

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.

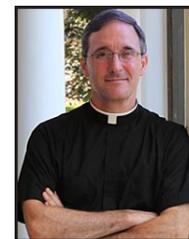
Anytime by appointment.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 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 2 of 2)



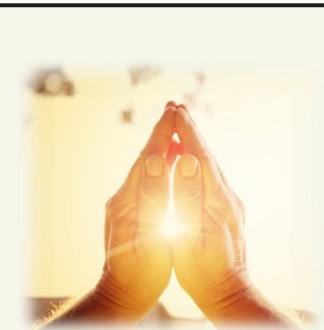
The symbolic importance of water and the liturgical foundations concerning Holy Water are quite ancient. Its ritual use can be found in the Old Testament, where it was used for purifying rites privately and liturgically. It is a sign of God's creative power (Genesis 1:2). It is a metaphor for Jehovah as the source of life spiritually (Isaiah 55:1-2). It is used as an agent of healing (2 King's 5:10). There are many Old Testament references to the significance of water. Pharaoh's army signifies sin which is "drowned" in the sea, which represents the waters of baptism, Exodus 14:28).

In the New Testament, water takes on even greater significance. It has a connection with Christ. He identifies himself with the Living Water (John 7:37-39). Baptism in water is also declared as necessary for our salvation. Jesus himself said, "unless a man be born of water and the Holy Ghost" he cannot be saved (John 3:5).

There is much activity that occurs around the Parish of St. Monica in support of the Parish Mission. I would like to begin to update you all on what some of those activities are. I shall complete the report next week.

Concrete / Blacktop: We noticed that many of the curbs and sidewalks around the campus were in need of repair. Several curbs posed a potential trip hazard. On the other hand, some of the concrete areas are in very good shape. We are currently entertaining several bids to have the concrete work done this summer. In addition, it has been five years since the parking lot has been resurfaced. We are also asking contractors to submit bids to resurface the blacktop areas of the campus.

HVAC: Our HVAC company, Haller, recently inspected our air conditioning and boiler units. All systems passed inspection (even the oil unit in the old (Cont'd on Page 4)



**OUR PARISH PRAYER
 INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

*May we honor those who've given their lives
 that we may be free on Memorial Day 5-27-19.*



-the office of -
Discipleship and Formation

All Discipleship and Formation Programs are on summer break.

Youth Group Summer Meetups will be announced soon!

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 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, or contact Aimee J. Gustitis, BSN, RN, JD at 610-724-8950 or 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. Don't miss out!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Most goodbyes bear more than a touch of melancholy. There seems to be so much pain in the process. We've all seen on TV the tearful hugs and kisses exchanged when a young soldier takes leave of family and friends before boarding the plane that will take him or her to faraway assignments. Tomorrow, Memorial Day, we will honor all those heroic men and women who said goodbye and went off to war but never came back.

There are countless other necessary goodbyes in our lives, perhaps less stressful but always marked by sadness. Somehow when they have to happen as part of our lives we wish otherwise. You could say that they give us one more reason to "scold Adam and Eve" for their misbehavior! Somehow we know that such things were not part of the original scheme of things.

Yet not all goodbyes are all bad, even if a bit sad. Children have to leave their parents so that they can live out their own dreams and the adventure of life. For friends who must separate from us it is the same. A worthy consolation is the fact that such absences make our hearts grow fonder.

In this weekend's Gospel, we learn that Jesus had to leave His chosen Twelve. We also know His leaving has a kind of "mission accomplished" ring to it. Since the evangelists have no interest in the kind of biographical details and the emotions we search for in a modern biography, we have to use our imaginations. Surely the Apostles had to be somewhat downhearted about their Master's departure. They were only human, after all.

Our Lord told them the news in a straight from the shoulder way, and added that if their love for Him was real, it would only be proven if they rejoiced that He was going to the Father. Rejoiced? That seemed at first to be so contradictory.

But the Lord's leaving them physically had at least two beneficial effects. First, they would be able to realize their full potential as Christ's emissaries. Second, it would bring about the arrival of the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit. He in turn would enlighten them further all that Jesus' coming meant for the world. He would be there to guide them in confronting the problems of their own time as Jesus would had He stayed. This, by the way, is still the role the Holy Spirit plays in the life of Church today.

Admittedly, we are living through one of the most crisis-laden periods of the Church's long march through history. There seems to be no end to the reports of abuse perpetrated by clergy of all ranks against victims of both sexes and all ages. What to make of it all? Some, like Pope Francis, have considered it as a period of cleansing. Others call it the preparation for a new way of "being Church."

Certainly if the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of the Church's life, then we will always have it, and the priests to offer it. We may be called upon to say "goodbye" to certain long-established elements in Church life. But in the meantime, we can still rejoice in the unchangeable fact of the resurrection, and Our Lord's promise that He will be with us "all days." Nothing of goodbye there.

