



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA



HAPPY EASTER!

We will help you discern God's Call. We will help you live God's call.

THE CHURCH of SAINT MONICA

Founded January 11, 1897

Parish Offices

(Pastoral Administration; Religious Education; Business & Finance; Worship & Music; Facilities)

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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.

11:00 a.m.

Holy Days 8:30 a.m.

of Obligation 12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

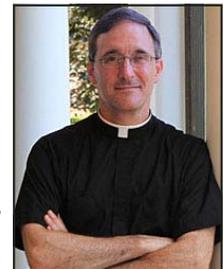


Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

Week of April 5, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I'm a bit of a Benedict fan (the religious order, the Rule of..., the spirituality, the monasteries, the Pope, the saint). Once for Lent, I read through *The Rule of Saint Benedict* – one chapter each day (the chapters are relatively short, mostly less than a page and the book itself isn't very long). I recently stumbled upon, what seemed like, a more localized *"Holy Rule" by the "White Robed Monks of Saint Benedict."* It contains their insights into monastic life but has some definitive applications for lay people. Having just come off of Lent and moving towards the Easter Season, I thought that the "Rule" provided good meditation material on extending the spiritual benefits of Lent throughout the entire Easter Season.



The "Rule" begins with a Prologue which recommends carefully reading the Bible and "listening to the Word of the Father." "Attend to it with the ear of your heart, enlightened by the Wisdom of the Mother, the Holy Spirit." Take **one** piece of advice that you receive from this meditation, welcome it and faithfully put it into practice over the next few weeks. By committing to do this, you subject your will to God's will. This will allow you to "leave the houses of false belief, delusion; false stories, allusion; and false perception and the illusion... of your ego." This is important since, "Your ego is only but the thought-emotion of who you think you are and are not."

Each of us is called to take responsibility for our own spiritual life. We are the "Abbot" or Abbess" of our own monastery. Who are you then? What are you? Why are you here? What type of "monk" are you?

The author mentions that, "there are clearly five kinds of monks." We can probably find ourselves in one of these spiritual categories.

Gyrovagues. These monks spend their entire lives drifting from region to region, from one religious or spiritual fad to another, staying as guests for three *(Cont'd on Page 4)*

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



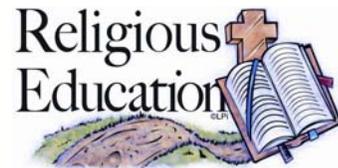
Lord, let us welcome and pray for all those gathered with us today as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection. May His all consuming love for each one of us, poured out on the cross, be a reminder that we are called "to love one another as I have loved you." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are **not** in session on April 6th. Classes will resume on April 13th.

A link to the 2015 Summer Session registration forms has been emailed to all registered families. The Summer Session is scheduled on June 22-June 26; June 29-July 1. Students in Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 as of September, 2015 are eligible to attend the Summer Session.

Diane Pealer, Mary Pizzano, and the Religious Education catechists wish the Saint Monica parishioners the joy of Easter and the blessings that Easter brings!



Mass for Persons with Disabilities - March 21, 2015



Members of the Respect Life Ministry, through God's Providence, met up with former parishioner, Joseph Sickora.

The Annual Archdiocesan *Eucharistic Liturgy with Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers* took place on March 21 at the Cathedral Basilica, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia, was the principal celebrant and homilist.

The Archdiocese encourages parish participation and individuals /parish groups to volunteer in assisting with all aspects of the Mass and reception.

Saint Monica Parish was represented by the Respect Life Committee.



Archbishop Chaput stayed after Mass to greet the disabled and their families.

