



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA

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We will help you discern God's Call. We will help you live God's call.

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.
11:00 a.m.

Holy Days 8:30 a.m.
of Obligation 12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Confessions*)
Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

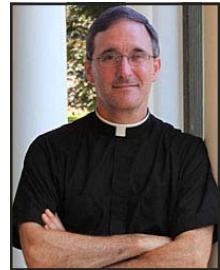


The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of July 12, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

A number of people have sought me out to comment on the way “people dress for Mass.” I have told them that, in my opinion, the people at Saint Monica overwhelmingly dress appropriately and tastefully (I have seen, first-hand, the alternative!). Nevertheless, Bishop Joseph Tobin from the Diocese of Providence, RI has some good words on this topic that bear repeating:



After attending Sunday Mass in Florida not too long ago I came across the following admonition in the Sunday bulletin: “Please come to Mass early enough not to disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult. (The Mass does not end until the final blessing). Worship reverently enough not to distract. And dress proudly enough not to offend.” Now that little blurb contains some very useful reminders,” I said to myself. It addresses a recurring problem in some our churches these days – an habitual lack of reverence for the sacred mysteries taking place in our midst, especially when the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered.

While all of the points in the bulletin article have merit and should be observed, the reminder to “dress proudly enough not to offend,” might be the most relevant, especially now as we enter the hot and humid, casual days of summer. The sloppy and even offensive way “some” people dress while attending Mass is something I’ve witnessed personally and regularly receive complaints about. You know what I’m talking about; you’ve seen it too. “Hirsute flabmeisters” spreading out in the pew, wearing wrinkled, very-short shorts and garish, unbuttoned shirts; mature women with skimpy clothes that reveal way too much, slogging up the aisle accompanied by the flap-flap-flap of their flip-flops; hyperactive gum-chewing kids with messy hair and dirty hands, checking their iPhones and annoying everyone within earshot or eyesight. These displays reveal a gross misunderstanding of the sacred space we’ve entered in the church and the truly sacred drama taking place in our midst. C’mon – even in the summer, a church is a church, not a beach or a pool deck.

Every member of the worshipping community should dress appropriately (*Cont'd on Pg. 4*)



THE PATRONAL FEAST of SAINT MONICA

Celebrating the Papal Visitation and World Meeting of Families

PARISH-WIDE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday, 26 August beginning with
Exposition and Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. through
Benediction on Thursday, 27 August at 4 p.m.

SOLEMN FEAST DAY MASS & PICNIC

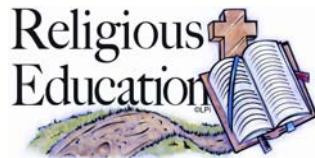
Thursday, 27 August at 6 p.m. with the
Picnic Festivities Immediately Following

FROM the OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

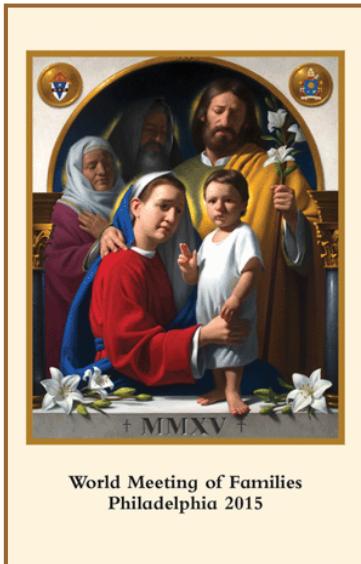
The 2015 Summer Session came to a close on July 1st, following 8 days of faith-sharing, friendship, and fun. It was another memorable Summer Session for the 50+ students and 7 teachers. Lessons about the Holy Family and the gift of families were incorporated into this year's curriculum, in harmony with the upcoming World Meeting of Families in September. The faculty, students, and parents performed a Corporal Work of Mercy via the "Families for Families" food drive. The generous donations of peanut butter and tuna fish were given

to the Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard in Philadelphia.

We look forward to offering the 4th annual Religious Education Summer Program next year to the rising 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students beginning on June 20 through June 29, 2016.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PRAYER - Philadelphia 2015



*God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.*

*May your grace and love help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of
your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

FROM the OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC

Getting Involved for 2015-2016

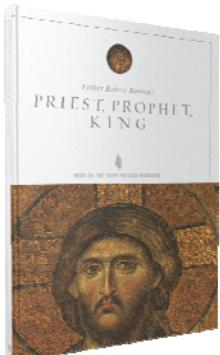
Ah, summer. The time to wind down and relax. You might be anticipating becoming involved here at Saint Monica's when everything picks back up again in the Fall? Do you have an interest in music, a talent, a passion for singing, or play an instrument? Give some consideration to joining the Music Ministry of our Parish. We are now accepting new members for the Parish Choir! Rehearsals begin again on Wednesday, September 9th. If you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at

forman@saintmonicachurch.org or give me a call at 610.644.0110 ext. 118. A very simple audition is all that's required. Consider getting involved in this very special ministry. All are welcome.

