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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.

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.

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

FROM a SAINT MONICA SOJOURNER . . .

Laudate (<u>laudate.com</u>) is an Internet Catholic mega-site that has been in existence for some years. It continues to grow in devotional features. The app is available for *FREE*. (We like free, right?) It's a terrific single-source app for a variety of Catholic needs.

Some sections of **Laudate** are dedicated to daily readings. Some feature the saint of the day. It contains several features to enrich your prayer life. That would include the Liturgy of the Hours, a section of the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in English and Latin). In terms of liturgy and sacraments, it contains sections about the Roman Missal changes, the Order of the Mass, and Confession. Devotional practices such as daily examination of conscience and Stations of the Cross are part of the app. The New American and Douay Rheims bibles are included as well as Vatican documents.

Most people do not have time to sit down and study the faith. So Laudate has a link to **Catholic Bytes**. The goal of **Catholic Bytes** is to offer dynamic catechesis for busy people on the move. It offers short, dynamic podcast talks about the faith. There are Podcasts with "pray as you go" daily meditations, daily readings, and reflections by Pope Emeritus Benedict XXVI.

The app's features are designed to offer these episodes to learn more about Catholicism or to grow in a relationship with the Lord. This is done in short, 10–15-minute sessions. Episodes offer listeners a variety of themes ranging from faith fundamentals, Scripture, dogma, morals liturgy, spirituality, saints, and Church history.

Glorify – Christian Daily Devotional (Glorify-app.com) is another app that is rich in content. It involves a community of over 1 million Christians. They connect with God daily through Christian Meditation, Bible Stories, and Prayer.

You can calm your mind with Christian meditations and devotionals. These (Cont'd on Pg. 4)



REFLECTION for THIS WEEK

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and isolation." ~ Pope Francis

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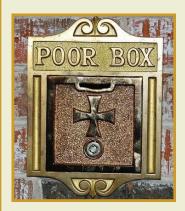


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POOR BOX DONATIONS

During the month of February the Bethesda Project in Philadelphia will be the recipient of the poor box donations. The Bethesda Project is a non-profit organization that provides shelter, housing and support services for adults who are experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. This ministry was founded in 1979 by Father Domenic Rossi, a Norbertine priest who is currently serving as Abbott at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. This outreach service has grown from a single residence to 16 locations in Philadelphia.

The mission is to provide care for the abandoned poor by providing a safe space for them. Each guest is treated with dignity and a desire to provide a family for those who have none. Please take this opportunity to share with those in our community who are struggling with housing. As always, thank you for your kindness.

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News and Announcements

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are designed to inspire tranquility and improve the quality of your sleep. *Prayer and devotional* topics include Calm and Tranquility, Better Sleep, Growing Confidence in God, Unlocking Inner Peace, Overcoming Anxiety, Healing from Grief, Parenting, and Marriage.

The app allows you to explore the Bible from Genesis through to Revelation. This can be done through a personal bible journal. The journal is designed to encourage reflection and learning while enhancing your spiritual journey.

You can develop a structure for your daily worship with handpicked Bible verses, devotionals, and Christian meditation. Create space easily every day for reflection with music and prayers. Connect with God daily through daily worship. Grow in faith and love through the word of God, while advancing your bible study with journaling. Calm your mind and achieve better sleep with Christian Meditation and Prayer.

There are also Bible Stories for Kids.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, (ESV) tells us to, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Impossible, right? These apps are some of the best "one-stop shopping" places for faith and spiritual resources. They provide ways to practice what St. Paul said about "Praying without ceasing."

Let me close with a "pray without ceasing" story. I came across a narrative about John Newton. He was the clergyman who wrote the hymn, *Amazing Grace*. He and some fellow theologians were discussing what it meant to "pray without ceasing." A maid walked into the meeting. One of the ministers casually said to the maid, "Maybe you can tell us what it means to pray without ceasing."

She said to them, "Oh, sirs, that's not a problem. When I get up in the morning, I cloth myself, I pray that the Lord Jesus might cloth me with His righteousness today. When I came down here, before you men came, I dusted the furniture. I prayed that He might cleanse me from the filth of my soul. When I set before you this food (continued)

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(continued)

and this drink, I prayed that Jesus Christ might be my meat and drink until life eternal. So, Sirs, I just kind of pray my way through the day."

I think that's a good idea about what it means to pray without ceasing.

Blessings and Peace to you as we journey together in Encountering Christ in Word, Liturgy, Charity, and Community. $\sim A$ Saint Monica Sojourner

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

Why not find out! On Thursday, February 17, at 7:00 pm in the Meehan Center at Saints Simon and Jude Parish, 8 Cavanagh Court, West Chester, there will be an opportunity for men (with their wives) to consider a vocation to the permanent diaconate. This information session will present details of the current formation program, give an opportunity for those present to ask questions and to consider an application to the next academic year of the formation process. You (and your wife, if married) are most welcome to attend. Potential candidates should be between the ages of 29 and 55 (some exceptions to the maximum age can be made) and, if married, in a sacramental marriage for at least five years. There will be ample opportunity for fellowship and the evening presentations will conclude no later than 8:15 pm. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by email to deacon.jim.owens@gmail.com.



