

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)*

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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 Easter**

**May 19, 2019**

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

**Let's talk about "Holy Water." Why do we use Holy Water? Why do we do a "sprinkling rite" with Holy Water only during Easter? (Part 1 of 2)**

*There are many, many scriptural references to water, and its significance is deep. But, for the Catholic, water is first and foremost a reminder of our baptism—one of the most significant events in the life of a Christian. In baptism, we are freed from original sin, born anew spiritually, and adopted into the covenant family of God. Many of the saints, realizing the importance of baptism, venerated the place and day of their baptism with great fervor, just as we would celebrate our physical birthday. St. Louis de Montfort even changed his last name to "de Montfort" as Montfort was the town in which he was baptized.*

*Holy water is the primary way Catholics encounter water as a sacramental. It is blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) and is used throughout the year.*

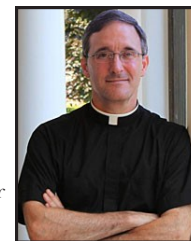
*On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the customary Penitential Act, a "Sprinkling Rite" is done to recall the water of Baptism that was received by the new Catechumens during the Vigil Mass. Further information can be found on the website.*


Now, on to our topic this week:

When the topic of Thomas Merton comes up, I have found that people have three reactions. Some absolutely swoon. Some (like me) have read him and just don't get him. We're not sure what all the fuss is about. Some think he was a charlatan and a fraud.

Merton died 50 years ago last year. To commemorate his passing away, many articles were written. One appeared in New Yorker Magazine. Another was seen in National Catholic Reporter.

Now, one year later, a new book, *On Thomas Merton* by Mary Gordon, has recently been published. Mary Gordon is a teacher at Barnard College. She is an award-winning author of eight novels and three collections of short fiction. Reviews of the book are appearing. As you could expect, opinions and emotions on the former Trappist run all over the place. Gary Wills rips Merton in Harpers Magazine. Author and blogger Rod Dreher calls him a "pious fraud." Orthodox priest Patrick Henry (Continued on Page 4)





**OUR PARISH PRAYER  
 INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

*Come to confession on Saturdays  
 from 4:00 to 4:45,  
 Mondays from 6:30 to 7:15 PM and  
 Tuesdays from 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM*



# ATTENTION



# A MESSAGE FROM CYO

## 6TH - 12TH GRADERS

### JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

### MAY 18 FROM 6:30-8:30

SHAVINGCREAM WIFFLEBALL  
BONFIRE & S'MORES  
RITA'S WATER ICE

BRING A FRIEND!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. MONICA CYO  
TRACK TEAM ( GRADES K - 8 )  
ON A SUCCESSFUL SEASON !  
OUR 24 MEMBER TEAM RAN, JUMPED,  
THREW, AND PRACTICED THROUGH A SEASON  
OF WIND, RAIN AND ( SOMETIMES ) SUNSHINE.  
MUCH FUN WAS HAD. SIX OF OUR MEMBERS  
QUALIFIED AT THE REGION CHAMPIONSHIP  
TEAM TO ADVANCE ON TO THE ARCHDIOCESE  
AREA CHAMPIONSHIP ON 5/18. GOOD LUCK  
TO THEM! WE THANK THE FAMILIES AND  
PARISH FOR THEIR SUPPORT !

## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEKEND RETREAT

A weekend retreat offers many opportunities; to know your God better, to know your church better, to know your neighbor better, to know yourself better. Retreat weekend is June 14 -16 at Malvern Retreat House. Join us! For more info, email or call Mark DiGiovanni at [markdigiov@aol.com](mailto:markdigiov@aol.com) or 610-764-6525.

### THE TRAVELING PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Through the kindness of the Legion of Mary, we are once again able to offer the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to our Saint Monica families. Would you like to invite her into your home and family life for one week? The Pilgrim Virgin will bring you comfort, peace and many blessings. She is just waiting for your invitation. If you would like to invite her into your home, please contact Elena Brazer at 484-318-7888. If no answer, please leave a message.

### NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

*Nourish for Caregivers* is a Christ-centered Catholic ministry that supports the practical, emotional & spiritual needs of family caregivers. Our monthly meetings are for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for a loved one, whether it be for those caring for a family member with a disability, an aging parent, spouse, friend or grandparent. We meet monthly on second Thursdays from 10:00am - 11:30am starting on June 13. Location: St. Anastasia Rectory Meeting Room in Newtown Square, PA. Visit [phillyevang.org/nourish](http://phillyevang.org/nourish), or contact Aimee J. Gustitis, BSN, RN, JD at 610-724-8950 or [aimeegustitis@outlook.com](mailto:aimeegustitis@outlook.com).

