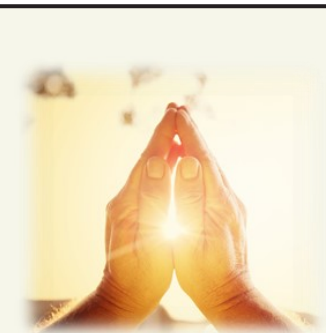
There are the various ways in which Christ is "present" during the liturgy. Christ is certainly present in the bread and wine. He is present in the Office of the Bishop/Priest. He is present in the symbol of the Holy Cross (as well as the paschal candle during Easter and funerals). He is present in His Word, especially in the Gospels. God is also present in the congregation, the "People of God" - a term that was greatly, and uniquely, emphasized during the Second Vatican Council.

Earlier I wrote about Jonathan Merritt's book *Learning to Speak God from Scratch: Why Sacred Words Are Vanishing--and How We Can Revive Them*. I compared Merritt's words to St. Benedict's wisdom found in *The Rule of St. Benedict*. This week and next week I'd like to conclude our study of his work. Let's examine a relevant, and politically charged topic: immigration and the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Each year, priests are obligated to take a one-week spiritual retreat. Over the past 25 years of my priesthood, I have done this several times at Benedictine monasteries in different countries. Hospitality is one of the charisms of Benedictine spirituality. I can personally vouch for that. I have always been welcomed and the time spent among the monks has always been enjoyable and fruitful.

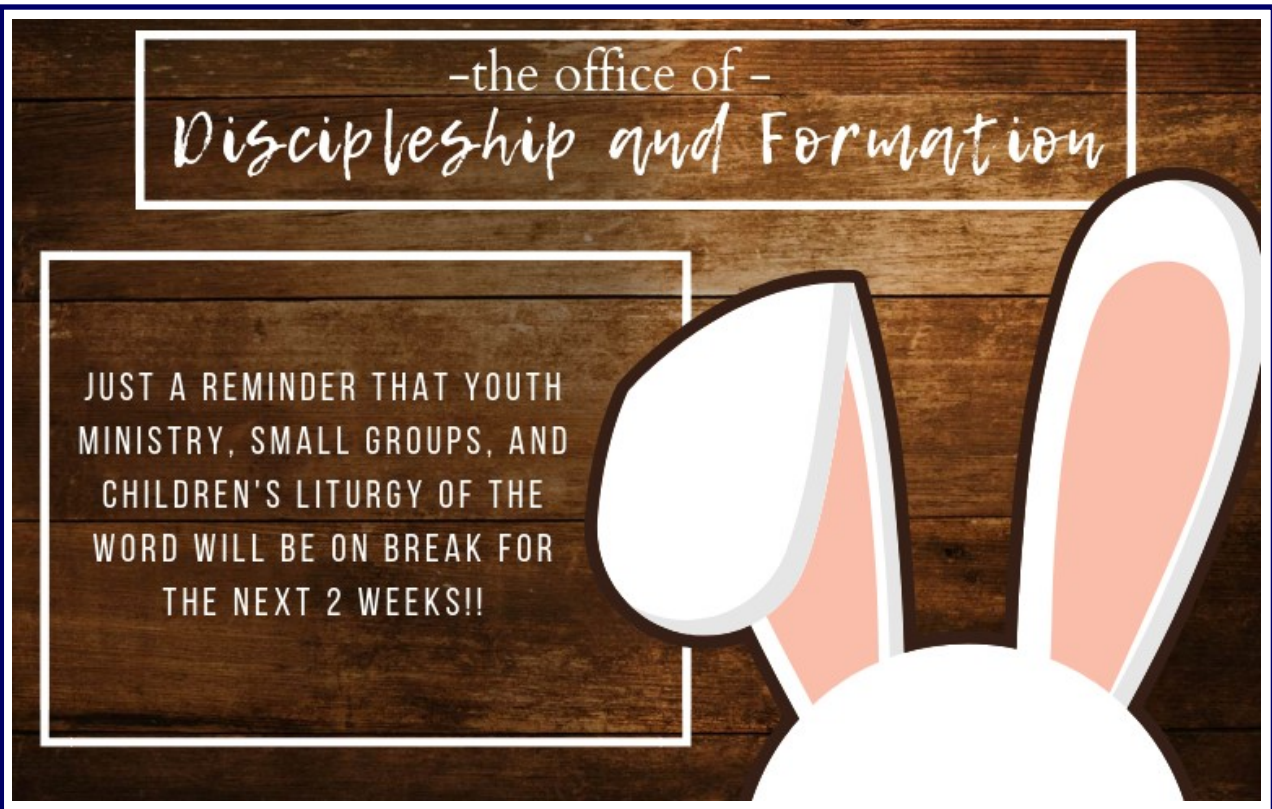
Over the past weeks, I've been interweaving passages from the *Rule of St. Benedict* with thoughts from Jonathan Merritt's book, *Learning to Speak God from Scratch*. This week let us look at how they handle the ideas of "guest" and "neighbor."

I have heard it quoted that St. Benedict once said, "There is no such (Cont'd on Pg. 4)



**OUR PARISH PRAYER
 INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

It is Palm Sunday! Let us cry out with shouts of gladness to the Lord in thanksgiving for all our gifts.



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SPIRITUAL BOOKS GIVE AWAY *Praying Through Holy Week to Resurrection Sunday*



Over the course of the Lenten and Easter season, we remember the lowest points of sin and the highest peaks of what God has done for us through Jesus. We have a way, the only way, to the Father through Jesus.*

This weekend, the "Give Away" book selections will take you through Christ's joyful entry to Jerusalem, His passion, death, glorious Resurrection and beyond.

