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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.
	11:30a.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.

AUGUST 22, 2021
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I know from a televised ad that the old classic TV show "Kids Say the Darndest Things" has been revived for our time. No wonder, because children never change in their power to shake us adults up with their perception and commentary on all sorts of things.

Such is that gift that it provokes a fond memory for me from my days as a pastor while visiting the parish schoolchildren. On one occasion, I was with the second graders, giving what I thought was a good attempt to teach a point of our faith. So when a little arm went up in response to my asking for comments, I was eager to hear one. I called on the little one, who promptly excitedly informed me thus: "I saw a dead bird once!"

Well, there went my hopes about my teaching's effect, combined with a large dose of humility innocently delivered. I swallowed my laughter, lest the little one be hurt. The number of deceased fowl kept rising before I brought it all to a stop. Later, the teacher and I laughed.

How is this is related to the unexpected crowd reaction to Jesus' announcement of the Holy Eucharist? It is the way the crowd that followed Jesus changed the subject. Formerly entranced by His every word, they suddenly changed their minds and gave Jesus their backs because of what he said about eating and drinking His Body and Blood. That turnaround must have hurt Him just because He was a man "like us in all things." What was the turning point? The people only heard Him say "Cannibalism!" For them, this was a definite shock.

And for the sake of all those who rush to declare in our own time *(Continued on Page 4)*

NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT MONICA

To be prayed for the nine consecutive days leading up to her feast (August 19-27).

Dear Saint Monica, once the sorrowing mother of a wayward son, be pleased to present our petition to the Lord God of heaven and earth (state your intention). Look down upon our anxieties and needs, and intercede for us, as you did so fervently for Augustine, your firstborn.

We have full confidence that your prayers will gain favorable hearing in heaven. Mother of a sinner-turned saint, obtain for us patience, perseverance, and total trust in God's perfect timing. In His appointed hour, in His merciful way, may He respond to your prayer and ours, which we offer through you. Amen.

Office *of* Discipleship *and* Formation

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Come Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Saint Monica Feast Day Parish and Community Picnic

All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and reconnecting with community members.
There will be a barbecue, games for all ages, and music to enjoy.
Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit and talk with friends.
This event will be held rain or shine!

Date: Sunday, August 29th
Time: 12:30pm to 4:00pm *(Immediately following the 11:30am Mass)*
Location: The Church Grotto
Rain Location: Parish Center Gym
RSVP: StMonicaFeastDay.RSVP@gmail.com - or - call Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068, by August 24.

Your help is always welcomed!

To volunteer, please log on to:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da5aa2baa4c70-stmonica

If you need a ride, please contact Margaret Bellew at 610-574-1483.

This event is free.
Donations from the Penny Candy Stand will benefit All Abilities Foundation of Greater Philadelphia.
Donations from the Lemonade Stand will benefit Austin's Army.

In following the archdiocesan guidelines, if you are not vaccinated, we kindly ask you to wear a mask.

Viewing Mass From Home

The following options for viewing the Mass from home are available both on television and streaming online:

Parish of Saint Monica: www.saintmonicachurch.org
EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network): *See the schedule for broadcast times here, and see this link for the Sunday Mass streamed live online.*
WPVI TV, Channel 6: *Sunday Masses at St. Malachy Parish, Philadelphia are aired every Sunday morning from 5:30 to 6 a.m.*

News *and* Announcements

Twenty-firstSunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

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that Christ was only speaking symbolically, please note that Jesus never retracted one word. Nor did he ever say "I mean this only as a symbol, and not literally." Obviously, the Holy Spirit wants us to take His word quite literally.

Then, turning to the chosen Twelve, whose backs were not yet turned, His sad inquiry: "Will you also walk away?" I imagine here a collective brief silence. But then St. Peter, who often enough was quite capable of saying "the darndest things," offered his beautiful and faith-filled answer: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that You are the Holy One of God." Peter's answer should well be ours. It makes for a fine prayer in times of doubt.

We must always think of the Eucharist, framed by the Holy Mass, as our great gift. Covid 19 forced us out of our accustomed ways of celebrating. In these "post Covid" days we have an opportunity to review our appreciation of what Christ through the Church has given us. We can check up on our habits of respect owed to the Most Blessed Sacrament. After all, we're no longer watching it at home wearing pajamas. Certainly not with the parish community, which is an essential component of public worship.

Adding to our joy is seeing (and sometimes hearing) the little ones amid us, who are always good for a laugh, often via what they say. Here are two among many I came across:

– A catechist was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife."

– (My favorite laugh-getter): The children were lined up in the cafeteria of an elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Sister Mary made a note and posted it on the apple tray. "Take only ONE, God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written his own note and posted it near the cookie tray: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Save the Date

Welcome Back Week 9/18-9/24

Saturday - STM 100 Initiative with Food & Fellowship (5 PM Mass)
Sunday - STM 100 Initiative with Donuts & Coffee (All Masses)
Monday - Holy Hour of Healing & Gratitude (6:30-7:30 PM)
Tuesday - Youth/Family Pizza Party with Lawn Games (5:30-7 PM)
Wednesday - Choir Kick Off with Social (6:30 PM)
Thursday - Rosary for Healing & Gratitude with Social (7 PM)
Friday - Date Night (6:00-7:30 PM)

Please mark your calendars and Save the Date for Welcome Back Week at Saint Monica's!
Stay tuned! More details to follow!