*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](mailto:ministries@saintmonicachurch.org). Don't miss out!*

## Welcome to Our New Parishioners and Newly Baptized

### New Parishioners

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Ritzenthaler  
 Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Collins  
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Shane  
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Weeks  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Burns  
 Mrs. Kathleen Trobovic  
 Ms. Faye Smith  
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Minutella



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jonak  
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Signore  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zapiec  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sean Dougherty  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanna  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mistry  
 Mr. Christopher Clark

### Newly Baptized

Nolan Patrick Kraft  
*Son of Mr. Kraft and Ms. Guarino*  
 John Cassian Wilson  
*Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson*  
 Kian Thomas Wurst  
*Son of Mr. Wurst and Ms. Miller*  
 Quinn James Martino  
*Son of Mr. and Mrs. Martino*  
 Cecilia Eleanore Shane  
*Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shane*  
 John Michael Bender  
*Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bender*



Adelynn Sophia McGrath  
*Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGrath*  
 Colin Stone Weeks  
*Son of Mr. and Mrs. Weeks*  
 Anna Valencia Doran  
*Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doran*  
 Kevin Charles Williams  
*Son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams*  
 Ella Jean Brennan  
*Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brennan*  
 Emma Victoria Brescia  
*Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brescia*

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for APRIL 2019

April 2019	\$57,131	61% Electronic	April YTD 2019	\$661,089	49% Electronic
April 2018	\$65,668	57% Electronic	April YTD 2018	\$703,168	48% Electronic
April Budget	2018-2019	\$61,936	April YTD Budget	2018-2019	\$699,770

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

Sunday Collection	\$8,328
Electronic	\$5,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,520</b>

*We have 179 families  
contributing electronically.*

#### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the 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](http://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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Reardon offers a more measured assessment.

So why write about him? Like him or not, he was a phenomenon. He lived and wrote during a turbulent period in the Catholic Church in general. It was a challenging time for the Catholic Church in America in particular. Communism was at its nadir. Churches and religions were being fiercely persecuted in countries around the world. The post-Vatican II Church was in the midst of tumultuous changes. She was struggling to find Her bearings. Vocations from post-World War II until the mid-1960s had exploded. Massive castle-like seminaries were being constructed all over the America and in the northeast U.S. in particular. Yet, as we entered the 1970s, vocations for men and women were collapsing. Interest in religion and spirituality was great. So was interest in psychology and psycho-therapy. Swami Vivekananda delivered his famous address on Eastern religion at the 1893 World Parliament of Religions in Chicago. Eastern mysticism became vogue soon afterwards. In the midst of this, Merton struck a chord that affected many people - often in very positive ways.

I had seminary professors who knew Merton personally. They were quintessential professionals. They did not offer their opinions of the monk to young, impressionable seminarian minds. During one private conversation, however, one priest-professor offered his assessment. He felt that Merton was emotionally conflicted and had serious issues. Merton had a huge ego and success didn't help that. The professor said, cautiously, that one had to give Merton's writing some credit. You also had to be careful. The corpus of Merton's material needed to be understood with great care. This was especially the case if Merton was being used within the context of spiritual direction.

Ok, Merton had issues. Who doesn't? He could be the patron saint of contemporary people who keep saying that they're "fine." (Fearful - Insecure - Neurotic - Emotional (to quote the movie "The Italian Job")). We're all there in some capacity. We live in a tough and challenging world. Everybody gets smacked around. No exceptions.

Why is this relevant? When you read about Merton, you see "loving God and loving neighbor... as yourself" in all its sloppiness. We read about what Merton was trying, using and applying to get to a closer (continued)

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

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relationship with God and to get a better understanding of himself. His "tools" included solitude (which he loved) and community (many members of which he seemed to despise). He relished quiet and noise (he found the city exciting). He read Scripture and secular material. He enjoyed America and foreign countries. He loved the stalwart conservative Roman Catholicism of the Middle-Ages. He greatly admired the spirituality of Eastern mysticism.

Recently Archbishop Chaput and the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia were in Hershey for a few days. The occasion was our priest's convocation. Bishop Andrew Cozzens (Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul) was the keynote speaker. He quoted two French writers: 19th century Cistercian monk Dom Chautard (and his book *The Soul of the Apostolate*) and contemporary French priest-author Jacques Philippe. Bishop Cozzens said that your spiritual life might be a mess. God might not seem to be hearing your prayers. Perhaps God doesn't even seem to exist. Your temporal life might seem to be getting nowhere. If this is the case, you're probably doing it right. God is currently making things hard for his best disciples. He's teaching them. He's training them. He's preparing them for important tasks in a world that is spiritually and emotionally turning to mush. The temporal aspects of the world (politics, military, economics education, etc.) don't seem to be doing all that great either. Thus "true" seasoned Disciples are going to be needed in the future. In order to "season" such Christians, their spiritual lives are fraught with ironies, incongruities, contradictions, and points of paradox.

