



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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Parish Leadership

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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.



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

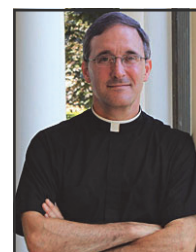
I wanted to have a conversation with the parishioners of Saint Monica on a number of important decisions and provide a roadmap for the parish for the next several months.

When I arrived, it was said that "family and youth" were top parish priorities. My concern was that the parish seemed to be organized in "silos" so that grade-school youth, high-school youth were not tied into ministries to young adults and families. None of these, in turn were integrated with worship and liturgy. In addition, service and social activities were out on their own. Finally, the idea that all of these needed to be interwoven with discipleship, developing a closer personal relationship with Jesus and growing the individual faith of each parishioner was a totally foreign concept to an overwhelming number of parishioners.

When we hired Jason Carter, I tasked him to begin to bring all of these facets of parish life together. I recently appointed him to be "Team Leader," together with Diane Pealer and a person yet to be hired, to begin to move the Parish of Saint Monica in this direction.

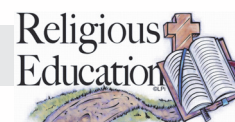
As I outlined in a number of recent blog posts, over the past 9 months, a group of parishioners have been meeting with me to read the "signs of the times," take an honest look at where Saint Monica is now, and discern where the Lord wishes to take the parish in the future. The two overreaching questions that guided the conversation were: (1) *What does Jesus Christ want the parish of Saint Monica to look like in 5 years*, and (2) *If Saint Monica closed tomorrow – besides parishioners, would anyone miss us?* With the help of Catholic Leadership Institute and Catherine of Siena Institute, we examined the results of the "Disciple Maker Index" (DMI) parish spirituality survey that we took several months ago. Let me outline what we found.

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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

**That the children who participated in
All Ball in the gymnasium were
filled with joy and peace that
sport's participation provides.**

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes begin for those who have registered for the ***Sunday Small Groups*** on Sunday, September 10, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 11:45 a.m. The ***Monday Night Session*** begins Monday, September 11, from 6:00 - 7:15 pm.

Registration Forms can be found on the parish website under Religious Education, or by contacting Diane Pealer in the Religious Education Office at dpealer@saintmonicachurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for our ***Sunday Pilot Program*** as well as ***Children's Liturgy of the Word***. We are not looking for theologians, just people who love Jesus and are willing to spend some time growing closer to God with the future of our Church. For more information, contact Jason Carter, Director of Family and Youth Ministry, at jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-6100-0110-x131.

FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

YOU'RE INVITED: JOIN US!

The Parish Choir warmly welcomes singers of all voice types (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) to join us in the fall! We begin rehearsals on Wednesday, 6 September at 7 pm in the Church. The Parish Choir sings each Sunday for the 9:30 AM Mass, and for all principal liturgies of the Parish at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. *Consider becoming involved!* Contact Frank Orman, *Director of Worship & Music* for more information at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or forman@saintmonicachurch.org.





WALKING with PURPOSE
 RETURNS TO SAINT MONICA FOR A 4TH YEAR!
 THERE WILL BE TWO STUDIES OFFERED
 ON THURSDAY EVENINGS IN 2017-2018.
OPENING NIGHT COFFEE CONNECT:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:00 PM

TO REGISTER, CONTACT: WWP.SAINTMONICA@GMAIL.COM

WWP Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point

Please join us for a taste of *Walking with Purpose* as we explore four foundational steps that we need to take if we desire to live purposefully. Growing in these areas is a lifelong pursuit, but there's no better time to begin than now! If you have participated in *WWP* before and wish to return to the starting point, this study is also for you!

"For I know the plan I have for you, says the Lord. Plans for welfare, not evil, to give you a hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

WWP Touching the Divine: A Study of the Gospel of John

Are you longing to overcome past and present failings and experience a fresh start? Jesus makes all the difference, offering us hope and a new beginning. Instead of identifying ourselves in terms of what our culture values, we can define our worth by our relationship to Jesus. We receive a new identity in Christ, and He calls us *beloved*. Please join *Walking with Purpose* for a talk and discussion about Christ's invitation to receive Him and be transformed by our closeness to Him.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study held on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Cafeteria from October through April. The program aims to bring women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal study and small group discussions at *WWP* each week link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Maureen and Melissa at wwp.saintmonica@gmail.com.

*No experience necessary, just come as you are for some coffee and a chance to see what *Walking with Purpose* is all about.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JUNE 2017

June 2017	\$60,210	47% Electronic	June YTD 2017	\$788,561	45% Electronic
June 2016	\$69,072	44% Electronic	June YTD 2016	\$833,350	45% Electronic
June Budget	2016-17	\$69,072	June YTD Budget	2016-17	\$831,993

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$6,289
Electronic	\$9,623
Total	\$15,912

*We have 180 families
contributing electronically.*

POOR BOX

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of July will be for the benefit of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2017 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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The DMI looks at spiritual health and growth through several themes such as:

- How Does the Parish Help Me Grow Spiritually
- Stewardship: How Does the Parish Utilize Its Resources In Support of Spiritual Growth
- Relationships With – and Satisfaction With - the Catholic Faith, the parish, pastor, parish activities.
- Personal Spiritual and Religious Beliefs.
- Personal Faith Practices and Behaviors.
- Evangelization: Sharing My Faith With Others.
- Growing and “Forming” The Faith of Our Children
- Overall “Faith Maturity”
- Demographic Data

The DMI results were presented in two types of charts. Examples of the two charts are provided as an insert in this week's bulletin. **If the type is too small, you can see a larger-print version on my website www.frzlock.com.**

The first chart describes two types of charts presented. The key to the second chart is to realize that, when we analyzed the DMI results, my team and I focused on the “Strongly Agree” answers on the bottom. The reason is the so-called “halo effect.” Many people might not “Strongly Agree” with a particular statement, but are too nice to answer “Neither Agree or Disagree” or even “Disagree.” Thus they put down “Agree” as their answer. Thus, the people who answered “Strongly Agree” are the *true promoters* of any particular statement.

