



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA

Called by Name; Gifted by God; Committed to Prayer; Driven to Serve... Abiding in Hope

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.

11:30 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.



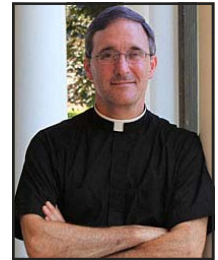
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Mike Pence and Why "God Has No Grandchildren" – Part 2

Last week I introduced you to Sherry Weddell, co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute, creator of the institute's "Called & Gifted" discernment process and the author of Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus. Sherry reflected on Vice Presidential candidate Mike Pence's comments concerning his Roman Catholic faith, how his Catholic faith is informed by his Catholic experience and how the Catherine of Siena "Institute" (and I for that matter) are working together to energize parishes like Saint Monica.



Where Catholics proactively evangelize, there is real hope. A fascinating new finding is that 6% of American adults are cradle Catholics who now call themselves Protestants or "nones," while still feeling at least partially Catholic. Pew Research Center has a term for adults who don't think of themselves as Catholic in terms of religious practice but who do think of themselves as "partially Catholic" for other reasons: "cultural Catholics."

While most committed cradle Catholics don't have a mental category for "Bapti-catholic" or "half-Catholic none," many 21st-century spiritual wanderers do. It is no accident that Mike Pence called himself an "evangelical Catholic" for years.

What is both astonishing and hopeful is that 43%, or just over 6 million, of these cradle Catholics-turned "cultural Catholics" told Pew surveyors that they were open to the possibility of returning to the faith. They either feel connected to Catholic culture or to the Church through family, or they identify with certain Catholic beliefs or practices. As evangelizers, it is essential that we remember that those who do leave often retain significant emotional, spiritual and/or cultural connections or bridges to Catholicism over which they could return with our help.

Another reason that Mike Pence's story causes many Catholics to feel consternation has to do with the most startling finding of the 2007 U.S. "Religious Landscape Survey." It is this: Only 60% of Catholic adults believed in a personal God, and less than half were not certain that they could have a personal relationship with God. The survey also found that 78% of Catholics who eventually left for the evangelical-Protestant world said that

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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

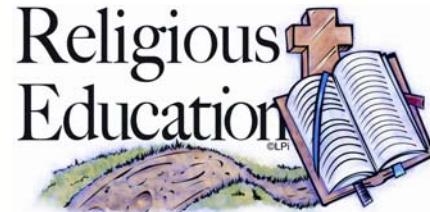
During this Year of Mercy, excerpts of the Diary of Saint Faustina's will be published weekly in our parish bulletin in the hope of bringing the parishioners of Saint Monica closer to our Lord through the knowledge and experience of His infinite mercy.

"It is my greatest desire that souls should recognize You as their eternal happiness, that they should come to believe in Your goodness and glorify Your infinite mercy."

– Saint Faustina (Diary, 305)

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The parents of registered students have received the “Back to School” information via e-mail. If you have registered, but have not received this information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 610-647-4757. **Classes begin on Monday, September 12.** *It is going to be a Great Year!*



FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY

GAMES
⚠ CAUTION ⚠
FOOD

YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF AHEAD



EDGE
7th-8th Grade
4:30-6

ALL ARE WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH



LIFE TEEN
9th-12th Grade
7-8:30

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

An invitation... join us!

The Saint Monica Parish Choir resumes its regular rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, 7 September and begins singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, 11 September. New members, especially men singing tenor or bass, are welcome as we begin the choral year. Please call Frank Orman, Director of Worship & Music, at 610.644.0110, ext. 118, to discuss a simple audition and joining the group. Please consider getting involved and sharing your gifts and talents with your parish community.



Adopt a Family Program

In our Adopt a Family Program, we invite you to join our efforts to emotionally, spiritually, and financially support our mothers in need and build stronger families throughout the Philadelphia region.

St. Monica's Adopt a Family Weekend
Saturday, September 24th & Sunday, September 25th



Please visit the Legacy of Life table in the Gathering Room after Mass. Photos of the families and their stories will be displayed. A Legacy of Life Staff Member will be present to answer your questions and help you select a family.

