



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA

Called by Name; Gifted by God; Committed to Prayer; Driven to Serve... Abiding in Hope

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)
Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

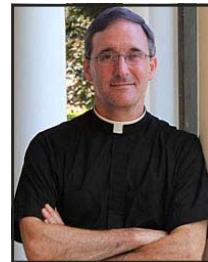


Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

On February 3 – 5, 2017 a number of men from Saint Monica will be attending the ***Saint Blaise Weekend Retreat*** at Malvern Retreat House. This will be a traditional retreat for men and will include Mass, conferences (talks), private Adoration, Stations of the Cross and more. Fr. Dennis O'Donnell, former Rector and Spiritual Director of Malvern Retreat House will be the Retreat Director for the weekend. BTW, there is still time to register and attend, even at this last minute.



Let me provide some background on retreats as it concerns priests. "Canon Law" is the practical application of the bible to day-to-day Christian life. For example, in the section about priests, we read that, "Clerics are to acknowledge and promote the mission of the laity, in the Church and in the world." Thus, in order for me to support you, "Clerics are bound in a special way to pursue holiness since, having been consecrated to God by a new title in the reception of orders, they are dispensers of the mysteries of God in the service of His people." Some of the ways a priest does this is "to nourish their spiritual life from the two-fold table of sacred scripture and the Eucharist. Thus they are obliged to carry out the liturgy of the hours daily according to the proper and approved liturgical book. They are equally bound to ***make time for spiritual retreats.***" (*Canon #276*)

Therefore, yearly I go away for anywhere from five to seven days of quiet, silence (there is a difference), prayer, reflection and some one-on-one time with the Lord. I have gone to various retreat houses around the country - some large and impressive, some smaller and somewhat cozier.

I always look forward to spending this time alone and away. The "alone" time can take different forms depending on the style of the retreat house. At some retreat houses, you might be sharing space with other retreatants. You will definitely have your own "room" (usually quite small) but bathroom and shower space is typically shared. Meals are often "in common" with some places emphasizing a "no talking" rule merely listening to spiritual reading read by one of the monks. Other retreat houses have (*Continued on Page 4*)



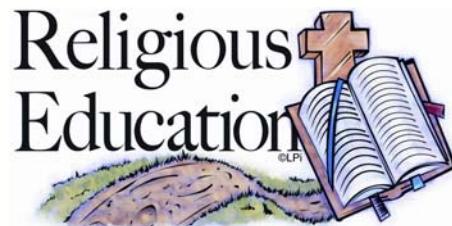
SAINT SCHOLASTICA
Sister of Saint Benedict
Feast Day on February 10th

O God, to show us where innocence leads,
you made the soul of your virgin, Saint Scholastica,
soar to heaven like a dove in flight.
Grant through her merits and her prayers
that we may so live in innocence
as to attain to joys everlasting.
This we ask through our Lord. Amen.

FROM the OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on January 30th.

Registration for this year's Summer Session and for the 2017-2018 Monday night session is now underway. A link to the registration forms has been e-mailed to all families of students currently registered. The registration forms can also be found on our website at www.saintmonicachurch.org. Please be mindful that the registration for the Summer Session ends on February 6th. (Seats are limited!)



FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



Steubenville Youth Conference

June 16-18 2017

Open to graduating 8th-12th Students

Cost-\$350

(\$199 deposit to secure your spot)

Scholarship money available if needed

Limited spots available, 1st come 1st served

for more info:

steubenvilleconferences.com/youth

Jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org

FROM the OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

SPRING CHOIR OPENINGS — CONSIDER IT!

Consider joining our ministry of music! The Parish Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7 pm and sings each Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass and for all principal liturgies of the Parish. All voice parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are welcome to become involved. To schedule a meeting to join our fun and friendly group, please contact Frank Orman in the Office of Worship & Music at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or at forman@saintmonicachurch.org.



HELPING HANDS

returns to Saint Monica Parish!

REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 29th.

LEND A HAND
this Lent by
PACKING MEALS
FOR THOSE IN NEED

Join your family & neighbors at the
3rd annual
HELPING HANDS EVENT



What: Packing 50,000 meals for hungry families in Burkina Faso

When: Sunday, March 12th 2-4:30pm

Where: St. Monica Parish Center, 601 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312

How: Please RSVP at cyacc.org/hands

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 2016

December 2016	\$72,306	38% Electronic
December 2015	\$76,898	40% Electronic
December Budget 2016-17	\$76,798	

December YTD 2016	\$399,552	44% Electronic
December YTD 2015	\$433,360	44% Electronic
December YTD Budget	\$423,460	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$8,978
Electronic	\$5,013
Total	\$13,991

We have 171 families contributing electronically.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 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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meals where conversation is the norm.

In our noisy, technologically pervasive society, I find more and more, I look for locations where intentional silence is available. Over the past years I have had the opportunity to have my retreat at a number of hermitages. Let me describe three of them over the next few weeks.

Pacem In Terris is in Isanti, MN and is located less than an hour north of Minneapolis. The grounds of Pacem include three miles of walking trails through woodlands, prairie and marshlands and feature a rich variety of plants and critter habitats, reflecting the awesome wonder of God's magnificent designs.

When you first arrive, you are greeted in the modern community house, **Our Lady of Pacem**. The house features a large gathering room with a beautiful fireplace which is used for hosting evening meals for the guests and staff Monday through Friday. A simple, quiet chapel is used for celebration of Mass, staff prayer, prayer gatherings, and personal quiet meditation.

In the lower level, guest restrooms contain private showers, with linens provided. There is also an extensive exercise room for those needing more vigorous activity during their stay. A library is also available for browsing or relaxation. In addition, there are common showers available for retreatants staying in the hermitages.