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP & MUSIC



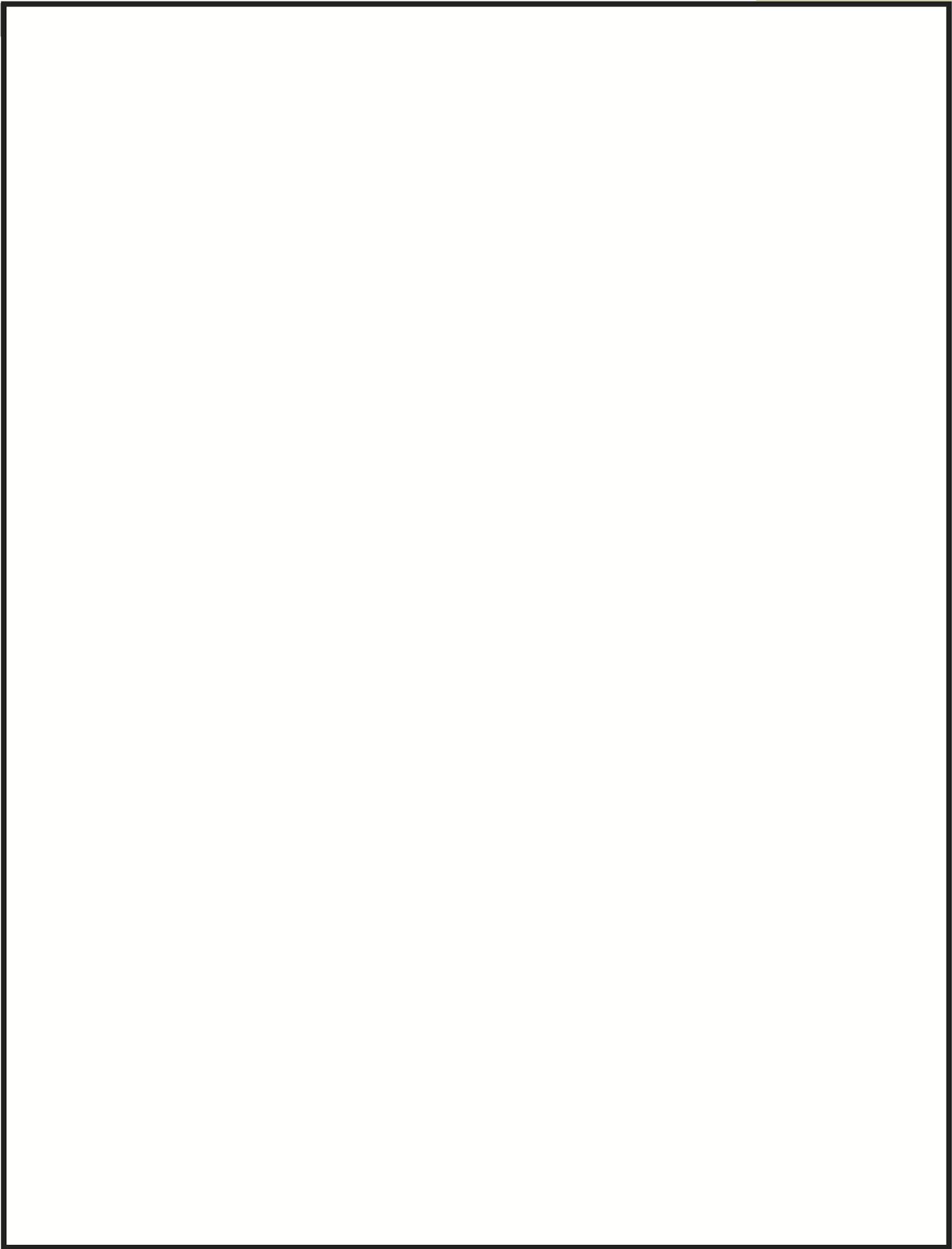
MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

The PRINCETON SINGERS

Sunday, 19 April at 3 pm

A free-will offering will be accepted.

The singers are hailed as "masterful choral singers" with a "rich vocal color" and "flowing choral tone." Join us!



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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or four days in different “monasteries.” Always on the move, they never settle down. They are slaves to their own wills and gross appetites. In every way they are even more pitiable than Sarabaites.