At one time the Duke of Cambridge is reported to have said: "Any change at any time for any reason is to be deplored." That sounds like the saying "Come weal, come woe, my status is quo," an attitude that can be deadly in a church, when overdone. Thankfully, the Church is not a museum but a dynamic living Body that says "Hello" to each new day!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for APRIL 2019

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|--------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 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 19, 2019

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$6,373 |
| Electronic | \$5,485 |
| Total | \$11,858 |

*We have 179 families
contributing electronically.*

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this 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 under the Parish Information tab in the Parish Leadership section.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

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school). New and additional electronic control units will be installed for temperature control in the church building. This will allow us to better - and remotely-monitor and control the temperature. Two areas of potential concern are the twelve air conditioning units on top of the new school and the AC unit servicing the gym. The school AC units are beginning to age. A few units were replaced. The Finance Council budgeted to replace two new school units each year over the next few years until all units are replaced. Fortunately, the other units seem to be functioning well for now. The gym unit is a large unit that possesses excess capacity for the area it is called upon to cool.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been working to decrease the use of chemicals that are harmful to the environment. In 2020, U.S. regulations will begin banning the production of a common air conditioning refrigerant (freon). Soon freon will no longer be made and it will begin to be phased out of use completely, although limited amounts will be available. The gym AC unit is also beginning to show aging. Thus a decision about the gym AC is on the horizon. We are beginning to have discussions about what options are available as well as cost/benefit analyses of the various approaches.

Critters and Varmints: We're actually just talking about ants. 2018 was an unusually wet year. 2019 had decent snowfall as well as a relatively wet spring. The groundwater table is high and the ground remains relatively saturated. Thus ants are looking for higher and drier ground. This has presented an issue in the church sacristy, the new school and Parish Center. Our exterminator was consulted and an exterior treatment was applied in April. The situation seems to have been addressed but we will continue to monitor.

Cemetery: Soft ground, normal aging, and some apparent vandalism had caused a good number of gravestones and monuments to sink, tilt or fall. A company was contracted to reset many of the gravestones and monuments. General cleaning and trimming of the grounds were also performed.

Technology: Performance issues with our internet service were addressed. Response times seem to be faster in the church, rectory, parish center, and new school. A number of people and organizations have been utilizing the technology in the Hagenbach (cont'd)

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

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Room and the two newly renovated rooms on the second floor. Reports have been positive. The quality of the technology, its availability, ease of use and internet response time have made the experience enjoyable. A new, large presentation "whiteboard" was also installed in the Hagenbach Room. New server cabinets were purchased for the Parish Office so that the server, and thus the parish data, will be more secure and easier to service in the future.

Charles Flock 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.

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.



LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, may all human life be protected from creation to natural death.

--www.usccb.org/pray



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



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH



FEED THE HUNGRY

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, May 28 by 8:30am.

PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS AND KINDERGARTENERS OF ST. MONICA'S PARISH



St. Katharine of Siena Kindergarten and First Grade registration is still open to your children for the 2019-2020 school year. Our school is a Christ-centered community supporting the spiritual, emotional, moral, and intellectual development of each student. Enrollment procedures, tours of the school, and meetings with the principal can be arranged by contacting Anne Condello at 610-688-5451 or by email at acondello@sksschool.org. Additional information can be accessed from our school website at www.sksschool.org or follow us on Facebook. We look forward to welcoming your children to our SKS family.

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers - June 7-9

A retreat for men and women the theme is: "Encountering the Joy of the Lord." As an internationally recognized speaker and retreat master, Deacon Harold will be inspiring all through this retreat filled with uplifting music, adoration, the Sacraments and quiet time. Register early at www.malvernretreat.com or by calling 610-644-0400.

Dr. Mary Healy - June 21-23

A retreat for men and women. Theme is: "Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World."

Appointed by Pope Francis as one of the three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission, Dr. Healy will assist you in the journey of asking, "Is Jesus still healing people today?" Are these healings real and do they last? Come and find out. Register at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

Johnette Benkovic-Williams and Women of Grace - July 12-14

Dr. Carrie Gress and Fr. Nathan Cromly will also be directing this retreat. The theme is: "By His Stripes We are Healed - At the Foot of the Cross: God's Infinite

Mercy." Benedicta Leadership Enrichment Seminar for Women precedes the Women of Grace retreat, July 11-12 with Fr. Nathan Cromly. The Young Women of Grace retreat, July 13 for ages 13+; theme is: "Dare to Prepare for True Friendship." A national popular retreat. Register early at www.malvernretreat.com or by calling 610-644-0400.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, May 28, through Monday, September 2, the Parish Office will operate on the following Summer Schedule:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MARRIED COUPLES -

THIS SUMMER TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOU



Refresh your marriage relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Summer means lots of time spent on everything but your relationship. For 2019, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

Doubletree Plymouth Meeting: July 19-21

Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA: October 18-20 and November 22-24.

For more info visit our website at: www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz at Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859.

Please Note:

No evening confessions on Monday, May 27

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for May 26

| DAY | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------|---------------|---|-----------|
| Monday | | Rectory Closed No Adoration No Parish Rosary No Confession | |
| 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 | Legion of Mary | Rectory |
| 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 May 26– June 2

| MASS TIME | INTENTION | PRESIDER | MUSIC MINISTRY | NOTES |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| 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 | |
| Monday, 27th | + Deceased Members of the Walsh and Scheidel Families | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Tuesday, 28th | + John H. Scheidel | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Wednesday, 29th | Communion Service | | | |
| Thursday, 30th | 8:30 am - + John H. Scheidel 12 Noon - + William Canfield | Fr. Serano Fr. Zlock | | |
| Friday, 31st | + John Buhsmer | Fr. Zlock | | |
| Saturday, 1st | + James Gallagher | Fr. Zlock | | |
| 5:00 pm | + Rocky Borzillo | Fr. Fitzgerald | Cantor | |
| 7:30 am | + Ellen Wagner | Fr. T. Rossi | Quiet | |
| 9:30 am | People of the Parish | Fr. Zlock | Cantor | |
| 11:30 am | + Husbands of the Merry Widows | 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, Baby Tommy Lake, 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

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Ruth O'Keefe, Mother of Megan O'Keefe

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

Leader for this week: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

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