

THE CHURCH OF
SAINT MONICA
 BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

Encountering Christ - Through Scripture, Through Liturgy, Through Serving Others

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 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)

Monday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

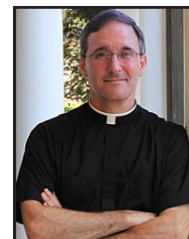
Anytime by appointment.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK ...

*We've been going through Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, **Rejoice and be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate)**. In particular, we have been reading about The Beatitudes." We close out the Holy Father's reflections this week.*



"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

This Beatitude speaks of those whose hearts are simple, pure and undefiled, for a heart capable of love admits nothing that might harm, weaken or endanger that love. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. "Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). God wants to speak to our hearts (cf. Hosea 2:16); there he desires to write his law (cf. Jeremiah 31:33). In a word, he wants to give us a new heart (cf. Ezekiel 36:26).

"Guard your heart with all vigilance" (Proverbs 4:23). Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord's eyes. He "flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts" (Wisdom 1:5). The Father, "who sees in secret" (Matthew 6:6), recognizes what is impure and insincere, mere display or appearance, as does the Son, who knows "what is in man" (cf. John 2:25).

Certainly there can be no love without works of love, but this Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. For "if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). In Matthew's Gospel too, we see that what proceeds from the heart is what defiles a person (cf. Matthew 15:18), for from the heart come murder, theft, false witness, and other evil deeds (cf. 15:19). From the heart's intentions come the desires and the deepest decisions that determine our actions.

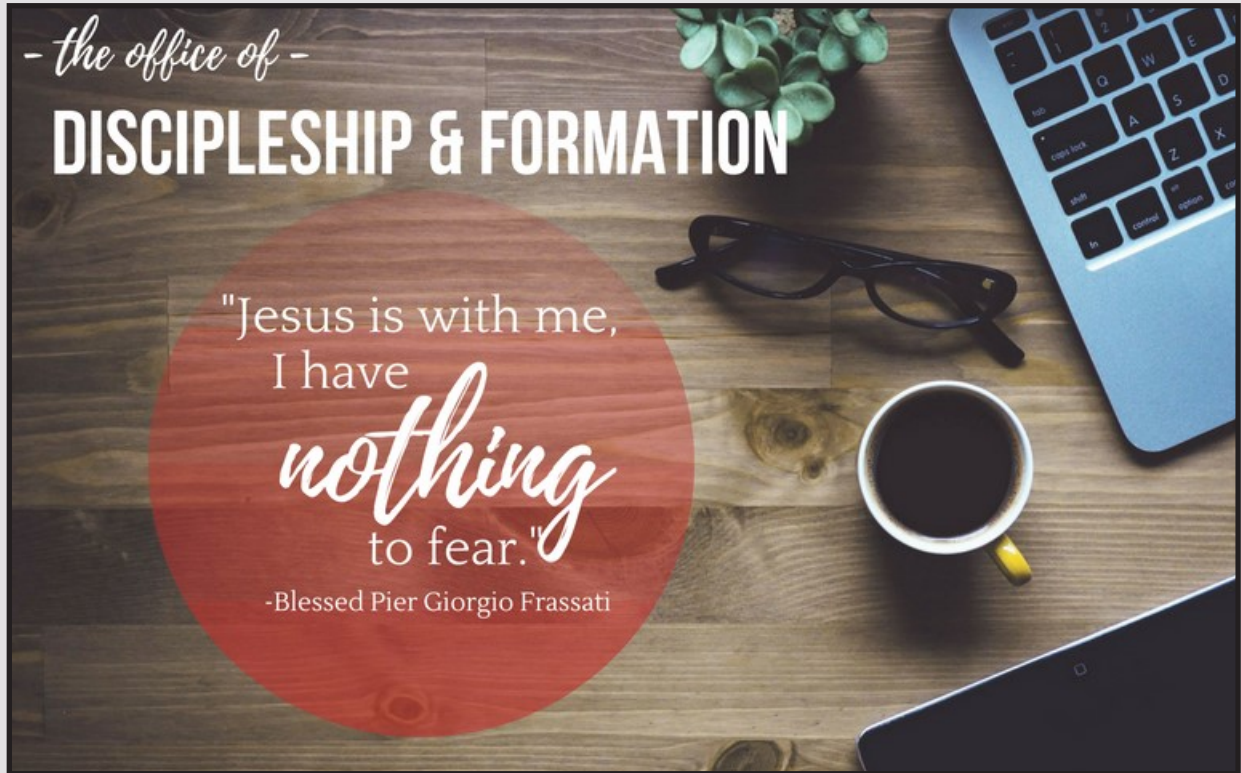
A heart that loves God and neighbor (cf. Matthew 22:36-40), genuinely and not merely in words, is a pure heart; it can see God. In his hymn to charity, Saint Paul says that "now we see in a mirror, dimly" (1 Corinthians 13:12), but to the extent that truth and love prevail, we will then be able to see "face to face". Jesus promises that those who are pure (Continued on Page 4)

