

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

During the preparation of the gifts on the altar, why does the priest sometimes say the words ... "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation ..." and sometimes he doesn't?

The priest has the option to do either one. During Lent and Advent, I pray the prayers silently as a liturgical action to indicate that we are in a different liturgical season. I do this during Advent to indicate the silent waiting for the savior. I do this during Lent to indicate the seriousness of the penitential season.

The choice of which Eucharistic Prayer is prayed is pretty much up to the priest. Consideration should be given to the liturgical season or the liturgical occasion. Eucharistic Prayer 3 is the one commonly heard during Sundays.

There is much activity that occurs around the Parish of St. Monica in support of the Parish Mission. Last week I began providing some information on what some of those activities have been. I complete the report this week.

Painting, Parish Center: The lobby of the Parish Center, leading to the Hagenbach Room and gym, were painted over the past two weeks. In addition, one of the first floor rooms off of the cafeteria as well as two of the 3rd floor rooms used for Religious Education also received new colors. The color scheme was chosen to match the same colors as the Hagenbach Room to lend a consistent look-and-feel to the first floor rooms.

Rental Property (Historic "Tobler House" off of the parish parking lot): Detaching plaster in the 3rd floor needs to be replaced. Some sections of the house also need new drywall. Plumbing issues in the basement were also addressed. Being so close to several trees, the issue of ingress of small animals into the house is also being addressed. Also, roof estimates are being gathered due to the age of the roof.

Playground Fence: Some sections of the fence were in need of (Continued on Page 4)

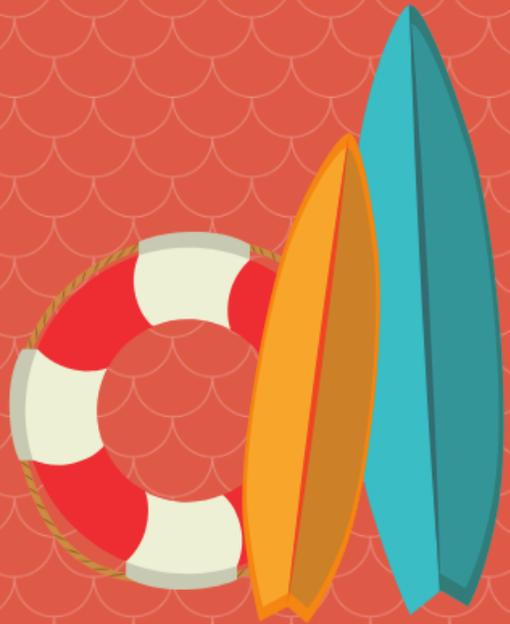


OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

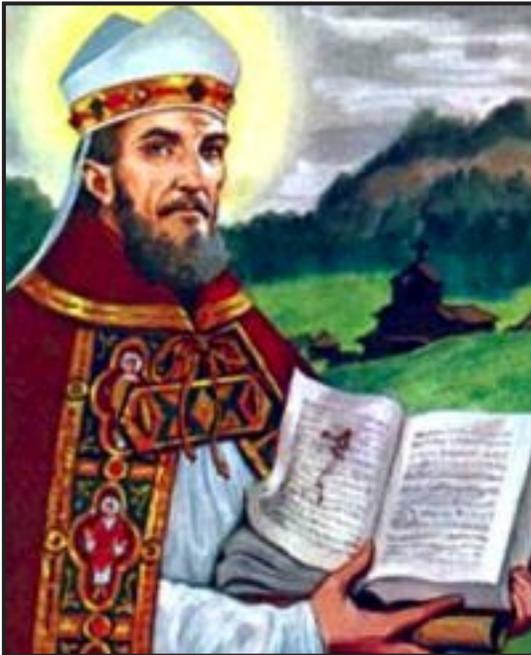
Pray for the children being Baptized this weekend and their families.

-the office of -
*Discipleship and
 Formation*

Remember to register your children for next year's Small Groups! Registration can be found on our website under the "Discipleship and Formation" tab.



ST. BONIFACE, BISHOP *and* MARTYR



Memorial - June 5

St. Boniface, a monk of Exeter in England, is one of the great figures of the Benedictine Order and of the monastic apostolate in the Middle Ages. Gregory II sent him to preach the Gospel in Germany. He evangelized Hesse, Saxony and Thuringia and became Archbishop of Mainz. He well earned the title of Apostle of Germany, and Catholic Germany in our own times still venerates him as its father in the faith. He was put to death by the Frisians at Dokkum in 754 during the last of his missionary journeys. The famous abbey of Fulda, where his body lies, has remained the national shrine of Catholic Germany.

May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord, that we may firmly hold the faith he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood and confidently profess it by our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It's even on our money. I refer to that famous 13 letter motto of our country "e pluribus unum," that is "out of many, one." Adopted by Congress in 1782, it originates out of the union of the original 13 colonies that emerged as a single nation. In the current tension in our country over how to handle immigration, along with heated debate on the matter, that motto hangs over us as a caution and a check on anything resembling prejudice, exclusivity or even hate. It's sad to realize that any rancor ignores the fact that we ourselves are descended from immigrants.

