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Saint Monica Church

109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

February 16, 2025

Fr. Jerome Kleponis, 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 (Mass of Anticipation): 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Monday - Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday - 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. Jerome Kleponis, 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:

570-847-1395

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. Jerome Kleponis (President)

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

Dave Baumgartner, Susan Bickhart, Cristina Coolidge,

Judy Davis, Tom Frederick, Lenny Marshalek, Stephanie

McKinney, Anne Marie Ramph, Edwin Ruiz, Monica

Shovlin (staff), John Supsic, Rich Vanslavie, Linda

Walborn (Staff)

Parish Finance Council

Fr. Jerome Kleponis (President)

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you who
are poor, for the kingdom
of God is yours."

Luke 6:20

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Felices ustedes los
pobres, porque de ustedes
es el Reino de Dios."

Lucas 6, 21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, February 15th

5:30 PM Mass - Mass of Anticipation (See Sunday Readings)
In Memory of William "Bill" Ryan

Sunday, February 16th (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00 AM Mass - Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Monday, February 17th (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

9:00 AM Mass - Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
In Memory of Ronald Spochart - 16th Anniversary

Tuesday, February 18th

9:00 AM Mass - Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
In Memory of Florence Cellitti

Wednesday, February 19th

NO MASS - Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20th

9:00 AM Mass - Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
In Memory of Sara Ostra

Friday, February 21st (Saint Peter Damian)

9:00 AM Mass - Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1
In Memory of Francis Koletar

Saturday, February 22nd

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

Sunday, February 23rd (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00 AM Mass - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
In Memory of Dorothy Schultheis

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



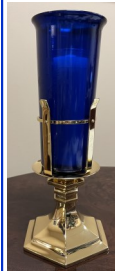
The Flowers at the Tabernacle this week are

In Loving Memory Of

Frank & Theresa Chesney

From Judy and Kerry Davis

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.



Marian Light Main Church:

In Loving Memory of

Francis Koletar

from Koletar children

Marian Light Saint Augustine Chapel:

In Loving Memory of

Florence Cellitti

from Carolyn, Scot, Jessica & Dustin

You may request to have the candle lit, in honor or memory of a loved one, in the Main Church or Saint Augustine Chapel. The suggested OFFERING is \$10.00 each.

Stewardship: Giving Back to God

February 8 - 9, 2025

Tithing: 2025 - \$3,748.06

Tithing: 2024 - \$4,350.10

Special Projects Fund:	\$	520.00
Love Thy Neighbor:	\$	50.00
Poor Missions:	\$	876.10
Propagation of the Faith:	\$	30.00

Weekly Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	(1,251.94)
YTD Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	329.78

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.**

THANK YOU for your contributions to the **Black and Indian Missions**. This national collection aids in the evangelization of the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the US, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs.



**THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENTS' DAY**

Is God Calling You?: February 16, 2025

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Luke 6:20)

A vocation to religious life calls for a life of simplicity and dedication to God's kingdom. Could God be calling you to this blessed path? Talk to Father Jerry or reach out to Fr. Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 15th

4:00— 4:45 PM - Confession in the Narthex of the Church
After 5:30 PM Mass - Carnation Sale by Knight of Columbus

Sunday, February 16th

After 10:00 AM Mass— Carnation Sale by Knights of Columbus

Monday, February 17th

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th

3:30 PM - Legion of Mary—Conference Room

Thursday, February 20th

6:30 - 8:00 PM - OCIA in Conference Room

Saturday, February 22nd

4:00— 4:45 PM - Confession in the Narthex of the Church

✚ **Use parking lot door at ramp for Blessed Sacrament visits in
Saint Augustine Chapel** ✚
Mon. 10 am –6 pm; Tue. - Thur. 10am - 2pm



The **St. Monica Council 14874** of the **Knights of Columbus** will be selling carnations before and after Masses **THIS weekend, February 15th and 16th** in celebration/commemoration of St. Valentine's Day. Red and white red carnations will be available for sale, and the cost is \$3.00 each. The proceeds from this event will benefit Special Olympics



FLOORING RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Ron Knarr, the 1st place winner and to Diane Sulouff, the 2nd place winner of the flooring raffle.