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK



That God will bless the people who faithfully attend Nocturnal adoration, and that others will be encouraged and inspired to partake in this devotion.

FROM *the* OFFICE of DISCIPLESHIP *and* FORMATION



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC

YOU'RE INVITED: JOIN US!

The Parish Choir warmly welcomes singers of all voice types (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) to join us in the fall! We begin rehearsals on Wednesday, 5 September. The Parish Choir sings each Sunday for the 9:30 AM Mass, and for all principal liturgies of the Parish at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. *Consider becoming involved!* Contact Frank Orman, *Director of Worship & Music* for more information or to schedule an audition at 610.644.0110, ext. 118 or forman@saintmonicachurch.org.



Got questions about life?

Save the Date

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Alpha

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Autumn 2018

Sunday Afternoons
September 16
through November 25
1 to 2:30 PM

ALPHA offers an opportunity to explore life and Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Each session includes a light meal.

- Session 1 - *Who is Jesus?*
- Session 2 - *Why Did Jesus Die?*
- Session 3 - *Faith - How Can I Be Sure?*
- Session 4 - *Why And How Series - Reading the Bible.*
- Session 5 - *Why And How Series - Praying and Prayer.*
- Session 6 - *How Does God Guide Us In Life?*
- Session 7 - *How Can I Resist Evil?*
- Session 8 - *Why And How Series - Telling Others About Christ and Faith.*
- Session 9 - *Does God Actually Heal Today?*
- Session 10 - *What About this Church Thing?*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JUNE 2018

June 2018	\$60,406	48% Electronic	June YTD 2018	\$825,180	47% Electronic
June 2017	\$60,210	45% Electronic	June YTD 2017	\$788,561	44% Electronic
June Budget 2017-18	\$65,759		June YTD Budget	2017-18	\$815,476

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$5,582
Electronic	\$9,453
Total	\$15,035

We have 190 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOXES

Money collected from the Poor Boxes during the month of July was for the benefit of FOCUS. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2018 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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in heart “will see God”.

Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”

This Beatitude makes us think of the many endless situations of war in our world. Yet we ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. For example, I may hear something about someone and I go off and repeat it. I may even embellish it the second time around and keep spreading it... And the more harm it does, the more satisfaction I seem to derive from it. The world of gossip, inhabited by negative and destructive people, does not bring peace. Such people are really the enemies of peace; in no way are they “blessed”.

Peacemakers truly “make” peace; they build peace and friendship in society. To those who sow peace Jesus makes this magnificent promise: “They will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). He told his disciples that, wherever they went, they were to say: “Peace to this house!” (Luke 10:5). The word of God exhorts every believer to work for peace, “along with all who call upon the Lord with a pure heart” (cf. 2 Timothy 2:22), for “the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (James 3:18). And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, “let us pursue what makes for peace” (Romans 14:19), for unity is preferable to conflict.

It is not easy to “make” this evangelical peace, which excludes no one but embraces even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested. It is hard work; it calls for great openness of mind and heart, since it is not about creating “a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority”, or a project “by a few for the few”. Nor can it attempt to ignore or disregard conflict; instead, it must “face conflict head on, resolve it and make it a link in the chain of a new process”. We need to be artisans of peace, for building peace is a craft that demands serenity, creativity, sensitivity and skill. Sowing peace all around us: that is holiness.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”

Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for “whoever would save his life will lose it” (Mt 16:25).