Pray for a Family! | Support a Family!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JULY 2016

July 2016	\$68,947	45% Electronic	July YTD 2016	\$68,947	45% Electronic
July 2015	\$70,693	47% Electronic	July YTD 2015	\$70,693	47% Electronic
July Budget	2016-17	\$70,693	July YTD Budget	2016-17	\$70,693

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Sunday Collection \$7,795
 Electronic \$6,335
 Total \$14,130

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for the Black and Indian Missions. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available on line at www.saintmonicachurch.org under the Parish Information tab in the Parish Leadership section.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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their spiritual needs weren't being met. According to the survey, teens who had been raised Catholic and later become Protestant as adults experienced a huge 49% growth in the "very strong" faith category. In fact, Catholic adults-turned-Protestant measured 25% higher in "very strong" faith than those raised Catholic who had retained their Catholic identity. Catholics who become Protestant also report 21% higher church attendance. It is a terrible irony that the best guarantee of regular adult church attendance at the moment among Americans raised Catholic is to become Protestant.

I have no problem at all believing that the idea of a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ" had not been part of Mike Pence's spiritual experience before he went away to college. That's because the language of "personal relationship" with God sounds either odd or suspiciously Protestant to many Catholics. Since my book *Forming Intentional Disciples* was published four years ago, I have had many conversations with Catholic leaders — bishops, seminary faculty, priests, religious and lay leaders — who told me that they were not yet disciples when they began their ministry. A disciple is someone who is intentionally seeking to follow Jesus Christ as Lord in the midst of his Church. One man, who was in full-time ministry forming clergy, told me, "Until I read your book last month, I didn't know it was possible to have a personal relationship with God." When I recovered from my shock, I responded, "Help me understand why you think this came about." He said that his parents were very faithful, practicing Catholics. "We never talked about [our] relationship with God," he told me. "I just didn't know."

The wonderfully hopeful news is that I have seen an extraordinary change over the past four years. Catholic leaders at all levels are beginning to seriously deal with our failure to make disciples of our own, as the last four popes have asked us to do. Pastors and leadership in hundreds of American parishes and whole dioceses are deliberately breaking the cultural silence about having a personal relationship with Christ and banding together to make intentional disciples of the already baptized in parishes, campus ministries, families and schools. Increasingly, we get it.

In the 21st-century world, God has no grandchildren. Faith is not simply inherited, but personally chosen. Therefore, cultural Catholicism by itself is dead as a retention strategy. If we forget and fall back into maintenance mode, we now have Mike Pence as a living reminder that if we don't make disciples of our own, someone else will do it for us.

Charles Flock Jr

Save the Date!

Saturday, September 24, 2016



The 3rd Annual AbbeyFest:

Faith, Music and Family

This all-day music festival will be held on the grounds of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli from 11:00 am-9:00 pm. Come and join us at this faith-filled event that features Music bands/Christian artists, Speakers, Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration.

Last year, **AbbeyFest** drew close to 3,000 attendees of all ages, including many parish families. So grab some friends, family, a blanket...and make a day of it! The 2016 music line-up include award-winning bands such as: *Sidewalk Profits*, *Stars Go Dim*, *The Josh Blakesley Band*, and many more! Catholic author and speaker, *Jeff Cavins*, will give the keynote.

More Information and Tickets on sale now at:
www.theabbeyfest.com.

COME PRAY THE ROSARY

"The Rosary is our greatest weapon against the evils of the world today." - Padre Pio

The parish has started a weekly community rosary for healing which is said in the grotto behind Saint Monica Church each Monday evening at 7:15 pm. (In the event of inclement weather we will meet in Church.)

Saint Louis deMontfort said *"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy and Holy Mother church guided by the Holy Spirit has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."* All are welcome and encouraged to come and bring friends, family and neighbors.

YOUNG ADULTS: UPCOMING EVENTS!

Please join the Catholic Young Adults of Chester County at one of our upcoming events! This Wednesday, September 7, we have our monthly Holy Hour at 7:30 PM in the lower chapel of St. Agnes in West Chester. Our Fall Dance is on Saturday, October 1, from 8:00-11:00 P.M. at SS. Simon and Jude in West Chester! For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT MONICA HOLY NAME SOCIETY

School is back in session, and so is the **Saint Monica Holy Name Society and Men's Club**.