Flowers on the Altar for the Summer

We're very grateful to Mrs. Clare Prendergast who has graciously donated the altar flowers that adorn the high altar throughout these summer months. She has elected to do this in memory of her beloved husband, Jack. Thank you, Clare, for your kindness to the Parish!

An opportunity for enrichment during the summer... right here!



Back by Parishioner Request!

A Summer Session Presentation of **PRIEST, PROPHET, KING**

Fr. Robert Barron

A DEEP, BIBLICAL LOOK AT JESUS CHRIST

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah?

In *Priest, Prophet, King*, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Father Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this deeply biblical DVD program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you were baptized “into Christ.” Please join us, as we continue our faith journey with Father Barron.

When: Tuesdays – July 14, 21, 28

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: Saint Monica Education Center (Old school building 2nd floor Youth Room)

Facilitators: Maureen Friedrich & Maurita Buhsmer

Please contact Mary Perillo for more information or to register: mkperillo@verizon.net

Sponsored by the Saint Monica Adult Faith Formation Committee

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JUNE 2015

June 2015	\$70,364	45% Electronic	June YTD 2015	\$866,540	42% Electronic
June 2014	\$74,317	38% Electronic	June YTD 2014	\$853,788	39% Electronic
June Budget	2014-15	\$64,000	June YTD Budget	2014-15	\$849,448

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$8,383
Electronic	\$6,612
Total	\$14,995

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 5, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$10,192
Electronic	\$13,334
Total	\$23,526

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Mission Co-Op. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 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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for Mass, but the obligation is even greater for those who fulfill public ministries during the liturgy – ushers, lectors, servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Because they've assumed a public role in the sacred liturgy and are in the public eye, it's important that they give good example to others in the way they dress, speak and present themselves during Mass.

And what about the trend I've seen increasingly in recent years, even in our cathedral, of people coming to Mass carrying their water bottles and coffee mugs? Do they really need to be hydrated or caffeinated during that hour they're in church? Is it a sacred space or an airport terminal? And I wonder how many people even think about the Eucharistic fast (one hour before receiving Holy Communion) when they prepare for Mass? I'm old enough to remember when you couldn't have any food or beverage, except water, from midnight before receiving Holy Communion. It was a sacrifice, to be sure, but also a clear reminder of how special it was to receive Holy Communion.

And while I'm venting, I still find it inappropriate and disrespectful to have a church full of people talking and creating a boisterous atmosphere before Mass, completely ignorant of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and the spiritual needs of their fellow parishioners who wish to spend a few moments of quiet prayer with the Lord. The Church should always provide a sanctuary of quiet, peace and prayer for anyone who wants to escape the barrage of noise and technological intrusions of our daily routine and enter into the presence of the Living God.

No moment reveals our attitude of respect more than during the actual reception of Holy Communion. I'm not one who has a strong preference for receiving Holy Communion standing or kneeling – both are approved by the Church and both can be either reverent or irreverent depending on the disposition of the person. Nor am I one who will fight over the merits of receiving Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue. Again, both are approved by the Church and can be either reverent or irreverent. I am frequently amazed, however, over how many of the faithful, young and old, simply don't know how to receive Holy Communion properly. This ignorance reached its pinnacle a couple of years ago when one lady, a Confirmation sponsor in fact, dropped the sacred host

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

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I had placed in her hand and then looked at me, giggling, saying, "I guess I'll need another one of those," like she had just lost her favorite snack cracker. It's easy folks, really. As you approach the minister of Holy Communion you bow reverently and when you hear the words, "the Body of Christ," you simply respond "Amen" as you extend both hands carefully or put out your tongue. And note, you're required to consume the host then and there and not take it with you down the aisle or back to your pew.

"Let The Whole Tremble" is a statement about the Eucharist taken from a letter of St. Francis of Assisi to his friars, in which he reveals his profound respect for the Holy Eucharist. He writes: *"Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the universe, God and Son of God, so humbles himself that for our salvation he hides himself under a morsel of bread."* Would that we might display even a fraction of that reverence when we go to church, attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ!

Charles Flock Jr.

**Looking for a Catholic Church or
Mass times while on vacation?**

WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG

WMOF YOUTH CONGRESS (Ages 6-17)

SEPTEMBER 22-27, 2015

Register your child or children for the **World Meeting of Families' Youth Congress!** The Youth Congress will run simultaneously with the Adult Congress in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The Youth Congress is an interactive program for the youth, which will include activities such as crafts, service projects, a Scavenger Hunt, Gospel Drama, Bowling with the Bishops and Priests, Catholic Trivia Challenge, and a Dance Party with the Sisters, among many other activities. Each of the activities will include a connection or lesson involving the themes of the official WMOF.

