

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.

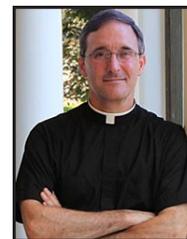
Anytime by appointment.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Some weeks ago, I had the privilege of celebrating my Jubilee Mass. It was in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination. The day was a tremendous celebration (except for a few unusual occurrences such as smoke alarms, police and fire trucks, and a touch of rain as dinner began outside). I want to especially thank the people who offered to put together the logistics for the Mass and the celebration that followed. People came together to offer my family, friends, parishioners, and me a very memorable event. Credit goes to Vince Gutierrez and The Holy Name Society, Peg Alzamora, Maureen Mulhall, Liz Tenaglio and the Merry Widows, Aagee Lane, the Parish Staff, and our musicians. Many people were very gracious and generous with best wishes and gifts as well. I am humbled and most grateful.



Over the past three weeks, we have been examining results for St. Monica from the 2017 and 2019 "Disciple Maker Index" (DMI). Where do we go from here? The first step is prayer. I already have an intentional prayer team who prays for my personal intentions each month. The DMI discernment process will remain on their prayer list for the coming months. I am considering a second group of people as well. They would pray intentionally for deeper wisdom and insights about where the Holy Spirit is leading St. Monica Parish during this discernment process.

Over the past three weeks, we provided a series of articles to introduce the raw data. We also offered insight into what you told us through the survey. Conversations about the results are already occurring. I have been a party to a number of positive, interesting, and insightful conversations about what was written. This needs to continue. I encourage you to have these conversations among parishioners, non-parishioners, family, and friends.

We are planning a series of "focus groups." They will be tasked with the implementation of specific action items related to Word, Liturgy, Discipleship, Evangelization and Service.

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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

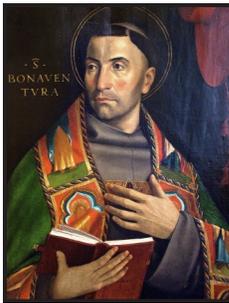
Bless those who serve Trinity House monthly and those who participate in the Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE TEENS AND CHAPERONES FROM
ST. MONICA PARISH WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE

STEUBENVILLE *NYC*

CONFERENCE FROM JULY 19-21!

ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP *and* DOCTOR of the CHURCH - JULY 15



Perhaps not a household name for most people, Saint Bonaventure, nevertheless, played an important role in both the medieval Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. A senior faculty member at the University of Paris, Saint Bonaventure certainly captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills and insights. But more importantly, he captured their hearts through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. Like his model, Saint Francis, Jesus was the center of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title “Seraphic Doctor.”

Born in Bagnorea in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint’s birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure’s teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. He offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure suddenly died on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

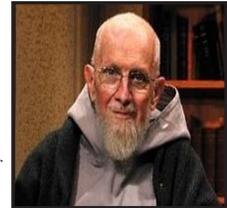
Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus. www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-bonaventure



WHAT'S ON YOUR SUMMER SPIRITUAL READING BOOK LIST ?

Books by two previously featured authors, Father Benedict Groeschel and Philip Yancey can be found on the book shelves this weekend.

Fr. Groeschel presents to us, *Why Do We Believe?* Far from being an act of doubt – asking “Why believe?” can be an important and positive step toward deepening our relationship with Christ and His Church. Father Benedict knows first hand the doubts and questions of modern men and he knows the answers they seek. In *Healing the Original Wound: Reflections on the Full Meaning of Salvation*, we are presented with how to experience spiritual freedom and enjoy God’s presence. Finally, in *Spiritual Passages: The Psychology of Spiritual Development*, the psychology of spirituality and the psychological understanding of the three stages of the spiritual life are examined. This book includes abundant notes, references, a bibliography and a comprehensive index in addition to practical illustrations of the principles presented.



If you’re searching for what appears to you as an elusive God, Philip Yancey’s trio of books will point you in the Lord’s direction. *Finding God in Unexpected Places* is divided into six parts: Finding God Without Really Looking; Finding God on the Job; Finding God in a Fractured Society; Finding God Among the Headlines; Finding God in the Cracks; and Finding God Within the Church. Sometimes we work so hard to see God, we don’t realize He’s been there all the time. *Finding God in Unexpected Places* helps us to recognize God’s presence in overlooked and ordinary times and places. *Where Is God When It Hurts: A Comforting, Healing Guide for Coping with Hard Times* explores the many baffling and difficult issues surrounding the mystery of pain, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual.

This unique book helps us understand why we suffer and how to cope with our own pain as well as how to help others cope with theirs. *Reaching for the Invisible God: What Can We Expect to Find?* How does this relationship with a God we can’t see, hear, or touch really work? This book is straight talk on Christian living for the person who wants more than pat answer’s to life’s imponderables. Yancey shifts the focus from our questions to the One who offers Himself in answer.

“To live in the past and future is easy. To live in the present is like threading a needle.”
Walker Percy, Oblate of St. Benedict, prominent American writer of the 20th Century.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JUNE 2019

June 2019	\$64,425	45% Electronic	June YTD 2019	\$789,405	49% Electronic
June 2018	\$60,406	48% Electronic	June YTD 2018	\$825,180	48% Electronic
June Budget	2018-2019	\$68,758	June YTD Budget	2018-2019	\$833,726

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$6,361
Electronic	\$5,782
Total	\$12,143

*We have 172 families
Contributing electronically.*

POOR BOX

The money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of July will be for the benefit of FOCUS. 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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Questions and Messages We are Hearing: Why is this process important? The DMI helps us to determine whether “we are doing the right things” and whether “we are doing things right.” It was able to measure the impact in areas where St. Monica had made changes. In fact, the DMI is sensitive enough to detect effects over a short period of time – only two years. We saw rapid positive and negative effects in areas where the parish made specific changes. This surprised the “Analysis Team.” They didn’t expect this level of statistical sensitivity. They were also surprised at the significance of the effects related to parish focus and investments.

