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Saint Monica Church

109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

January 29, 2023

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ, Pastor

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of Saint Monica Church, rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ through the Scriptures and Sacred Tradition, are a welcoming Catholic Christian Community in the Diocese of Harrisburg. We are nourished and strengthened by the Eucharist and all the sacraments, and strive to live our discipleship by faith-filled worship and service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue to carry Christ's message of peace, love, and joy to all generations, with the hope that we may attain the treasure that is God's Kingdom.

Masses - All Masses in Main Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Monday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Penance

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM - Confessional in the Narthex

Parish Office

Location: Rear 109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA

Telephone: 570-286-1435

Email: stmonicaparishsunbury@hbgdiocese.org

Facebook: St. Monica Parish - Sunbury

Web: <http://stmonicasunbury.org>

Parish Staff

Rev Fred Wangwe, AJ, Pastor, ext. 113

Mrs. Linda Walborn, Pastoral Associate, ext. 111

Mrs. Monica Shovlin, Parish Manager, ext. 112

Mrs. Diane Bramhall, Parish Secretary, ext. 110

Mrs. Susan Bickhart, Coord. of Religious Education

Mr. Alan Reichenbach, Maintenance/Custodian

Office Hours

Monday: 11:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday-Thursday: 11:00am-2:00pm

Closed Friday

For after-hours emergencies requiring

Anointing of the Sick please call:

717-683-7116

Baptism: Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class before Baptism and it is recommended in advance of the child's birth. Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Parish Office at least a year before the date of the wedding and before any other plans are made.

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ (President)

Leonard Machesic, (Chairperson), Karen Stewart (Vice),

Dave Baumgartner, Susan Bickhart, Judy Davis,

Tom Frederick, Michelle Korbich, Leonard Marshalek,

Stephanie McKinney, Susie Pufnak, Anne Marie Ramph,

Edwin Ruiz, Monica Shovlin (staff), Jolin Supsic,

Rich Vanslavie, Linda Walborn (Staff)

Parish Finance Council

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ (President)

Tom Frederick (Chair), Kerry Davis, Joe Dzwonchyk,



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:1-3*

4^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En aquel tiempo, cuando Jesús vio a la muchedumbre, subió al monte y se sentó. Entonces se le acercaron sus discípulos. Enseguida comenzó a enseñarles, hablándoles así: "Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos." *Mateo 5, 1-3*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Weekend and Daily Masses will be celebrated in the Main Church.

Saturday, January 28th

5:30 PM Mass - Mass of Anticipation - (See Sunday Readings)
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 29th (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00 AM Mass - Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
In Memory of Barbara Stutz

Monday, January 30th

9:00 AM Mass - Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
In Memory of Rita Frederick - 27th Anniversary

Tuesday, January 31st (Saint John Bosco)

9:00 AM - Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
In Memory of Jim Rogers

Wednesday, February 1st

NO MASS - Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2nd (Presentation of the Lord)

9:00 AM Mass - Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
In Memory of Joe Petrof

Friday, February 3rd (Saints Blaise and Ansgar)

9:00 AM Mass - Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
In Memory of Florence Cellitti

Saturday, February 4th

5:30 PM Mass - Mass of Anticipation - (See Sunday Readings)
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 5th (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00 AM Mass - Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
In Memory of Diane Christine

✠ **Traveling?** www.masstimes.org lists U.S. Churches/Masses ✠

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Our parish has a subscription!

AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 28th

4:00—5:00 PM - Confessions

Sunday, January 29th

8:30—9:45 AM - Religious Education

2:00 PM - Movie "Born To Reveal The Works of God" in the Social Hall

Tuesday, January 31st

6:00 PM - Legion of Mary

6:30 PM - RCIA for Children

Thursday, February 2nd

6:30 PM - RCIA

Friday, February 3rd

6:00 PM - First Friday Adoration in the Main Church

Saturday, February 4th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - 1st Reconciliation Retreat for Students & Parents

4:00—5:00PM - Confessions

After 5:30 PM Mass - Blessing of the Throats

Sunday, February 5th

8:30—9:45 AM - Religious Education

After 10:00 AM Mass - Blessing of the Throats

✠ **Use parking lot door at ramp for Blessed Sacrament visits in Saint Augustine Chapel** ✠
Monday - Friday: 10 am – 2 pm; Sat. 9am - 2:00 pm



**Main Church Sanctuary Light
burns as a sign of the Real Presence of
Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle.**

This Week It Burns In Loving Memory Of
Diane Christine
From her children



The Flowers at the Tabernacle this week are

In Loving Memory of
Richard Dick Yeager
From his wife Flo Yeager and Family



**Saint Augustine Chapel Sanctuary Light
burns as a sign of the Real Presence of
Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle.**

This Week It Burns In Loving Memory Of
Alberta Boyle
From Bramhall, Stimpson, & Walker Families

*The Sanctuary Light may be lit in honor or memory of a loved one with the minimum suggested donation of \$10.00.
Flower arrangements at the Tabernacle may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one with the cost of \$45.00 for 2 small arrangements, or \$70.00 for 2 larger ones. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a week and for payment.*

Stewardship: Giving Back to God

January 21–22, 2023

Tithing: 2023 -	\$3,751.00	Tithing: 2022 -	\$4,111.52
Love Thy Neighbor:	\$		157.00
Debt Reduction:	\$		1,409.00
Christmas:	\$		50.00
Aid to the Catholic Church:	\$		20.00
Black & Indian/Poor Missions:	\$		10.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$		30.00

Weekly Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	(1,149.00)
YTD Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	(9,666.19)

2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign (As of January 23, 2023)

Diocesan Assessment	\$	33,661.00
Amount Collected	\$	47,273.00
Amount Over/(Under) Goal	\$	13,612.00

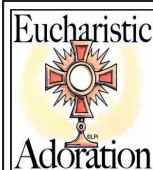
Debt Reduction Campaign

December Payments on Debt:	\$	2,762.00
Debt Balance - December 31, 2022:	\$	215,451.66

Thank you for your continued generosity!!

