



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.

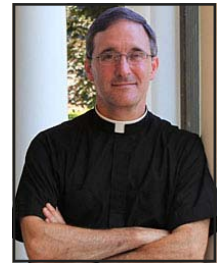


Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

Last week I wrote about Greg Thompson who "New City Commons," an education and consulting team that seeks to support the church in its work of reimagining the common good, reinvigorating cultural institutions and renewing civic life. Greg introduced the idea of a new type of "wandering" that our society is experiencing much like pilgrims and refugees experienced in the middle ages. Only today's wanderings are more spiritual and emotional in nature. Our neighbors, many who are parishioners of Saint Monica, are searching. Some are inactive. Some don't trust God or the Church. Some are angry at God or the church. The problem is that they make up the overwhelming majority of our parish.



Who are they? If you met him at a party, he is a good guy. She is educated, well dressed, and successful at what she does. Both are married with children. They have a beautiful home, comfortable lifestyle and drive nice cars.

They work hard all week so they like to take weekends off. On Sunday she is on the tennis court, his is at the Eagles and both are driving their children to various activities. Wherever they are, they are definitely not in church. They're never in church - except maybe for weddings, funerals, and perhaps Easter and Christmas. Both are products of a parish religious education program or a Catholic school. But they are definitely not believers.

Their faith background is actually more of a liability than an asset. It brings emotional baggage, theological misconceptions, and legitimate complaints. They might have formed an attitude of indifference, but more likely it's cynicism or contempt. If he's divorced, the situation is further complicated by laws he doesn't understand that seem to judge him unfairly. Her God, faith, church, religion, and The Da Vinci Code are all mixed up together in her imagination. The mix would seem to be an evangelizer's nightmare.

This is actually an opportunity however. He is a good guy, but he's doing life on his own terms, and, increasingly, it isn't working. She has stress at work and tension and conflict at home. They both have financial obligations that are oppressive and *(Continued on Page 4)*



SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dear Lord, through the darkness, I look for your wisdom. I want my heart to be open to you. But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us. Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life. Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends. Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world. Let me pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence.

My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program classes are in session on Monday, December 5, 12, and 19.

Please see the information posted in the Sacrament Spotlight section of the parish bulletin.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY

7th & 8th Grades
Sundays 4:30-6



High School
Sundays 7-8:30

This Week: Who is the Holy Spirit?

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC**INAUGURAL ORGAN CONCERT & RECEPTION**

You are cordially invited to attend the blessing of and inaugural concert on Opus 144, a new instrument by Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders.

Music at Monica's presents
internationally-acclaimed organist

NATHAN LAUBE

in concert on

Friday, 9 December at 7:30 pm.

A dessert reception will follow. All are welcome!

*This Friday
at 7:30 pm!*

*Including works by
Bach, Dethier,
Durufle, Liszt,
Widor and more!*



Come join us for a day of fun and friendly competition in honor of Dominic!

DOMINIC L. COYLE MEMORIAL 3 V 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, December 29, 2016

Saint Monica Parish Center Gym

First Tip Off at 8AM – Games run throughout the day!

**All Proceeds Will Benefit the
Archbishop Carroll Dominic L Coyle Memorial Fund**

*For Registration Form, Additional Details, Tournament Logistics,
Official Rules & More, please visit: www.saintmonicachurch.org*

*Please register as soon as
possible so that game
schedules can be created.*



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for OCTOBER 2016

October 2016	\$73,202	44% Electronic	October YTD 2016	\$262,033	46% Electronic
October 2015	\$72,448	44% Electronic	October YTD 2015	\$281,996	45% Electronic
October Budget 2016-17	\$75,591		October YTD Budget 2016-17	\$275,139	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL COLLECTION
<p>Sunday, November 21, 2016</p> <p>Sunday Collection \$8,266 Electronic \$5,352 Total \$13,618</p> <p><i>We have 163 families contributing electronically.</i></p>	<p>Sunday, November 27, 2016</p> <p>Sunday Collection \$6,294 Electronic \$6,894 Total \$13,188</p> <p><i>We have 163 families contributing electronically.</i></p>	<p>There will be a Special Collection This weekend for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. God bless you for your continued generosity.</p> <hr/> <p>The Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Saint Monica Parish is available on line at www.saintmonicachurch.org under the <u>Parish Information</u> tab in the <u>Parish Leadership</u> section.</p>