Your children will love this inspiring and energizing component of the World Meeting of Families! For more information, visit www.worldmeeting2015.org. Click on Events / Register for Congress / Youth Congress Activities.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME . . .

The Holy Name Society and Men's Club is proud to bring back yet another popular HNS tradition - a trip to the Reading Phillies. A night of fellowship, baseball, food, drink and fireworks on **Saturday evening, August 29th.** Game time is 6:30 p.m. Bus will leave Saint Monica parking lot at approximately 4:15 p.m. All Men of the Parish Community are invited to attend. Evening includes: Luxury bus transportation, snacks and beverages for the ride, entry ticket, and "all you can eat" picnic buffet dinner. All for just \$25/man. There are limited number of tickets, so sign up NOW, as to not get left out of this great night. E-mail Mark DiLucca if you want in at mdilucca00@comcast.net, and send your check for \$25 made out to Saint Monica's HNS to: Mark at 525 Dorset Road, Devon PA 19333

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? ARE YOU CATHOLIC, BUT YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED CONFIRMATION?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have family members, friends, or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) group here at the Church of Saint Monica.

RCIA helps people grow in faith and knowledge of God as they consider becoming Catholic. There is no obligation to join the Catholic Church. Practicing Catholics are encouraged to join as well - you are guaranteed to learn things about the Church you may have never known! The RCIA sessions will begin in September. The timing of the sessions TBA. For more info please contact Christian Loch at **(610) 235.7112.**

WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP)

WWP will return beginning **Thursday October 1st from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** **WWP** is a program designed to enable women to grow in a relationship with Christ through small group discussion and Scripture study. This will be our second year offering **WWP** at Saint Monica. Are you looking for a more meaningful relationship with Christ and others? Are you wondering what faith has to do with everyday life? See what women are saying about their experience with **WWP** this past year!

One participant stated "**It has been life changing. I**

am much more trusting in God and thankful for all that I have. I am more peaceful. I am reading the bible for the first time." Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in Gathering Room. An informational session will be held in early September. Questions? Feel free to contact Bridget Cowell at bridgetc316@gmail.com or Michele Manning at man6fam@comcast.net.

ALLBALL BASKETBALL CAMP

Allball Basketball Camps will be running basketball camp at Saint Monica's Gym, August 3 - 7. Open to boys and girls grades K-8. Please visit www.allballinc.com for more info.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Pope Francis made a poignant commentary about the sanctity of life in his message for the World Day of the Sick 2015, reminding the world that **life is always worth living, regardless of the perceived "quality" of it.**

The Pope tells us that *"even when illness, loneliness and inability make it hard for us to reach out to others, the experience of suffering can become a privileged means of transmitting grace."* Therefore *"people immersed in the mystery of suffering and pain, when they accept these in faith, can themselves become living witnesses of a faith capable of embracing suffering, even without being able to understand its full meaning."* - from *Vatican Insider*

REMEMBER SAINT MONICA'S!



Our bills continue to come, even during the summer months. Please remember Saint Monica's while on vacation and consider electronic giving. To sign-up for this giving option and have your donations transferred electronically to the church account on a regular basis, please contact the Business Office at 610.644.0110, ext. 120. We need your constant support to keep our parish operating.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for JULY 12

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

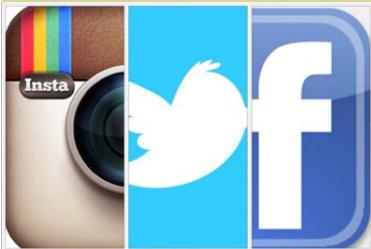
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The Saint Monica Parish Bulletin is published weekly and is available both on the parish website and distributed to the assembly after Sunday Worship.

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 12 — July 19

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	+ Olive Reavey	Fr. Albero	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Tom Carbine	Fr. Albero	Cantor	
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 13th	Julie Trogele and Andrew Jones	Fr. Zagarella		
Tuesday, 14th	+ Helen Kirby	Fr. Novielli		
Wednesday, 15th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 16th	+ Biagioh DeMento	Abbot Antonucci		
Friday, 17th	+ Richard Kosiorek	Fr. Driesch		
Saturday, 18th	+ George Beichl	Fr. Antry		
5:00 p.m. Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. DiAntonio		
7:30 a.m.	+ James Beirne	Fr. Fitzgerald		
9:30 a.m.	+ David Trasatti	Fr. Fitzgerald		
11:00 a.m.	+ Lydia and Wladimir Kril	Abbot Antonucci		
				<i>Special Collection: Campaign for Human Development</i>
				<i>Special Collection: Mission Co-Op</i>

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Margaret Annechini, Jack Barausky, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, Lynn Conrad, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Maria and Francisco DeRivas, Jim DiAntonio, Lou DiFerdinando, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Margaret Knight, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (*son of Liz*), Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and Helen Triolo, Bob and 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: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

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