Sarabaites. A most pitiable kind of “monk” (or Christian or Catholic). With no experience to guide them, no rule to try them as gold is tried in a furnace (Proverbs 27:21), they have a character as soft as lead. They are still loyal to the world by their actions. They call themselves “Christian” or Catholic” but there is no “there, there” - nothing behind the words. They clearly lie to God. Their law is what they like to do, whatever strikes their fancy. Anything they believe in and choose, they call holy; anything they dislike, they consider forbidden.

Unsuui. They have come through the test of the desert. They have experienced tough times and have passed beyond optimism, pessimism, and mysticism. They know that silence is the total manifestation of our whole personality. They know that in rest and silence is your salvation” (Isaiah 30:15). They are able to wander across the world as free as a cloud, educating or bringing-out Truth from others. They live in the monastery of the world — in the world and not of it. They do not instruct or train others. They instruct only themselves, wish to be challenged both spiritually as well as how they minister to others. They are very keen on holding themselves spiritually accountable in this.

Anchorites or Hermits. They have come through the test of living in the “monastery of the world” for a long time. They have taken their vocations very seriously through which any person (be they wife, husband, priest, sister) will attain a certain level of holiness. Just the day-to-day challenges of living out the demands of the vocation will place you into a spiritual crucible. These people pass beyond the first fervor of (cenobitic) monastic life, are now trained and have built up their integrity. They now go forth from the security of the “monastic community” to the single encounter of the desert. Self-reliant now, without support of another, they are ready with God's help to further authenticate who they are and what their call is. They attain wisdom that transcends greed, hate, and any delusion of the present human condition.

Cenobites. These belong to a particular “monastery of life” where they serve under a rule and an abbot. This state is not for everybody. Although fully members of the laity, these “consecrated men and woman” take solemn vows of celibacy, obedience and simplicity of life. They typically belong to some type of community, which supports them spiritually (and sometimes financially). Their life is totally dedicated to bringing Christ “into the marketplace.” For example, we’ve seen them here at St. Monica in fact. Heather Casper and Gina Chávez are both consecrated members of Regnum Christi and helped our Leadership Training Program – Girls over the past several months.

At a priest conference, Dr. Jonathan Reyes spoke to the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia about the idea of the “Family as an Abbey.” I wrote about this in two of my blog posts entitled, “[Spiritual Reflection on the Family – Part 1](#)” and “[Spiritual Reflection on the Family – Part 2](#).” Each of us is responsible for our own spiritual life – we are each the “Abbot” or “Abbess” of our soul. During the coming weeks of Easter, consider a conversation with Christ about the state of your abbey. *Quotes taken from and reflection based on [The Holy \(Zen\) Rule Of The White Robed Monks Of St. Benedict](#).*

Charles Flock Jr

OLA / ST. MONICA BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

“**SonTreasure Island**” will be held from Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$50.00 per child, \$90.00 for two and \$120.00 for three or more in the family. Each child will receive a VBS Tee-Shirt and a Family Music CD. CARES is also available from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM for an additional fee. **Calling all High School and Adult VBS Volunteers!** If you enjoy working with small groups of children on **Crafts, Music, Games, Snacks** or as a **Group Leader**, please contact Sister Kathleen at 610-688-

6590 or kfitzpatrick@olastrafford.org.

Visit www.assumptionacademy.weebly.com for **VBS Registration Forms**. Information on extended day child care (CARES) is also available on the website.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 2015

Come celebrate this day of “extraordinary graces” and the “special indulgence” at **Saint Norbert Church**.

Confessions: 1:45pm-2:45pm (7 Confessors)
Rosary: 2:20 pm **Chaplet of Mercy:** 2:45 pm
Mass: 3:00 pm

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY & MEN’S CLUB

All men are invited to keep up with what our society is doing by joining our HNS communication email system; just email Mark DiLucca at mdilucca00@comcast.net. Our next **HNS meeting** is set for **Monday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. All men are welcome to join. *Prosit.*

WOMEN’S SOCIETY

Save the Date! We will be volunteering at the **Cradles to Crayons** office in West Conshohocken on **Tuesday, May 5th from 6-8 p.m.** **Cradles to Crayons** provides children from birth through age 12 living in homeless or low-income situations with the essential items they need to thrive at home, at school and at play. We will be working in the warehouse sorting donations. For those interested in carpooling we will depart from Saint Monica parking lot at 5:15 p.m. on May 5th. If you would like to join us please contact Sue McCarty at mccarty564@gmail.com, 484.433.1496 so that we may keep track of the numbers.