Let me present two examples on the other side of the bulletin insert. The two sides are actual charts from Saint Monica results. The first one was from the category: **Personal Faith Practices and Behaviors**. It answered the question: “How often did parishioners at Saint Monica attend a bible study over the past year?” The Saint Monica score is represented by the bar in the middle. The three scores to the right provide comparison scores from “Medium-Sized Parishes” (like ours), “Suburban Parishes” (like ours), the average of all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who took the DMI and then the average of all parishes in the United States who took the DMI. As you can see, Saint Monica scores rather well in comparison to these parishes. However, before we get too proud, look at the scores to the left of our score. These are the scores of the top three parishes in the United States for this particular question.

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FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

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We're not bad, but we still have some work to do, don't we?

The second example was from the category **Stewardship: How Does the Parish Tend Its Resources In Support of Spiritual Growth?** The question asked was, “How well does Saint Monica provide financial transparency to the parishioners.” Again, Saint Monica scored well (focus on the “Strongly Agree” score) in comparison to parishes similar to us as well as all Philadelphia parishes and parishes nation-wide. Nevertheless, we also have room to grow when compared to the “best practices” parishes in the survey.

Next week I shall go into the results of the DMI in more detail.

Charles Zlock Jr

COME PRAY THE ROSARY



We continue to pray the Rosary as a parish community throughout the summer months **every Monday evening at 7:15 p.m.** Weather permitting, we will recite the rosary outdoors in the Grotto. Please join us! Bring your children! Bring a friend!

Remember Fatima. Live out its messages. Let this rosary inspire you to seek Our Lady's help in living out the Faith with joy, charity, and humility.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



“The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in *adoration*, and in *contemplation* that is full of faith and ready to make *reparation* for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.” - *Saint Pope John Paul II*. **Please join us on every Monday for Eucharistic Adoration.**

LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF **MERCY** AND **HOPE**, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, **LOVED** AND FORGIVEN... - *Pope Francis*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

On September 10, 2017 at the 11:30 Mass, there will be a Golden Jubilee Celebration of the ordination of Father Allan. Father would like to know *if there are any couples in the parish who are celebrating their Golden Jubilee this year.* What a beautiful gift it would be to be able to celebrate God's ongoing presence and work in marriage and priesthood at the same time. Please email Father Allan at allan.fitzgerald@gmail.com if you are celebrating 50 years of marriage!

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. You are invited to join us on **September 8th-10th** for the annual **Nativity BVM retreat**. Visit <http://malvernretreat.com/?event=nativity-bvm> or call me, Jack Warnock, at 610.722.2673.



WOMEN IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 21, 2017 — 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
Doylestown

Join women from the greater Philadelphia area and across the country for the first-ever National Catholic Women's Conference hosted by **WINE: Women in the New Evangelization!** The day will include time for Mass, Confession, prayer, rest, socializing, and shopping. Special group rate available, so bring your friends! For more info and to register, visit wineconference.org. (N.B. Last year's women's conference sold out five weeks in advance, so register today!)

COME JOIN THE FALL FUN: SAINT MONICA / SAINT NORBERT CYO CROSS COUNTRY

Fall running season is just around the corner! It's the one sport just about EVERYONE can participate in. It's the one sport that gets you in shape for ALL the other sports. It's Cross Country! Registered parishioners of

Saint Monica, Saint Norbert, OLA and Saint Isaacs in grades K-8 are welcome to join this CYO program! Under the leadership of Beth Breault (Saint Monica), Dave Fritz (Saint Norbert) and Jack Ryle (Saint Norbert), runners will practice Tuesday and Thursday at Hilltop Park and participate in meets on Sunday afternoons at Belmont Plateau in Fairmount Park. Registration is on a rolling basis through www.wagdogs.com. Questions? Please feel free to email Beth at glackin76@hotmail.com. **We are looking for volunteer assistant coaches!** No experience necessary. Just be willing to spend a few extra hours a week encouraging our runners to do their very best!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CYO

Saint Monica is actively looking for volunteers to help with Religious Education and CYO. Anyone who works with children in these capacities must attend a Philadelphia Archdiocese Safe Environment training session.

Saint Norbert is sponsoring a **Safe Environment training session on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00PM** in their school cafeteria. To register, or to search for other sessions, please go to virtuonline.com.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. will consecrate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. All clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to this momentous event in the life of our local Church. For more info visit: archphila.org/fatima.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for August 6

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15 am-4:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 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 August 6 – August 13

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Dr. Robert Doyle	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Charles Chiccino	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ David Mikowychok	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 7th	+ A. Bruce Niccolo, Sr.	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 8th	+ Deceased Members of the Filtz and VanDevender Families	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 9th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 10th	+ Anna H. Walsh	Fr. Krautsack		
Friday, 11th	+ A. Bruce Niccolo, Sr.	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 12th	+ Doyle Brian	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Dr. Robert Doyle	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ David Mikowychok	Fr. Avicolti	Cantor	
11:30 a.m.	+ Louis D'Innocenzo	Fr. Avicolti	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Rico DiGuseppe, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Margaret L. Holland

James Bergquist, Husband of Joan Bergquist

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

Leader for this week: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

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