Initial Conclusions: Focus on *transformative change*. Emphasis on new approaches to small groups and in Religious Education resulted in significant growth. The “Same Old - Same Old” does not lead to spiritual growth or stronger disciples.

The most encouraging results were in areas where people *personally and intentionally accepted responsibility* for their own spiritual growth and faith life. What were some examples? Personal prayer and personal relationship with Jesus were two. St. Monica’s best results vs. the archdiocese were likewise individualistic. Examples included the frequency of individual devotions, individual prayer, adoration, and faith-sharing groups.

Surprisingly, St. Monica’s poorest results vs. the Archdiocese were in the areas of Belief. (e.g. “Belief in the Authority of the Church” and “Belief in Jesus’ Moral Teachings as Guiding My Life”)

Initial Recommendations: Continue with current “Encountering Christ...” Where it is possible, add initiatives that address DMI deficiencies that relate to Word, Liturgy, and Outreach.

Growth via Music – Hire and support new Director of Music and Liturgy. Use hymnody as an area of transformative change.

Growth via Mass – Add new liturgical initiatives.

Formation – Examine areas where DMI results concerning “Spiritual and Religious Belief” was low. Add focused initiatives to impact these in a positive way.

Continue strengthening **Hospitality**. Use our successful experience with Religious Education to develop transformative changes in this area.

Add more **Alpha** courses. Possibly (continued)

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

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focus on new and specific audiences such as youth/young adults, moms/dads, people who cannot attend on Sunday.

Further support **building community** through small groups.

Charles Zlock Jr

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples. **Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA August 9 - 11.**

For more information, or to register, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230.

All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MONICA'S GOLF - UPDATE



Golfing parishioners ... it is time for the 35th Annual St. Monica's Golf Outing!! It is our traditional day of golf and fun at the Downingtown Golf Club, on **Monday October 14th (Columbus Day).**

SAVE THE DATE and practice. More details will come towards the end of the summer.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

In ten years, religious freedom has been increasingly threatened, endangering our ability to live out our Faith in ways such as protecting and defending human life.

Health care legislation has repeatedly tried to mandate abortion and contraceptive coverage in insurance plans and force Catholic hospitals to provide abortion.

Health care professionals have been the victims of discrimination for refusing to participate in or refer for abortion.

Most disturbing, nurses have reported being forced to participate in abortion procedures, directly violating their deeply held religious beliefs.

As Catholics, we know that every human life is created in the image and likeness of God.

Let us pray for the protection of religious freedom in our nation, that we may continue our pro-life efforts in accord with the Gospel of Life.

CYACC



Chester County Catholic Young Adults will meet at East Goshen Park 1661 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380 on July 17th at 6:30pm to soak up another lovely summer evening. We will start a game of pick-up soccer or ultimate Frisbee. There will also be picnic tables and space for more relaxed conversation and lawn games. Feel free to bring your favorite lawn game and don't forget a water bottle. For more information about our organization: visit www.cyacc.org or find us in Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

MISSION SAINTS SUMMER SERIES

Register Today!

July 26 6PM • St. Joachim & St. Ann
• Parents of God's First Missionary, Mary

Mom & Dad, certainly in this case, KNOW Best!
 Discover their teachings that led Mary to respond to

God's call and be more of a Mission Disciple. Kristi Bushner, Adult Faith Formation Director at St. John the Baptist in Manayunk introduces these "parent" greets.

Also! Join us for Beverages, lite snacks and hospitality after each presentation.

MISSION SAINTS SUMMER SERIES will be held at the Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

For More Info • phillymissions.org/signup

ELIZABETH MINISTRY



St. Monica Parish would like to thank Carol Wortman for bringing the Elizabeth Ministry to the parish and being the driving inspiration behind it for more than 15 years. Since she has moved out of the parish and can no longer head up this ministry we feel a real loss. The Elizabeth Ministry is now looking for a new coordinator and additional members. For the past 10 years, the Elizabeth Ministry has been giving a welcome bag to parents after the Baptism of their child. It can be expanded to include women helping other women in any phase of life. Please contact Dotty Lammer at 610-644-0599 or Dotty610@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

A MEN'S WEEKEND WITH FRIENDS AND JESUS TOO!

Since 1999 I have enjoyed the company of a fine and friendly group of men and Jesus Christ too during the first weekend after Labor Day at the **Malvern Retreat House**. I look forward to this weekend every year as an ideal way to wind down summer, kick off fall and get closer to myself by getting closer to God. So what I offer to you is the opportunity to share with me and my Malvern friends this special experience by joining us on **Sept 6th-8th** for the annual **Nativity BVM retreat**. Go to: www.malvernretreat.com/events/nativity-bvm-3 to join us or call me, Jack Warnock, for more info at 610.722.2673.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for July 14

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

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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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 July 14 – July 21

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Kelsey Borzillo	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Wladimir and Lydia Krill	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Theodore L. Reimel, Jr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 15th	+ Robert Nelson	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 16th	+ Richard Kosiorek	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 17th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 18th	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Serano		
Friday, 19th	+ Thomas Loughran	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 20th	+ Thomas Loughran	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Kevin Ansley	Fr. Driesch	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Virginia McCarty	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Marie McCloskey	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Thomas Loughran	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, Molly Chew, Lilly Ciocca, Ann Curvan, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Elaine Flynn, Hugh Gannon, Kelly Glacken, Mike Graziano, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Faith Johnson, Clare Johnston, Libby Judge, Baby Tommy Lake, Sue McDonnell, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, 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 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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