Thank you to John Supsic, who graciously donated the prizes and to everyone who supported this raffle by purchasing and selling tickets! 815 tickets were sold for a profit of \$7,850.00 (after cost of tickets). This money will go towards the purchase of the new organ.



LAST YEAR'S OLD PALM is being collected to be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. You may bring the palm from your homes and place it in the container located in the Narthex.

Mental Health Support Group will meet Monday, Feb. 17th at 5:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, 68 Center St., Danville on the 1st floor Library (building is handicap accessible). All are welcome to attend. For more information call 570-275-2512.

SAVE THE DATES: Saint Monica Church Lenten Fish Dinners will be held Friday, March 14th, 28th and April 11th. Eat-in or Take-out. All dinners must be pre-ordered. Order forms will be available in up-coming bulletins.



The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord

in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind. Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's passion include St. Francis of Assisi, who was the first known saint to receive the stigmata; St. John of the Cross; St. Bridget of Sweden; and St. Catherine of Siena.

Lent 2025 Study: Passion & Physiology - How Human was Christ?

During this study we walk through the life of Jesus described in Scripture and show how he was as fully human as you and I. We will dive into Luke and show how his detailed descriptions of the Passion of Christ compare with modern medical physiology. Through this course one can hope to gain a more personal relationship with Jesus as both our GOD and brother who "became flesh and dwelt among us." Presented by Dr. James Gregory, MATHEM
March 3rd—April 14th (6 weeks);
Mondays 8:30 AM / 6:30 PM (1.5 hrs)
Books & Videos: No Greater Love (Edward Sri), The Holy Bible, Reference: What Christ Suffered (Thomas McGovern, MD)
To register: Contact Saint Columba Catholic Church at 570-784-0801 x 4 or dre@saintcolumbachurch.org

Women of Grace Foundational Studies will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg. Study begins Wednesday evening February 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for nine weeks. Contact Linda Kanzleiter- Keister at 717-514-9419 (leave message) or lkanzkei@msn.com.

Youth Protection Program:

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll free number: 1-800-626-1608 or email: ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org.



Jubilee Pilgrim Passports

The Jubilee Pilgrim Passports have been printed and are available at the Diocesan Jubilee pilgrimage sites. More information regarding the passports, sites and receiving plenary indulgences is available with the passport.

This year's Diocesan Jubilee pilgrimage sites:

- Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg
- Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville
- Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Hanover
- Shrine of the Miraculous Medal (St. Catherine Laboure), Harrisburg
- Historic Saint Mary's (Assumption BVM), Lancaster
- Our Lady of Hope, Coal Township
- Corpus Christi, Chambersburg

Deanery Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is hosted in the small chapel at St. Cyril and Methodius, Danville. The chapel will be open from 7 am on Wednesdays to 8 pm on Thursdays. The entrance to the chapel is on Chapel Lane, right off of Maria Hall Drive, inside the grounds of the Villa.

On Monday, February 24, 6:30-8:30 pm there will be a **Human Trafficking Awareness Event** at the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road). All are invited and encouraged to attend. The evening will feature Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Felicita Brugo Onetti, USCCB's Human Trafficking Education and Outreach Coordinator; and Patty Seaman, Peace Promise's Executive Director of Client Services. For more information and to register please visit www.hbgdiocese.org/events

Legion of Mary

*"I am all Yours, my Queen and my Mother,
and all that I have is Yours."*



Each year, the Legion of Mary celebrates the ACIES which is our rededication and re-consecration to Jesus through Mary. We do this remembering Mother Mary's "Yes" when the Angel Gabriel asked her to be the Mother of Jesus at the Annunciation.

The **ACIES for the Northern Deanery**, will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish, Lewisburg, PA, on Saturday, March 8th at 10:00 am. The celebration will begin with mass and rededication. We invite everyone to celebrate with us and learn more about the Legion and serving Jesus through Mary.

Following the service, light refreshments will be available in the Social Hall. Please join us to once again give our lives to Our Mother and Queen. With the Rosary, as our spiritual weapon, we pray for Our Lady's Immaculate Heart to Triumph over all evil, and for the Kingdom to come and reign on Earth as it is in Heaven.

For questions contact Heather Effinger (570) 541-6061.