Please plan on attending our 1st meeting of the year next Monday evening, September 12th, at 7:30pm in the Father Hagenbach Room located in the Parish Center. ALL men of the parish are invited to attend.

We have much on our year's agenda to foster our theme of *Spiritual, Service and Social*. Come and see where you can provide assistance.

GOLFERS of the PARISH COMMUNITY

Save the date!



Saint Monica's Holy Name Society is yet again proud to provide for the parish community our 32nd Annual Golf Outing. This year's outing is scheduled for Columbus day, Monday, October 10, at Downingtown Country Club. For now...just save the date, and spread the word. More details to come soon. For more information, contact Mark DiLucca at mjddorset@gmail.com.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH

CHILDREN PROGRAM (CHILDREN K- GRADE 3)



Registration for the children's Sunday church program, **Liturgy of the Word with Children (LOW)** for students in K through 3rd grade is now underway. This program is offered during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and

is specially designed to give the younger children of our parish a better understanding and appreciation for Scripture through age appropriate adaptations of the Readings, Gospel, and homily. This year, the participants will be engaged with the use of color leaflets, complete with puzzles and pencil/crayon activities.

Information and registration forms can be found in the "Crying Room" and the Gathering Room of the church. The LOW leaders have obtained the required clearances, mandated by both the state of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

New volunteer leaders are always welcomed and encouraged. The first Liturgy of the Word session of the school year is planned on October 9th.

Questions? Please contact Mary Pizzano at mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610-647-4757.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Walking with Purpose (WWP) informational session will be held on Thursday, September 15th. Please come to have all your questions answered regarding what **WWP** is all about!!! **Session begins at 6:30p.m. in the Education Center Cafeteria.** The question and answer period will be followed by the movie *The Red Tent* to begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Popcorn and snacks provided! Hope to see you then!

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Walking with Purpose (WWP) will return beginning **Thursday October 6th, 7:00-8:30 pm and will be held in the cafeteria.** **WWP** is a program designed to enable women to grow in a relationship with Christ through small group discussion and Scripture study. Are you looking for a more meaningful relationship with Christ and others? Are you wondering what faith has to do with everyday life? We will be offering 2 courses this fall, *Discovering Our Dignity* and *Opening Your Heart*. For those returning to the program, **WWP** suggests *Discovering Our Dignity*. In this course we will hear "modern-day advice from women of the Bible. We learn that women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be. Yet the power of God worked in their lives." For those new to the program, you can sign-up for *Discovering our Dignity* or *Opening Your Heart*. *Opening Your Heart* is the initial **WWP** course designed for those new to Scripture study. "Women take a deeper dive into the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us." Please join us! Our **Guest Speaker** Christine Wittman (licensed therapist) will address the topic of grief in a loving and healing way.

For more information please contact Bridget at bridgetc316@gmail.com or Michele at man6fam@comcast.net. Please RSVP to Diane Claffey at dianeclaffey@verizon.net.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for August 28

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday		Happy Labor Day	
Tuesday			
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Teen Bible Study	Youth Room
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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Lifteen: High School Youth Group



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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 September 4 — September 11

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Margaret Foster Rocks	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Julia Quici	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ John J. McShane	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Norbertine	Cantor	
Monday, 5th	+ Mother Mary Angelica	Fr. Eduardo		
Tuesday, 6th	+ Mary Alice Boyd	Fr. Hamill		
Wednesday, 7th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 8th	Father Angelus Shaughnessy and Friars	Fr. Jordan		
Friday, 9th	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 10th	+ Loretta and Matthew Romano	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ David Martin	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Black and Indian Missions</i>
7:30 am	+ Marguerite Richmond	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Sadie and Nick Borzillo	Fr. Albergo	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Bill Canfield, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Kathleen Dempsey, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzì, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Dan Maguire, Mark Maholick, Tallon Family, Eugene Matta, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Courtney Frances Patterson, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Joan Schubert, Mother of Bob Schubert

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

Leader for this week: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

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