



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 of Obligation 8:30 a.m.
12 noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

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



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

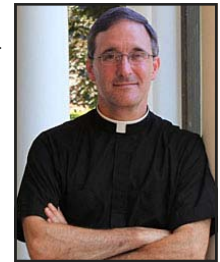
FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

I was recently listening to a podcast hosted by author/speaker Jeff Cavins and consultant, author/speaker Pat Lencioni. Their topic was "*The Four Ingredients of an Amazing Homily.*" Naturally I was curious.

Pat and Jeff belong to a consortium called "*Amazing Parish.*" This is a group of top-flight Catholic leaders who have a passion for helping pastors and parishes grow and thrive and are putting forward ideas, seminars and resources to accomplish that. In looking around the country, they have found that there are three characteristics that excellent parishes share: A Reliance on Prayer and Sacraments; A Commitment to a Healthy Organization; A Passion for Evangelization and Discipleship. One "activity" that cuts across all three traits is "The Sunday Experience" of people who come to Mass. Within the Sunday Experience context, three items stand out: hymns, hospitality and homilies with *particular weight given to homilies.* Over Sunday breakfast, parishioners rarely will share how the hospitality was. They might mention the music or one particular hymn or song. They always comment on the homily.

In helping a pastor better "P-O-U-R" the Word of God into the hearts of the believers, Pat and Jeff suggested that pastors look at four areas and ask whether the homily is **Passionate** (Delivered with conviction and emotion drawn from prayer and from the heart of the priest); **Organized** (Does the homily clearly connect points that people can follow logically); **Understandable** (Using words that people can grasp and follow both theologically and linguistically) and **Relevant** (Connecting the homily with people's lives and to actions that they can take that week).

Pat and Jeff provided a scoring matrix and suggested that priests/pastors give this to a select group of parishioners for their feedback. Ask them to rate the homilies (on a scale of 1 to 4) in each of the four areas giving a 1 to the area where the *(Continued on Page 4)*



SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

January 17

Father, you called Saint Anthony
to renounce the world and serve you in
the solitude of the desert.

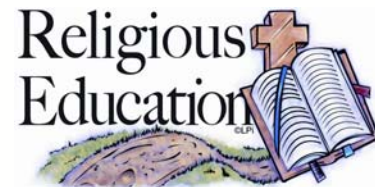
By his prayers and example, may we learn to deny
ourselves and to love you above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are **not** in session on January 16. Classes will resume on January 23.

Registration for this year's Summer Session and for the 2017-2018 Monday night session is now underway. A link to the registration forms has been emailed to all families of students currently registered. The registration forms can also be found on our parish website. www.saintmonicachurch.org.



FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



Steubenville Youth Conference

June 16-18 2017

Open to graduating 8th-12th Students

Cost-\$350

(\$199 deposit to secure your spot)

Scholarship money available if needed

Limited spots available, 1st come 1st served

for more info:

steubenvilleconferences.com/youth

Jcarter@saintmonicachurch.org

FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

SPRING CHOIR OPENINGS

Christmas has come and gone, the choir has taken a short break and now we're back and ready to go, already preparing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Consider joining our ministry of music! The Parish Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7 pm and sings each Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. All voice parts are welcome to become involved. To schedule a meeting to join our fun and friendly group, please contact Frank Orman at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or at forman@saintmonicachurch.org.



THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY of SAINT MONICA PARISH
 INVITES ALL TO JOIN US ON THIS PRAYERFUL JOURNEY . . .



The bus departs from Saint Monica's at 7:00 a.m. and returns at 8:00 p.m.

Our bus will make 2 stops:
 National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the
 Rally and March in D.C.

Suggested donation: \$25 for adults; Students and Children are free.
 For more information and to register, please visit www.saintmonicachurch.org,
 or contact Rosemary Friedrich at rfriedrich@verizon.net or 610-688-4771.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 2016

December 2016	43,306	38% Electronic	December YTD 2016	\$399,552	44% Electronic
December 2015	\$76,898	40% Electronic	December YTD 2015	\$433,360	44% Electronic
December Budget 2016-17	\$76,798		December YTD Budget	2016-17	\$423,460

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$8,790
Electronic	\$5,409
Total	\$14,199

Christmas Collection: \$52,033
 Christmas Budget: \$62,203

We have 164 families

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next weekend for Catholic Relief Services.
 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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priest/pastor is strongest and 4 to a potential area of improvement. I gave this scoresheet to about 15 parishioners. So how did I do?

1st: Relevance 2.09 (*strongest area*)

2nd: Organization 2.45 (*good, but not great yet*)

3rd: Passion 2.55 (*good, but not great yet*)

4th: Understandable/Clarity: 2.91 (*area for most potential improvement*)

Since the homily is a key component of "The Sunday Experience," I was intrigued and also thought that parishioners might like to know what the feedback was that I received. Each paragraph represents comments from one parishioner. This week I shall share comments that I received concerning the area of "Relevance." Next week, I shall share comments about the other three areas.

RELEVANCE: "You speak to your parish about the human condition. I like when you can take a reading from the Bible and draw parallels and contrasts with our present-day lives. You are also open to listening to what your parish NEEDS and is asking for. We hear you putting the messages out on Sundays. God bless you!!! You encourage us and give us food for thought!"