****Please note that the "Tithing" Category includes:
Adult & Children's Envelopes, Loose Offerings, Building & Maintenance, Monthly, Holy Days, and Memorials.**

**Second Collection next weekend, February 4th & 5th for
the Society for the Propagation of the Faith**



Join us
Friday, February 3rd at 6:00pm
for First Friday Adoration in the Main Church.
This service WILL NOT be
live-streamed on our Facebook page



MAY THEY REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD!

Please pray for the soul of **Bonnie Kaufman**, who passed away on January 19, 2023.

The parish community of Saint Monica extends to her family our deepest sympathy and prayers of consolation.



SAINT MONICA PARISH FAITH PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

**2:00 PM FILM PRESENTATION IN
PARISH CENTER SOCIAL HALL**

"BORN TO REVEAL THE WORKS OF GOD"

Why is there suffering in the world?
Can the life of ONE child make any difference?

On Thanksgiving Day 2018, *Stephen Andrew Pope* was born, lived one hour and 28 minutes, and died. Though his life was short, Stephen reached thousands of people for the Gospel. *"Preach the Gospel always, use words when necessary."*

Come join us to witness the extraordinary life of the infant that breathed life into a broken community, gave hope to the hopeless, and lived the Truth of the Gospel with every breath.

Even if you have not signed up, please join us!
**PLEASE BRING A BABY ITEM TO DONATE
TO BIRTHRIGHT.**

***May we recognize and spread the Truth that every human life is precious, has meaning, and is
"BORN TO REVEAL THE WORKS OF GOD"***



Marriage Sunday ~ All couples celebrating a special anniversary this year will be blessed at the weekend Masses on Saturday, February 11th and Sunday, February 12th. If you will be celebrating your 1st, 5th, 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th,

35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or more than 50 years of marriage, please contact the parish office at 570-286-1435 ext 110 no later than Friday, February 3rd. Include your name, anniversary date, and the number of years married.

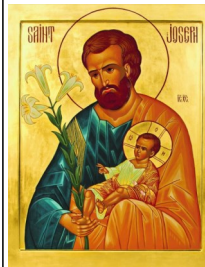


World Day of the Sick, Saturday, February 11th

In 1993 Pope Saint John Paul II established *World Day of the Sick* on February 11th, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Many pilgrims visit Lourdes each year in hopes of physical and spiritual healing. This is a special day dedicated to praying for those suffering of any illness, for their families and for their caregivers. The **Communal Anointing of the Sick Mass at Saint Monica Church** will take place at 9:00 AM on Sat., February 11th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Looking for a spiritual devotion to start off the New Year? How about Eucharistic Adoration? St. Pius X Catholic Church in Selinsgrove has (almost) perpetual adoration from Monday at 9 am to Friday at 8 am. There are a few openings available: [Tuesday 3am-4am](#), [Wednesday 11pm-12am](#), [Thursday 12am – 1pm](#); (but you are welcome to choose any hour).

If you are interested in spending an hour with Jesus, please call the parish office at (570) 374-4113 or Rachel Dock at (570) 490-6208. Thank you.



A **Travelling Icon of St. Joseph** will be displayed in our Parish until February 5th. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus through their Pilgrim Icon Program. Every few years the K of C select an Icon of a Saint whose patronage is inspiring to Knights and their communities. This Icon was chosen to help spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out the mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations.



OPEN HOUSE OUR LADY OF LOURDES REGIONAL SCHOOL SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

1:00 - 300 P.M.

- ♥ New student registration for grades Pre-K-12 for the 2023-2024 school term
- ♥ School tours conducted by students
- ♥ Information packets available to take home including tuition assistance and scholarships
- ♥ Refreshments provided

Prospective students and parents are invited to visit Lourdes to discover the many advantages of a Catholic education. Administrators and faculty will be on hand to answer your questions regarding curriculum, financial assistance and extra-curricular programs and activities.

Visit www.lourdesregional.org

A RETREAT for the 2nd grade children of our parish who are preparing to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time AND their parents. This retreat will take place on **Saturday, February 4th from 9:00am - 11:00am** beginning in the Church. Through prayer, drama, story, conversation and ritual, this special formational time will invite both parents and children to become more aware of how to ask for forgiveness and how to offer forgiveness to others, while deepening their awareness of God's Presence and Love in their lives. As a parish, let us prayerfully support our children and parents as they continue to prepare to receive this **Sacrament of Mercy, Forgiveness and Peace** for the first time on Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 am.



The **Blessing of the Throats**, is a sacramental celebrated near the **Feast of Saint Blaise, February 3rd**. Saint Blaise is invoked to protect against "every disease of the throat and from every other illness."

Father Fred will bless throats after each weekend Mass on Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th.

Join the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius for Eucharistic Adoration - 40 Hours on Tuesday, February 7. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius at 9:00 am. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. The closing of 40 Hours will begin at 5:00 PM and will include Evening Prayer, a Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica. All are welcome to the evening service, or to spend quiet time in prayer during the day. The Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius is located at [1002 Railroad Street, Danville, PA 17821](#).