News *and* Announcements

ABBEYFEST
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ABBEYFEST: Faith, Music and Family
IS BACK this September!

Join us for the all-day music festival **on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 2PM – 10PM (doors open at 12 noon)** on the grounds of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. Come join us for this music, family and faith-filled outdoor festival that features bands/Christian artists, mass, confessions and Eucharistic adoration. In addition to music, there will be food, craft vendors/ exhibits, and kid activities. There is something for all ages…SO…grab some friends, your family, a blanket…and make a day of it! Our 2021 music line-up features: *Matt Maher, The Scally Brothers, We are Messengers, Alverlis, FireHill Worship*, and more!

Philadelphia's Archbishop Nelson Perez will also be joining us for the day and will be celebrating Mass at 4pm! **More Information and Ticket information can be found at: www.theabbeyfest.com**

Poor Box Donations

The Great Valley Food Cupboard will be the recipient of the Poor Box Collection during the month of August. Each week the GVFC provides food and cleaning supplies for residents in the T/E and Great Valley communities. While the food cupboard partners with the Chester County Food Bank, they do rely on donations to cover all the needs of the families and individuals whom they serve. This past year GVFC has seen a surge in demand for their assistance. We thank you for the past support that you have given to them when we have hosted collections for the cupboard. Your financial support allows the GVFC to continue to meet the needs of those in our own community who struggle to put food on the table.

The Poor Box donation for the Month of July amounted to $250. FOCUS thanks you for your generous support.

Outreach

Hunger does not take a vacation! **The Hungry Need You** to help them by contributing canned goods or donations for the monthly Food Cupboard Drive for Saint Gabriel's parish in South Philadelphia. All non-perishable items are welcome. Canned tuna, chicken, vegetables, fruit, chili, baked beans, peanut butter, grape jelly and pasta sauce are much needed. The cupboard food is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month. The drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:30am on Tuesday, August 31. Sister Arleen McCann sends her prayerful wishes for the well-being of Saint Monica parishioners.

If desired, checks payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard can be placed in box in the gathering room or sent to Sister Arleen McCann, Mary Immaculate Convent, 1731 S. 11th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148.

To all those who have been involved/are involved as Greeters at Saint Monica

In the coming weeks, Anne Marie Gallagher or Maureen Mulhall will be contacting you by phone to inquire about your interest in continuing your service and your preferred Mass times. We are working on re-envisioning our ministry of hospitality and need this information to move forward with planning. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Week-At-A-Glance *for* August 22

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday			
Monday	9:15am-4:30pm 6:30-7:30 pm 7:00-7:30 pm	Adoration Confession Rosary	Church Church Grotto
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
Thursday			
Friday	9:15am-4:30pm	**Adoration**	Church
Saturday	4:00-4:45pm	Confession	Church

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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 August 22– August 28*

Mass Time	Intention	Presider	Music Ministry	Notes
5:00 pm	+ Mary Volpe	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ John Mafodda	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
9:30 am	+ Thomas DeHaven	Fr. Antonucci	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 22nd	+ Joseph J. Duffy, Jr.	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 23rd	Thomas and Renata Losoncy	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 24th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 25th	+ Joan Schubert	Fr. Avicolli		
Friday, 26th	Helen and Vincent LoSasso	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 27th	+ Anne Missy Malcarney and Tom DeHaven	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Anthony Caravello	Fr. Avicolli	Contemporary	
7:30 am	+ Faith Johnson	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
9:30 am	+ Maria Ngoc Anh	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Pat Ganley	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

The Sick and Those In Need of Prayer

Sonia Altirman, Austin Beltrante, Drew Brazer, Jay Brubaker, Terri Carson, Peter Cellucci, Molly Chew, Lilly Ciocca, Ann Curvan, Louis E. DeLuca, Kate DiPaolo, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Joseph Erwin, Hal Faulkner, John Fiorillo, Elaine Flynn, Hugh Gannon, Fran Gentile, Kelly Glacken, Mike Graziano, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Miles Hohenstein, Rita and Cole Hoffard, Natalie Innella, David Jeffers, Clare Johnston, Libby Judge, Connie Kleckner, Robert Marden, Sue McDonnell, Dan McMonigle, Norma Miller, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, Rob Niederer, Steve Pannella, Joel Rivera, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Juan and Mae Salas, Mary Lu Schweitzer, Mary Simone, Gary Smith, Frank Straup, Chris Wagner, Mildred Walsh

Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Bill Wright

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Leader for this week: Sandie Concannon 610-647-1068

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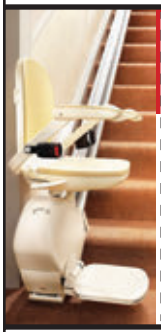
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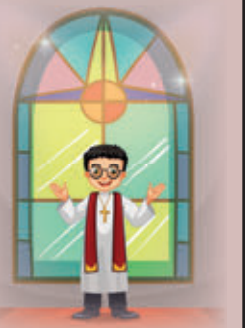
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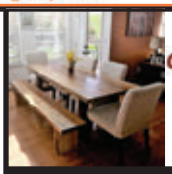

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