Father, open my eyes that I may see Jesus coming, may praise Him with a pure heart, may walk in the way of His suffering, and share also in his resurrection.*

* *iBelieve – Easter Prayer Guide*

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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 MARCH 2019

March 2019	\$71,485	43% Electronic	March YTD 2019	\$603,958	48% Electronic
March 2018	\$64,721	48% Electronic	March YTD 2018	\$637,501	47% Electronic
March Budget	2018-2019	\$71,812	March YTD Budget	2018-2019	\$637,834

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$7,818
Electronic	\$4,985
Total	\$12,803

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.

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FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

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thing as a Benedictine monastery without guests.” In the *Rule of St. Benedict*, Chapter 53, “On the Reception of Guests,” we read:

“Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, ‘I came as a guest, and you received Me’ (quoting Matthew. 25:35). And to all let due honor be shown, especially to the domestics of the faith and to pilgrims.”

Chapter 19 of Merritt’s book, “Neighbor: Mister Rogers and the Global Refugee Crisis” opens with several stories. They are based on personal experiences by the author when he visited the Middle East. He tells the story of 13-year-old Mohamed. The youth has lived through traumatic experiences that we cannot even conceive. His cousin was killed by a sniper. When his uncle tried to assist, the uncle was killed too. Both bodies were left to decompose for days in the street. Merritt recalls similar tales told from young people in Syria and Lebanon. Merritt writes:

I recorded similar stories for nearly two weeks before returning home, where Americans were debating whether to allow Syrian refugees into our country. Arriving back to my apartment, I phoned a friend—a Christian of the southern conservative variety—to process the horrors I’d witnessed. He listened patiently to my stories and then responded, “That’s sad, but we can’t be responsible for those children. We’ve got our hands full here in America with our own problems.”

“But what if those children were your neighbors?” I asked him. “In that case, I guess I would have to do something to help them,” he said

“And who is my neighbor?”

Listen to how guests are to be treated according to Benedict’s Rule:

As soon as a guest is announced, therefore, let the Superior or the brethren meet him with all charitable service. And first of all let them pray together, and then exchange the kiss of peace. For the kiss of peace should not be offered until after the prayers have been said, on account of the devil’s deceptions.

After the guests have been received and taken to prayer, let the Superior or someone appointed by him sit with them. Let the divine law be read before the guest for his edification, and then let all kindness be shown him. The Superior shall break his fast for the sake of a guest, unless it happens to be a principal fast day which may not be violated. The brethren, however, shall observe the customary fasts.

Let the Abbot give the guests water for their hands; and let both Abbot and community wash the feet of all guests. After the washing of the feet let them say this verse: “We have received Your mercy, O God, in the midst of Your temple” (Psalm 47 [48]:10).

In the reception of the poor and of pilgrims the greatest care and solicitude should be shown, because it is especially in them that Christ is received; for as far as the rich are concerned, the very fear which they inspire wins respect for them.

In the salutation of all guests, whether arriving or departing, let all humility be shown. Let the head be bowed or the whole body prostrated on the ground in adoration of Christ, who indeed is received in their persons.”

Merritt writes that:

The English word neighbor derives from the words nigh or “near” and gebur or “dweller.” In the literal sense of the English word, a neighbor is someone who lives near you. If we are to love our neighbors, as Jesus instructed, as the second greatest commandment, we must care for those who live in close proximity to us. But in a world of hustle, bustle, and business, this simple task can seem formidable.”

Jesus’ understanding of neighbor, however, includes but also stretches beyond the fence posts of the English definition. In one of the Bible’s most famous passages, a legal expert asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29)

The Samaritan in Jesus’ story didn’t dwell near the victim. Samaritans lived and worshipped in a segregated community, so he almost certainly didn’t reside in close proximity to the bedraggled man. He just happened to be on the same road that day. So Jesus’ definition of neighbor seems to be “anyone who is in need.” They can live across the street ...

...or ten thousand miles away in Lebanon or Syria.

Who is my neighbor?

Jonathan Merritt then takes us on a fascinating journey with the man who was arguably America’s most famous “neighbor.” To find out who that is, watch this space next week.

Charles Flock Jr

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.

IHM NUN RUN

Join the IHM Sisters for their annual 5K Run / Walk.
June 1, 2019, 8:30 AM start time.
Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall.
For more information go to: www.ihmnunrun.org
Registration closes May 3rd!

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 www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are confidential.

Please Note:

- No evening confessions on Monday, April 22
- No morning confessions on Tuesday, April 23



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.

CYACC: ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults on **Wednesday, April 17th** for *Adoration, Confession, and Stations of the Cross: An Evening of Lenten Reflection* at St. Joe's in Downingtown. We will meet in the large chapel, immediately to your left as you enter the main doors of the church. **Confession:** 6:30pm-7:30pm **Stations:** 7:40pm-8:00pm. Join us at Victory Brewing after for fellowship. For more information, visit www.cyacc.org or find us in Facebook / email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for April 14

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
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Rectory Closes at Noon Communion Service	Church
Thursday	7:30 pm	Solemn Evening Mass	Church
Friday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	12:00 Noon	Mid-Day Prayer	Church
	3:00 pm	Solemn Service	Church
Saturday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil	Church

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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 14 – April 21

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
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	
Monday, 15th	+ Robert Walsh	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 16th	+ Violet, Dennis and Kevin Flynn	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 17th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 18th	7:30 pm Solemn Evening Mass 9:15 pm Compline	Fr. Zlock Fr. Zlock		
Friday, 19th	9:00 am Morning Prayer 12 Noon Mid-Day Prayer 3:00 pm Solemn Service	Fr. Zlock Fr. Zlock Fr. Fitzgerald		
Saturday, 20th	9:00 am Morning Prayer	Fr. Zlock		
7:30 pm Easter Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. McCabe	Cantor	

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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