The hermitages are the key feature of *Pacem*. (See my website www.frzlock.com for pictures). Each furnished hermitage features a one-room, mini-cabin that contains bed, table and chairs, an altar, a New Jerusalem Bible, a handmade wooden cross and icons, and a rocking chair in front of an extra-large picture window providing a magnificent view of the woodlands. There is a wardrobe for clothing and general supplies (flashlight, towels, washcloth, bedding, soap, coffee/tea, rain poncho, umbrella, insect repellent). One of the great features is a large, screened porch where you can lookout into nature from three sides.

Three "special needs" hermitages are located in one wing of the lower level of Our Lady of Pacem community house. Designed to be handicap accessible, they can be requested when guests make their reservation. Those requiring electricity for medical equipment or those with limited mobility during their stay would also appropriately use these rooms.

In the spirit of simplicity, there is no electricity or plumbing in the hermitages. A gaslight and candles provide light, and a thermostatically-controlled gas wall heater provides for winter comfort. A gas burner allows guests to heat water for coffee or tea and for personal grooming. The outdoor "biffy" is a short walk away and a commode is available in each hermitage.

One can eat meals in the community house with other retreatants and the staff. I preferred to really get the hermitage experience whereby daily I receive a simple food basket provided by the staff. This includes bread, fresh fruit and cheese - enough for one day. I also found that I needed to "augment" the menu with some of my own supplies.

One brings clothing appropriate for the outdoors: good walking shoes and boots (the trails and woods may be muddy), comfortable layered clothing (temperatures in the woods may vary from your home), and a sweater or jacket. Many people prefer lounging-type clothes and slippers for inside the hermitages as well as personal grooming items, one's own personal Bible journal and reading material.

What I enjoyed about **Pacem In Terris** is that you could make the experience as radical or as social as you want. After 4 days in the hermitage, I went to enjoy lunch with the staff. A little socializing filled the tank and I was ready to return to the solitude and silence for a few more days.

Next week I shall describe a Benedictine retreat house a little closer to home here in Berwyn.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING TO BEGIN FOR ALL INTERESTED!

We're looking for a few good kids! All parishioners in 3rd grade or above are welcome to join the Altar Server Ministry. Training will be held during the month of February (to be announced) on a Sunday afternoon at 12:30 pm in the Church. Attending the training session is required. New servers will then have the opportunity to observe our more experienced servers during the weekend Masses, then gradually added to the schedule. This is a very

special group of people in our parish! Servers assist the priest at the Mass; prepare the altar; lead processions during Mass; guide the assembly when to stand, to sit or kneel; make sure that what is needed for the celebration is brought, carried or moved into place, among other tasks. Consider serving your parish family by helping everyone to worship and celebrate in the best way possible all while growing in your relationship with God. To register, please contact Frank Orman, Director of Worship, at forman@saintmonicachurch.org or 610.644.0110 ext. 118.

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TEAM TRIVIA 2017: OUR 20TH EDITION



This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 11th**. This year's theme is, "*A Night At The Movies*". Start planning now. Registration forms will be in the bulletin on the weekend of February 11/12. Our event again will be the 1st half of a parish wide active weekend as **Sunday, March 12th**, will be the **3rd Annual Helping Hands Event**. Stay tuned for more details.

SAINT MONICA PARISH SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL STUDY!

- PLEASE READ -

Saint Monica Parish has been selected to participate in a national study of vibrant parishes conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey will be emailed to you by DiscipleMakerIndex@measuring-success.com. The survey will only be available from the week of February 6 through March 20 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Zlock and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don't use e-mail – There will be a generic link on our website that you can use to complete the survey. There will also be opportunities to complete the survey in paper format after Sunday Mass on March 6 and 13.

A 2015 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



2017 Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 29th 12:30-2:00 PM &
Monday, January 30th 9-10:30 AM

Learn more about our faith-based community dedicated to the education of all students from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

Tours of the school and classroom visits will be offered.

Staff, students, and parents will be on hand to answer your questions and share their experiences. Contact Cathy Link, Advancement Coordinator, at 610.644.1670 or clink@stnorbert.org for more information.

OUTREACH



Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard Monthly Collection is this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? Cash and donations payable to Saint 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, January 31 at 8 a.m. Sister Arleen McCann extends many thanks for your continued help to our inner city neighbors.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking with Purpose (WWP) invites all women of the parish to a special evening **February 2nd, 7-9pm** in the cafeteria. We have a special guest speaker, **Christine Eberle**, whose passion is bringing scripture off the page and into real life. Christine is the Director of Campus Ministry at Gwynedd Mercy University. *The Woman at the Well* is one of the best known stories in Saint John's Gospel. Christine will review the text, provide a dramatic monologue from the Samaritan woman's perspective, and tap into our own thirst to be seen, known, and cherished by God. Dinner will be served. Bring a friend! Please **RSVP** to Diane Claffey dianeclaffey@verizon.net For information, contact Bridget bridgetc316@gmail.com or Michele man6fam@comcast.net

PRAYERS PLEASE...

Please keep our parish's second graders in your daily prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Penance, Monday, January 30.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 29

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm 6:15-7:15pm	Adoration First Reconciliation	Church Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:45 am 9:00pm-8:00am	Legion of Mary Nocturnal Adoration	Rectory Church
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 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 January 28 – February 5

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Patrick Maher	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Abbot	Cantor	Second Collection: Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund
Monday, 29th	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 30th	+ J. Kevin Mueller	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 1st	Communion Service			
Thursday, 2nd	+ Jean Niemetz	Fr. Albero		
Friday, 3rd	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Novielli		
Saturday, 4th	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Mary Byrne	Fr. Avicoli	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Novielli	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Christine Florkowski, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Jean McGinley, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

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 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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