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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and credit card debt that is getting out of control. And there are other issues too: anger, depression, addiction to alcohol, gambling, or pornography. She needs purpose. He needs direction. Both need a savior!

We absolutely have to reach out to these parishioners. If we don't - we close. It's that simple. Maybe not in a year or two but it will happen. And the archdiocese won't do it. We will. As I look around the national Catholic landscape, I see two trends. Christ is closing down what is not involved in His mission. Christ is also *blessing* parishes, ministries, dioceses, college campus ministries, initiatives, schools and parishioners who are taking the Lord at His word and fulfilling the "Great Commandment" and the "Great Commission."

Leadership counts. I certainly will do my part but I don't want to lead a "beige church." I need your help and I want to support you - regardless of where they are in your faith journey - in growing as a disciple. This will take place primarily in our neighborhood but can occur elsewhere in the world as well. Where do we start? What do we do next as a parish? Next week we will examine the first two fundamental steps.

Charles Zlock Jr

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Sunday, December 11 after the 9:30 am Mass, the



Family & Youth Ministry will be hosting *Breakfast with Santa* in the Cafeteria and the Auditorium of the Old School Building. You won't want to miss it!

Family and Youth Ministry will also be holding an **All Abilities Santa Social, at noon on Sunday, December 11, 2016**. This event will be an opportunity for families of all abilities kids of any age to enjoy some holiday spirit and get a picture with Santa.

SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT



The Confirmation candidates are reminded that the completed sacrament packets are due on Monday, December 12. Thank you for your timely submission of the packet.

Please note: Incomplete packets will not be accepted.

SAINT MONICA MERRY WIDOWS

The Merry Widows will hold their monthly meeting and **Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13th** in the Hagenbach Room from 5:00-8:00 PM. We invite all widows of Saint Monica's to join us. We will have a gift exchange so ask that you bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 to the meeting. For more info or to RSVP contact: Peg Alzamora, 610-647-1129, Anne Marie Gallagher, 610-644-1375, or Maureen Mulhall, 610-644-7794.

ATTENTION ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Are you concerned about your grandchildren who are coping with constantly changing social and moral values? Grandparents are being called to pass on our religious heritage. It is a vocation from which we may never retire.

The Catholic Grandparents Association is a worldwide volunteer-based non-profit organization blessed with the mission of helping grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of the family. If interested in gaining more information, please contact Mary Dressler at 610-688-0614 or marybdressler@gmail.com.

Preparing for Christmas

Confession Times

Monday, December 12 - 6:15 to 7:15 pm

Saturday, December 17 - 3:45 to 4:45 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Candlelight Prelude and Carol Sing, with the Parish Choir, organ and brass quartet begins at 7:30 p.m. Music includes seasonal choral works and congregational carols.

Christmas Day Masses

The Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 25, 2016

7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Day - A Holyday of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017

7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Breakfast with Santa - Help Needed: The HNS has been asked again to provide culinary skills to cook breakfast for *Breakfast with Santa*. There will be one seating only after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 11th. We will most likely start around 7:30 am or so. If you can make it, it will be great to have you!

MARCH FOR LIFE - Save the Date



The Church of Saint Monica Respect Life Ministry will once again be organizing a bus trip to Washington, DC for the March

for Life. Save the date and plan to join us on **Friday, January 27, 2017** for this important event.