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NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND MEN'S CLUB Team Trivia Night - POSTPONED

Due to the current state of Covid-19 and the Omicron variant, the officers of the Holy Name Society, with support of outside resources, have decided to postpone our 24th edition of Team Trivia Night (initially scheduled for March 12th). We are looking to reschedule our exciting event for the entire parish community on **Saturday, May 21st**.

This decision was entirely made to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all involved; players and volunteers. In the meantime, the men of the Holy Name Society wish you and your families well.

MEN OF ST. MONICA'S

For the past 4 weeks you have seen an invitation to join us at the Malvern Retreat House in the Sunday bulletin and I guess this is another, but for next year. The below was written by one of the men who attended and I think it captures the weekend perfectly.

Men of St. Monica's,

It was yet again a most rewarding and soul filled weekend at St. Joseph in the Hills of Malvern Retreat. A weekend that provided us all to decompress and recharge our faith. Over 90 men enjoyed all the benefits that Malvern has to offer. Outstanding to again have Fr. Dennis O'Donnell, via 4 outstanding conferences, lead us into deep spiritual exploration, peer dialog and discussion. We did the outside stations of the cross as well as enjoyed our traditional Saturday evening walk to the Grotto. Truly a special time. It was wonderful to re-unite with our group and experience ALL that Malvern has to offer. Even Fr. Zlock joined us in his own special way. Looking forward to our 2023 retreat.

Enjoy our pics on our website page at saintmonicachurch.org/holy-name-society
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Please Join Us

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm Rosary

Every Monday in Church at 7:00 p.m.

OUTREACH



The Hungry Thank You for your generous donations to Saint Gabriel's food cupboard. This month's drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:30 am on Tuesday, February 22. All non-perishable items

are welcome. Canned tuna, chicken, chili, vegetables, fruit, baked beans, peanut butter, grape jelly and pasta sauce are much needed. Cash and donations payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the designated box in the gathering space or mailed to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard, 2917 Dickinson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT

Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience? The next virtual experience is: Sunday and Wednesday evenings beginning March 6 and concluding March 30, 2022. This is a great opportunity to spend time improving your communication in the comfort of your own home. For more info contact: Marge and Michael Walsh at www.wejerseylovers@gmail.com or 609-741-8012.

Please Note there will be **No Confession** on the following dates:

And **No Adoration** on:

Monday, February 14 Tuesday, February 15 Monday, February 21

Monday, February 21

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for February 13

DAY	Тіме	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15am-4:30pm 5:45-7:30 pm	Adoration RCIA No Confession	Church Parish Center Church
Tuesday		No Confession	
Wednesday	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	6:30-9:30 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday			
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	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 February 13 - February 20						
MASS TIME	Intention	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	Notes		
5:00 pm	+ Robert Bartell	Fr. Avicolli	Cantor	Special Collection: Care of the Aging and Infirm		
7:30 am	+ David Fittipoldi	Fr. Zlock	Quiet			
9:30 am	+ Joseph A. Borawski	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir			
Monday, 14th	+ Charles and Loretta Zlock	Fr. Serano				
Tuesday, 15th	+ Paula Snyder	Fr. Avicolli				
Wednesday, 16th						
Thursday, 17th	+ Emily McGay	Fr. Avicolli				
Friday, 18th	+ Mary Bean	Fr. Fitzgerald				
Saturday, 19th	+ Bob Hoffman	Fr. Serano				
5:00 pm	+ Kevin Muller	Fr. Serano	Cantor	2nd Collection: St.Monica St. Vincent de Paul Fund		
7:30 am	+ Apolonia Pepperling	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet			
9:30 am	+ Robert Arellano and Johanna Schmidt	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir			

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Austin Beltrante, Drew Brazer, Elaine Brazer, Anne Brophy, Peter Cellucci, Molly Chew, Kate DiPaolo, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Joseph Erwin, Hal Faulkner, John Fiorillo, Hugh and Helene Gannon, Joyce and Jim Gillespie, Kelly Glacken, Mike Graziano, Rita Graziano, Karen Hastings, Bill Hennessy, Rita and Cole Hoffard, Natalie Innella, David Jeffers, Clare Johnston, Sophia Kasper, Connie Kleckner, Robert Marden, Joanne Marks, Norma Miller, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, Rob Niederer, Kristine Nolan, Steve Pannella, Karen Popiel, Cathy Russell, Juan and Mae Salas, Ruth Scheidel, Mary Lu Schweitzer, Mary Simone, Gary Smith, Frank Straup, Mildred Walsh, John Wojcik, Carol Wurm, Margie Ziff-Levine

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: Sandie Concannon - 610-647-1068

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