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Parish Offices

(Pastoral Administration; Discipleship and Formation; Business & Finance; Facilities)

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass 8:30 a.m.
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

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

Refer to the Parish Website for any change in schedule

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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2022

FROM A SAINT MONICA SOJOURNER

Saint Francis de Sales: A Spirituality for the Imperfect – Part One

This is part one of a two-part conclusion on the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales. If you have not heard of his spirituality referred to as a *Spirituality for the Imperfect* or *The Spirituality of Imperfection*, neither had I until I looked a little deeper into the readings of de Sales.

Perfectionists carry an image of tireless effort. They may be admired, but not for their discontent and dissatisfaction with themselves and with others. Pope Saint John Paul II said, "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus."

Saint Francis de Sales envisions perfection as consisting in struggling against our imperfections. In *Introduction to a Devout Life*, he states, "This work of purging the soul neither can nor should end except with our life itself. We must not be disturbed at our imperfections, since for us perfection consists in fighting against them. How can we fight against them unless we face them? Our victory does not consist in not being aware of them, but in not consenting to them." Francis says in effect that we are always winners as long as we are willing to fight.

Saint Francis had to deal with a number of persons who were too eager to become perfect and had unrealistic ideas about holiness and perfection. He gave advice to one person who was upset about his spiritual failures, and wrote, "For I am sure you will note that those interior troubles you suffered have been caused by a great number of considerations and desires produced by an intense eagerness to attain some imaginary perfection." He goes on to advise the person to relax and not to be so anxious about becoming perfect saying, "We have to put up with imperfections in order to have perfection."

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St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal



"God is a source of all good things, and the priests help deliver those things into the world. To those who are considering giving to the Seminary Appeal, thank you. Because of you, I am here today as a Catholic priest. Thank you for helping fulfill my calling."

~ Father Alessandro Giardini

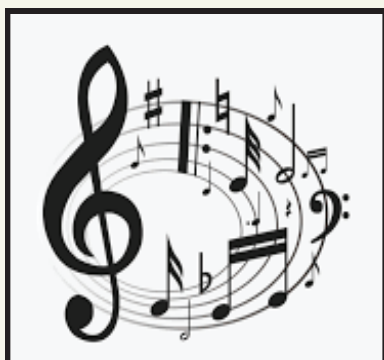
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SAINT MONICA CHURCH
SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 AM Monday: 6:00 - 7:15 PM

 October 2,3 16,17 23,24	November 6,7 13, 14	December 4,5 11,12 
 January 8,9 22,23 29,30	February 5,6 12,13 26,27	March 5,6 12,13 19,20 26,27
		April 16,17 23,24  <i>Link to Calendar</i>

OFFICE of MUSIC



Youth Choir

A total of two applicants have expressed active interest in our youth choir at Saint Monica. As we need a minimum of 5-10 individuals for a proper choir, the music ministry will invite participation for the next youth choir season in January.

Preparing for Advent

In the spirit of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, we will be singing Mass parts from the Mass of Preparation. Please check Flocknote or YouTube (Saint Monica Church Berwyn, PA) and take a quick listen.

You can now find a Praise & Worship playlist linked to this same YouTube account. This list reflects all of the songs included in our new Praise & Worship Song Booklets.

2022

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St. Charles Seminary will be the recipient of funds from the Poor Box during the month of November. Established in 1832, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a rich resource of priestly formation and theological instruction for religious and lay men and women throughout the United States. As a center of enrichment for the larger Church community, Saint Charles provides ongoing academic and pastoral programs to priests, deacons, religious and laity through the School of Diaconal Studies and the Graduate School of Theology. Students work toward academic degrees, catechetical certificates and more. Your support of Saint Charles Seminary is critical to the success of their mission and an investment in the future of our Church.

The total collected from the Poor Boxes during the Month of October was \$371.97 and was for the benefit of *Family Promise of Main Line*. Thank you for your continued generosity. To donate on line, visit our website at www.saintmonicachurch.org. Click on **Give** (on the top task bar) / **Support Our Mission** / **Fund**. "Poor Box Donation" is at the bottom of the **Fund** drop down menu.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM A SAINT MONICA SOJOURNER

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Part 2 of a *Spirituality for the Imperfect* will address what it means to be human, maintaining a balance in life, and practicing the virtues of humility, patience, and gentleness which lead to self-knowledge and self-acceptance.

Blessings and peace to you as we journey together in Encountering Christ in Word, Liturgy, Charity and Community. ~ A Saint Monica Sojourner

Signs of Getting Older

In an article titled, "*Salesian Vision of Holiness: A Spirituality for the Imperfect*," an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, Father Alexander Pocetto, OSFS of DeSales University, adds some imperfections all of us may have to live with as we get older.

Getting Older

- You know all the answers, but nobody asks you any questions.
- You get winded playing checkers.
- You stop to think and sometimes forget to start again.
- You finally get it all together, but you can't remember where you put it.
- Everything hurts and what doesn't, doesn't work.
- You feel like the morning after, and you haven't been anywhere.
- You join a health club and never go.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



During the weekends of November 5 and 6 and November 12 and 13, the Outreach Ministry will be collecting Thanksgiving Food Bags for the Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard in Philadelphia. By purchasing all the items needed for Thanksgiving Dinner with the exception of the turkey, we are enabling many families to enjoy a holiday celebration. A list of items for a Thanksgiving dinner can be found in the Narthex of the church. We ask that you purchase the items and place them in a paper bag placed inside 2 plastic bags. These families are most grateful for the generosity of our kind parishioners. If you prefer to make a monetary donation there is a box available in the narthex for checks to Saint Gabriel's.

DRIVERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to drive the Thanksgiving Food donations to St. Gabriel's parish in Philadelphia. We will load the bags after 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 15, and then caravan to Saint Gabriel's where volunteers will be available to help unload the bags.

If you can help please email Bridget Cowell at bridgetc316@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

ST. CHARLES SEMINARY APPEAL



We are grateful to **Przemyslaw Rozestwinski** for joining us this weekend and sharing his experience at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. From forming our future priests and deacons, to educating the hundreds of lay men and women who study at the seminary, Saint Charles' influence is far reaching.

Please consider supporting our seminary by making a gift today using one of the envelopes found in your pew.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SAINT MONICA CEMETERY - TODAY

Please join us for an Ecumenical Memorial Service at Saint Monica Cemetery Remembering Unborn Children,

Today, Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Music, Prayers, and Testimony - All are welcome!

Sponsored by Saint Monica Respect Life Ministry and the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition.

EARLY BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Due to the Holiday Schedule of our Publisher, the following deadlines are in effect for bulletin announcements:

- November 27 Bulletin announcements are due Monday, November 14 by 12:00 Noon
- December 4 Bulletin announcements are due Tuesday, November 15 by 12:00 Noon
- December 25 Bulletin announcements are due Tuesday, December 13 by 12:00 Noon
- January 1, 2023 Bulletin announcements are due Friday, December 16

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CYACC - FRIENDSGIVING DINNER!



Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults on **November 16th** in giving thanks to the Lord. Please join us for a wonderful Friendsgiving at **SS. Peter and Paul parish hall/basement** at **7pm-9pm**. For this social event we will be having a potluck.

Please sign up to bring at least one of the items listed on the sign up genius link below:

www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4baaab2da31-cyacc

CYACC will be providing the turkey and the plates. This will be a great event so we hope to see you there. For more information about our organization: check www.cyacc.org, find us in Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA - POSITION AVAILABLE

The Educational Financial Services Office of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is seeking a professional accountant to fill the position Accountant II.

Mission driven individuals who have obtained a BA in accounting and possess a minimum of 4 years' experience in the field are encouraged to send their resumes to HResource@archphila.org

Come join the team!



FIRE ALARM TESTING

ESS will be performing a test of our campus fire alarm system on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22, between the hours of 5:00 am - 6:00 am. Please be aware that you may see lights flashing and hear alarms sounding - but that is all a part of the system check. Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM CAMILLA HALL

The IHM Sisters wish to extend to you all our gratitude for your faithful support of our Camilla Hall Sisters. Your generous support in buying raffle tickets, and, for those that could join us, your presence at our October 15 event overwhelmed us! Please be assured of the prayers of our entire congregation, as we pray daily for the intentions of and in gratitude for our benefactors. With hearts full of praise, love, thanksgiving, we say **THANK YOU!**

PLEASE JOIN US

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Parish Rosary in the Church/Grotto

every Monday at 7:15 pm

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

October, 2022

October, 2022 - \$76,167.70

October, 2019 - \$64,531.81

We have 430 families contributing electronically

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for November 13

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:15am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
	6:30-7:30 pm	Confession	Church
	7:00-7:30 pm	Rosary	Grotto
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
	9:00-12:00 Noon	Respect Life	Hagenbach Rm
Wednesday			
Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Walking with Purpose	Parish Center
Friday			
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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St. Monica "Good News"

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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 November 13 - November 20

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m.	+ Johanna Schmidt	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Avicolli	Quiet	
9:30 am	The Smith and Harkins Families	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 14th	+ Deceased Members of the Walsh and Scheidel Families	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 15th	+ James Gallagher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 16th				
Thursday, 17th	+ Peter Kuzma	Fr. Novielli		
Friday, 18th	+ Brent Mydland	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 19th	+ Vito and Dorothy Panaro	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	Fr. Avicolli	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	+ Severino Mariani	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Peter Kuzma	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jennifer Balen, Austin Beltrante, Drew Brazer, Elaine Brazer, Cass Canfield, John Canfield, Peter Celluci, Molly Chen, Maryanne Crompton, Kate DiPaolo, James DiAntonio, Dolores DiFerdinando, Gavin Duffy, Hal Faulkner, John Fiorillo, Hugh and Helene Gannon, Joyce Gillespie, Kelly Glacken, Rita Graziano, Karen Hastings, Bill Hennessy, Eileen Hierdahl, Rita and Cole Hoffard, David Jeffers, Clare Johnston, Sophia Kasper, Hanna Kirsch, Connie Kleckner, Kathleen and Jim Langdon, Robert Marden, Joanne Marks, Norma Miller, Heather Moore, Mary Mullarkey, Dr. Mark Nardone, Andrew Niederer, Steve Pannella, Karen Popiel, Cathy Russell, Juan and Mae Salas, Mary Lu Schweitzer, Mary Simone, Gary Smith, Frank Straup, Carolyn Walker, 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: Sandie Concannon - 610-647-1068

FINANCE COUNCIL

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Reverend Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*

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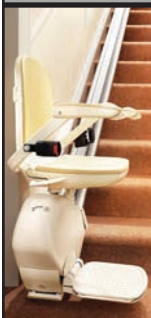
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