For the safety and comfort of our group upon arrival, it is necessary that all volunteers pre-register at www.cradlestocrayons.org/node/add/registration. Volunteers are encouraged to bring along donations of children’s everyday essential items. Items that are always in particular need of are brand new socks and underwear for girls and boys (up to size 14/16)!

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our group e-mail distribution list, please contact Sue McCarty know at the contact information above.



LOOKING FOR “SAINT JOSEPH”

During Sunday liturgy, after the proclamation of the Gospel, I would like to do something more dignified with the Book of the Gospels than simply putting it on the side table. In addition, the Adult Faith Formation Committee is considering crafting a more dignified Book of Prayer Intercession that would be placed in the back of the church then brought up with the Offertory Gifts.

We are envisioning a wooden stand (*that would be placed in the Sanctuary*) possibly with two parts - a primary one for the Book of the Gospels and a secondary one for the Book of Intercession.

I am looking for someone in the parish with refined wood-working skills who could work with us to design, craft and build such an object that would also match the wood color of the Sanctuary area. If interested, would you please contact Frank Orman at [610-644-0110](tel:610-644-0110). *Thank you.*

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

As we approach the end of the Saint Monica Fiscal year, the terms of a number of members of the Parish Finance Council are expiring. Thus, I am looking for 3 new members to assist the parish and me by serving on the **Finance Council**.



Purpose: To assist the pastor in monitoring and utilizing the temporal resources of the community in support of the needs of the Parish

Areas of Responsibility:

- Advise/ assist the pastor in the administration of the finances and material goods and resources of the parish.
- Plan long-range financial and physical needs of the parish.
- Assess the adequacy of the resources to meet the annual goals.
- Review quarterly financials and assist in the dissemination of financial information to the whole parish.

Commitment:

- Two year terms. No more than two consecutive terms total.
- Monthly meeting held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Should have working knowledge of financial, accounting, administrative, and/or legal affairs.

Please pray and discern about this very important service to your parish. If interested you can call at 610-644-0110 or e-mail me at czlock@saintmonicachurch.org Thank you and God bless. *Father Zlock*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for APRIL 5

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday		Happy Easter	
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	Walking with Purpose	Church
Friday	9:30-11:00am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The Saint Monica Parish Bulletin is published weekly and is available both on the parish website and distributed to the assembly after Sunday Worship.

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 April 5 - April 12

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 p.m. Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	Norbertine	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Dominic Tenaglio	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m.	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 6th	+ Loretta Widmann	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 7th	+ Fred DiAntonio, Jr.	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 8th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 9th	+ Patricia Margaret Fitzgerald Rocks	Norbertine		
Friday, 10th	+ Lisa Bossone Almanza	Fr. Jaehwa		
Saturday, 11th	+ Robert Shoemaker	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 p.m. Vigil <i>First Communion Mass</i>	+ Tony Alzamora	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 a.m.	+ Ronald J. Daniels	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 a.m.	+ Michael Palladino	Norbertine	Parish Choir	
11:00 a.m. <i>First Communion Mass</i>	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jack Barausky, Sonia Altirman, Bob Ball, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, Lynn Conrad, Anne Coxe, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Maria and Francisco DeRivas, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Jim Gormley, Larry Harris, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Mike McAleer (*son of Liz*), Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Mary Rose, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Jerry Mizenko, Brother-in-law of Sandie Concannon

H.O.P.E. — HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN EMERGENCIES

Leader for this week: Ginny McCarty at 610-644-5815

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Palmer Dalesandro '16
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Dr. Anthony Roeder '16
Megan Wilson '15

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