"This is definitely one of your strong suits, and something I think most people can appreciate about your homilies. It tells us that you care enough, or are concerned enough, to clue into the crazy lives of parents and grandparents even though you are not living that life yourself. For instance, as an example you once remembered to share the excitement of a kid being home from college."

"Maybe your homilies feel relevant because you strive to stay current. You are genuine and don't put yourself (as a priest) a rung above the laity."

"Knowing you as I do, makes me feel that you and the parishioners are all in this together, and as more people get involved and get to know you, they will get that as well. You want to meet people where they are, but you encourage growth in everyone you come in contact with which is awesome."

"Sometimes you use theological information which is hard to grasp for me upon reading it once. I sometimes need to go to your blog and reread something that you've said to try to make more sense of it. Nevertheless, homilies are always organized and relevant."

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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"I scored "relevance" a little lower because the target message you are aiming for is constantly moving, and/or you cannot control what message you'd like to discuss when the archbishop directs your pastoral message."

"Your homilies have depth and weight. They are interesting and give me something to ponder to grow spiritually. I personally find your homilies relevant to the particular readings on Sundays and to our parish strategy overall. They are always fresh and new and deliver answers to current problems in people's lives."

Charles Flock Jr

SAINT JOHN HOSPICE TOILETRY MINISTRY

Saint Monica Parish sponsors a **Toiletry Ministry** benefiting Saint John's Hospice in Philadelphia. Saint John's Hospice provides shower facilities to 160 homeless men a week and are in great need for travel size toiletries. Please donate any travel size toiletries – shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, body lotion, razors, toothpaste, etc. that are unused from a hotel stay or purchased. The bins are located inside the church entrance to the right. Our collection at Saint Monica can help these men live with some dignity. If you or your group would be interested in helping sort, pack and or deliver the toiletries to Saint John's Hospice, please contact Molly Arbes at mollyandpeter@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.



Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual MOM — Heart of the Home Day of Renewal

March 18, 2017 • 9 am to 3:30 pm

Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester
Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or contact Deb MacKenzie at dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE . . .

Team Trivia 2017 - Our 20th Edition



This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 11th**. This year's theme is, **"A Night At The Movies"**. Start planning now. Registration forms will be made available in

early February. Our event again will be the 1st half of a parish wide active weekend as **Sunday, March 12th**, will be the **3rd Annual Helping Hands Event**. Stay tuned for more details.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



God does not make mistakes. When a human being is alive, **it is because God wants him or her to be alive**. People do not have to measure up to our standards or expectations in order to have dignity and deserve protection.

Prayer: Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value.

PRAYERS PLEASE....

Please keep our parish's second graders in your daily prayers as they prepare to receive their First Penance at the end of this month.



DISCERNMENT RETREAT

JANUARY 20 - 22: VILLA MARIA HOUSE OF STUDIES

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in formation. For information, contact ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553.



COME PRAY THE ROSARY

We have been blessed to have a parish community Rosary said **every Monday evening at 7:15 p.m.** The church will be opened for ALL to come and pray. *Saint Louis de Montfort* 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."

YOUNG ADULTS: BOWLING NIGHT

If you're a Catholic adult in your 20s or 30s, we want to meet you! Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC—pronounced "kayak") exists to offer you social, spiritual, and service opportunities. Come out this Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm for a bowling night at Devon Bowling Lanes! Check us out on Facebook, at www.cyacc.org, or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com for more information.

DOMINIC L. COYLE

MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thank You... Thank You... Thank You

Deep, heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped make the DLC 3v3 Tournament a huge success. Our community came together in heart and spirit to host a fun, inspiring event that brought many old friends together. Thank you to all volunteers who helped with registration, concessions, and all aspects of running the tournament. Special thanks to the committee who envisioned the event and worked tirelessly to plan it and bring it to life. It was awe inspiring to see everyone come together.

Through your generosity we raised over \$15,000 for the Archbishop Carroll Dominic L Coyle Memorial Fund but, just as important, the tournament brought together a large contingent of friends and family to show their love and support of Dominic and what his life embodied. We cannot express the depth of what this day meant to our family and how humbled we are by the incredible source of faith, love, hope and joy that rise from sorrow. May God continue to shine His grace in your lives. - *The Coyle Family*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 15

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm	Rectory Closed Adoration	Church
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	Parish Center
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

Edge: Middle School Youth Group
Lifeteen: 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 January 15 – January 22

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Patrick Maher	Abbot Antonucci	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Dominic L. Coyle	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Fitzgerald	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Avicelli	Cantor	
Monday, 16th	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. McCabe		
Tuesday, 17th	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 18th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 19th	+ Florence Garzarella	Abbot Antonucci		
Friday, 20th	+ Dominic Coyle	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 21st	+ Joseph Ulrich	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ David Trasatti	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Novielli	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	+ Patrick Maher	Fr. Zlock	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 Izz, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Jean McGinley, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Tallon Family, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Ann Walsh, Mother of Kathy Flatley

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

Leader for this week: Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068

PARISH LEADERSHIP

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Michael Vadner
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Reverend Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*
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