But long before there ever was a United States, we learn from the Bible that unity among us is the prime desire of our very Creator. This infers that diversity is far from an obstacle to unity, but is rather something that enriches it.

After all, Jesus died on the cross for the salvation of the whole human race, and not just a segment of it. When He rose from the dead, it was, at the very least, an endorsement from on high that everything He said and did was in accord with the divine plan. In other words, He was authentic. He was and is the Son of God, the Second Person of the divine Trinity. Attention must be paid to Him. Remember that at His baptism and transfiguration, the Father's voice is heard commanding us to "Listen to Him."

We must approach the subject of our unity with the realization that it takes work. It takes courage. It may cost us our lives, in one way or another. We learn today that for St. Stephen, the first martyr of our Church, the cost was literally his life. Surrounded as we are right now in our country by such an atmosphere of disunity, that we might conclude that this is the norm. We take it almost for granted that there always will be a certain divide between "us" and "them." Ah, but then we forget that through Christ, our God has entered into human history. This is the basic fact of Christmas, stripped of its jingle bells and tinsel.

But if "gospel" means "good news" there is always a positive lesson present, even if we sometimes have to dig deep into the text, and our own powers of reflection to find it. In this instance of pondering unity with all its inherent difficulty, we have the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary: "Nothing is impossible for God." I always like reading that to the congregation at Christmas time because it offers them encouragement in their faith. But Easter is the proof "par excellence" that God can do all things. At each Mass, we all receive the one Body and Blood of the risen Christ. That implies that unity is such a possibility if we truly will it, because we believers can approach our task with divine energy and backing.

The story is told of a time when a little child in an African tribe wandered off into the tall jungle grass and could not be found, although the tribe searched all day. The next day the tribal members all held hands and walked through the grass together. This enabled them to find the child, but due to the cold night he had not survived. In her anguish and through tears, the mother cried, "If only we would have held hands sooner!"

It is not enough that we all share a common goal. We must all work together to accomplish it without hesitation. "E pluribus unum" belongs in our hearts as well as on our money.

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 26, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$6,000
Electronic	\$6,049
Total	\$12,049

We have 179 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOX COLLECTION

The money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of June will be for the benefit of the Maryknoll Fathers. 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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repair. Vendors were contacted and several bids were evaluated. In the end, the decision was made to do the repairs in-house. The project has been completed.

Cleaning Service: An examination of the cleaning services utilized was recently performed. Cleaning services need to cover the rectory, the church, the Parish Center and the spaces utilized by Regina Luminis Academy. A cooperative analysis was done by both organizations with oversight by the Parish Finance Council. In the end, an agreement was reached to enter into a contract with ASC Cleaners.

Landscaping: Three proposals were examined and an analysis performed. In the end, the decision was made to continue contracting with Doyle and McDonnell for the parish campus landscaping. Doyle and McDonnell will also be responsible for maintaining the St Monica Cemetery.

Cemetery: Some additional information from last week - 43 of the most serious sites/grave markers were selected and rectified. A second phase is planned for later this year as well.

Charles Zlock Jr

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.



PLEASE JOIN US
Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm

Parish Rosary in the Grotto Every Monday at 7:15 pm



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.

CYACC - HOLY HOUR WITH MUSIC AND NIGHT PRAYER

Join CYACC at Lower Chapel, St. Agnes on June 5th for an evening of adoration, music, and night prayer. We will begin at 7:30pm. Confession will be available. Access to the chapel is outside around the sides of the church. Free parking is available in the lot behind the church. Following the event, join us at Ryan's Pub for fellowship. For more info check www.cyacc.org.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our parish had a very successful "1st Annual" Community Day of Service on March 23rd!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who donated needed items, their time, money, and words of encouragement to the organizations sponsored on March 23rd!

Operation Gratitude - We assembled close to 200 care packages and wrote hundreds of letters, all will be sent to our troops through **Operation Gratitude!**

Purses Full of Hope - Close to 100 purses were donated then filled with "goodies" to be delivered to women in local homeless shelters.

Easter Egg Hunt - Hundreds of Easter eggs were filled with treats and encouraging words for the children at the Community Center of Visitation in Kensington for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Clothes were collected and sorted for our neighboring community organization, T/E Cares.

Casseroles were collected for the Blessed Sarnelli House in Kensington.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for June 2

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
	7:15-7:45 pm	Parish Rosary	Church
	6:30-7:30 pm	Confession	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
	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 June 2– June 9

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
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	
Monday, 3rd	+ Joan Schneider and Laray Ming	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 4th	+ Charles DiCola	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 5th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 6th	+ Priscilla McCullough and Loretta Reagan	Fr. Zagarella		
Friday, 7th	+ Bill Ward	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 8th	+ Richard Dressler	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Stacey Giorno	Fr. Lee	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Theodore L. Reimel, Jr.	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ William Raftery	Fr. Serano	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 Altman, 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, Mike Graziano, 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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may Your Perpetual Help 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: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

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