Donations Welcome — Can't attend the March yourself? If your means allow, please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of the trip for others, especially students and children who are invited to participate at no charge. In this way, you can be involved and demonstrate your support for this peaceful witness for life. If you'd like to donate, please contact Maurita Buhsmer at jbuhsmer1@verizon.net for more info.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH ... All Are Invited!

Please join us for our third annual **Advent by Candelight** hosted by the women of **Walking with Purpose** on **Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 – 8:30pm** in the Education Center Cafeteria. This event will feature Guest Speak Sister Connie Haughton. Sister Connie is a woman who chose to be a Sister of Mercy 59 years ago, dreaming of following the King! The theme of her reflection will center on the call and the challenge to grow together in Mercy-ful Service. **Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. Light refreshments will be served. \$10.00/person.** Please RSVP to Alice Powell at rapowell@comcast.net.



THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree tags are hung on the Christmas trees displayed in the Gathering Room of Church. Please choose one tag or more and purchase the gift or gift card noted on the tag. All gifts and gift cards will be donated to the following four agencies: *T/E Cares, The Sisters of St. Joseph Welcome Center, the St. Agnes Day Room of West Chester, and Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County.* **Most gifts are due on December 11, but some are due on December 4.** Gift cards should be placed into the boxes located at the base of the trees. Additional

information can be found in the flyer, inserted into this week's church bulletin. Please place the tag on the gift, **but DO NOT WRAP the gift or gifts.** *Thank you for bringing Christ's light to those in need!*

WOMEN OF THE PARISH - All Are Invited!



Please join us for the Annual Christmas Gift Exchange **TONIGHT, Sunday December 4th**, in the Education Center Cafeteria. We will start at 7:00 p.m. This is always a fun night and

now a **Saint Monica Christmas Tradition!**

If your last name begins with A through M, please bring a small appetizer to share; If your last name begins with N through Z, please bring a small dessert to share.

Bring a wrapped gift valued at roughly \$20 and let the games begin — it is a guaranteed fun evening! Any questions, contact Sandie at sconcan143@verizon.net or Betsy at fademb@aol.com.

WE ARE SO THANKFUL!

Our Thanksgiving bag drive was a huge success again this year. We gathered and delivered over 275 bags to Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard as well as an overwhelming amount of cash, checks and gift cards which totaled over \$1500!

A big thank you to our 6th graders and their parents who assisted in bag distribution and collection, and to the Holy Name Society for their monetary donation. We would be lost without all of the drivers. It was such a blessing to have so many people offer to help make this event such a success. We are truly grateful!

- Carole Filtz, Karen Peterson and Laura Nudy

EARLY BULLETIN TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE

Due to the Printing Schedule of the publisher, the following deadlines are in effect for the upcoming Holiday Season:

- December 25th bulletin items are due *no later than* Tuesday, December 13, 12:00 noon
- January 1st bulletin items are due *no later than* Monday, December 19, 12:00 noon.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for December 4

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
Thursday	7:00-8:30pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:15-10:45 am 7:30 pm	Legion of Mary Organ Dedication	Rectory Church
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 December 4 - December 11

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Tony Alzamora	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious</i>
7:30 am	+ Louis DeLuca	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Irene Toczykowski	Fr. Antry	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Rachel Parker	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 5th	+ Mario Coppelli	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 6th	+ Anthony Morelli	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 7th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 8th	8:30 a.m. - + Charles DiCola 12:00 Noon - Extended Rocks Family Members	Fr. Aviccolli		
Friday, 9th	+ John Craft	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 10th	+ Harry Parker	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Nicholas Fazzini	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Ed and Sue Cooney	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Serano	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Umberto Degli Esposti, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Christine Florkowski, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Tallon Family, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, Antoinette Rissell, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Winifred Buono Atterbury, Sister of Michael Buono
Louis D'Innocenzo, Husband of Doris

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

Leader for this week: Margaret Bellew at 610-647-3856

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