Much like Merton.

*Charles Zlock Jr*

### QUO VADIS DAYS

**JUNE 24 - 27**

High school men are invited to join us for dynamic talks, small group discussions, Eucharistic Adoration, daily Mass, and many fun activities including swimming in the lake, basketball, soccer, and Gaga Ball.

Registration deadline is **Monday, June 3**, and the camp has a sliding scale registration fee, \$25-300.

Please visit our website at <http://quodays.org> to learn more and register.

## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

As promised ... **Moses is HERE!**

St. Monica's HNS is thrilled to provide to the entire parish community an outstanding speaker this weekend on Sunday, May 19th, following the 9:30am HNS Mass. Jamey-Francis Moses, a native of Brooklyn NY, is presently a third-year seminarian at Saint Charles Borromeo seminary in nearby Wynnewood where he is studying in preparation for the priesthood in service for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Earlier this year, he was admitted to candidacy.

During his four years with the Dominican community, Jamey continued in his service with youth through his role as youth minister, catechist and later as Director of Religious Education. Upon exiting the community, Jamey returned to work in the church in a variety of pastoral roles which includes service to the poor and homeless, outreach to the unchurched and applied the national Come Home program for inactive Catholics to the African American Catholic community.

Jamey's passionate message and connection dynamically brings the good news of the gospel to the unchurched and to bring home to Catholicism those who have drifted away. He brings new breath of vibrancy to our faith that am sure you will all embrace. The men of the HNS, had the privilege of listening and later meeting Jamey at our annual retreat at Malvern in 2018 and back by popular demand returned to this past year's retreat in February. This immediately sparked us to share Moses and his message with the members of the St. Monica's Parish community.

Jamey will speak after the 9:30am HNS Mass this weekend on Sunday, May 19th in the cafeteria. His theme will be: **"Resurrection Joy: Renewing the Church and the World"**. The HNS will be providing a continental breakfast, and will accept donations to support Jamey and his mission. Jamey attempts to live every day the words of his favorite psalm - Psalm 126, verse 3, that says, *"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy"*. This is what Jamey provided the men at Malvern, and we in turn want to share this with our parish family.

We hope you will join us for this breakfast gathering to listen to Jamey. **If you did not register in advance, please join us anyway! Walk-ins are welcome!**



**PLEASE JOIN US**  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm  
**Parish Rosary in the Church** Every Monday at 7:15 pm



### OUTREACH



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**The Hungry Need You** to help them by contributing canned goods or donations for the monthly Food Cupboard Drive for Saint Gabriel's parish in South Philadelphia. The cupboard food is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month. The drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:30 am on Tuesday, May 28. All non-perishable items are welcome. Canned tuna, chicken, chili, peanut butter, grape jelly and pasta sauce are much needed. Checks payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box.

### CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION



The Grandparents Association Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Hagenbach Room. We will introduce an exciting new book *Dreams for Your Grandchild (The Hidden Power of a Catholic Grandparent)* by Allen R. Hunt. A free copy of this book is available for members. We hope to see you! Questions, please call Mary Dressler at 610-688-0614.

### WHY SHOULD WE REGISTER AT SAINT MONICA CHURCH?

Parish registration is necessary to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, anointing of the sick, Christian burial and to receive sponsor letters and letters of recommendation. Please call or stop by the Rectory to register (610-644-0110). Also, please notify the rectory if you are moving out of the Parish.

<b>Please Note:</b> No evening confessions on Monday, May 20			
<b>WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for May 19</b>			
DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm 7:15-7:45 pm	Adoration Parish Rosary <b>No Confession</b>	Church Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
Thursday	6:30-8:30 pm	WWP Book Club	Hagenbach
Friday	9:15-10:30 am	<b>Rectory Closed</b> Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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



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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 May 19– May 26

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Mary Rutecki and Anna Williams	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Vincent DiAntonio	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Tony Versino	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 20th	+ Amy and David Owsik	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 21st	+ Thomas DeHaven	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 22nd	Communion Service			
Thursday, 23rd	+ Vincent and Alvera Bocci	Fr. Serano		
Friday, 24th	+ Alexander and Bernice Melich	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 25th	+ Richard Dressler	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Norma DiFerdinando	Fr. R. Rossi	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Ernesto Capalbo	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Theodore Reimel, Jr.	Fr. Zlock	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 Izzi, Faith Johnson, Clare Johnston, Libby Judge, Debbie Kern, Charlie Litzelman, Sue McDonnell, 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, Frank and Mary Simone, 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: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden  
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Michael Vadner  
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Kolbe Wolfe

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**The Norbertines of Daylesford Abbey**, *Pastoral Assistance*  
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