91. In living the Gospel, we cannot expect that everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. Saint John Paul II noted that “a society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer this gift of self and to establish this solidarity between people”.^[78] In such a society, politics, mass communications and economic, cultural and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the Beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion, and met with ridicule.

Whatever weariness and pain we may experience in living the commandment of love and following the way of justice, the cross remains the source of our growth and sanctification. We must never forget that when the New Testament tells us that we will have to endure suffering for the Gospel’s sake, it speaks precisely of persecution (cf. Acts 5:41; Philippians 1:29; Colossians 1:24; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Peter 2:20, 4:14-16; Revelation 2:10).

Here we are speaking about inevitable persecution, not the kind of persecution we might bring upon ourselves by our mistreatment of others. The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that. The Book of Acts states repeatedly that they enjoyed favor “with all the people” (Acts 2:47; as well as Acts 4:21.33; 5:13), even as some authorities harassed and persecuted them (cf. Acts 4:1-3, 5:17-18).

Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when people “utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account” (Matthew 5:11). At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous. Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.

Charles Zlock Jr

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG ADULTS: 'HOLY ONES: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS'



Are you a young adult in your 20s and 30s? If so, join CYACC this **Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30PM at SS. Peter and Paul in West Chester.** This week we will have Chris Massaro, a seminarian from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, lead us through what the Catholic Church teaches about saints. What is the Communion of Saints? How are we going to become saints? Who are some saints we might not know? We will be meeting. We hope to see you there! For more information check us out on Facebook or at www.cyacc.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018

Join us for a day of friendship, prayer and growth in your faith at the 2018 Catholic Women's Conference. This year's theme is "Daughters of the King" and the day will be devoted to helping women discover their foundational identity as daughters of the King of Heaven and Earth. Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9am-4pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. *A mid-September sellout is expected.* Register today at: catholicwomensconference.org.

SAVE THE DATE

DAYLESFORD Presents its 2018 **46th Annual Art Show**

Daylesford Abbey invites you to attend the Opening Reception of **The 46th Annual Art Show** on Friday, October 5 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

The Art Show remains open on Saturday, October 6 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm) and Sunday, October 7 (12 Noon to 5:00 pm). For more information please call 610-647-2530, ext. 150.

A MEN'S WEEKEND WITH FRIENDS & JESUS TOO

Since 1999 I have enjoyed the company of a fine and friendly group of men and Jesus Christ too during the first weekend after Labor Day at the **Malvern Retreat House.** I look forward to this weekend every year as an ideal way to wind down summer, kick off fall and get closer to myself by getting closer to God. So what I offer to you is the opportunity to share with me and my Malvern friends this special experience by joining us on **September 7th-**

9th for the annual **Nativity BVM retreat.** Go to: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/nativity-bvm-2/> to join us or call me, Jack Warnock, for more info at 610.722.2673. See you at Malvern!

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MASS


You are invited to attend the 5:00 pm. Mass on Saturday, August 18th. We are pleased to welcome Stephanie Twohig and musicians from the parishes of Saint Monica and Saint Katharine's who will lead the music. We will blend hymns you know performed in more contemporary style with hymns that have been written more recently by Matt Maher, Steve Angrisano and Jesse Manibusan. Our goal is to offer you a different way to pray and participate in the Mass. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for this joyful experience.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



Prayer for those with Alzheimer's disease

Almighty God and Father, we thank You for the dignity You have given to all human life, even when it is marred by disease. We pray for those who have Alzheimer's disease. Grant them, in their confusion, the consolation of Your Presence. Give to their families strength, compassion and patience and show them the way to perfect charity. Help us all to trust that You bring good out of all things and that our suffering is nothing compared to the glory You have prepared for us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.—*EWTN Family Prayers*



PLEASE JOIN US — All Summer!
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm
Parish Rosary in the Grotto
(Weather Permitting)
Every Monday at 7:15 pm

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for August 5			
DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Adoration	Church
	6:30-7:30 pm	Confession	Church
	7:15-7:45 pm	Parish Rosary	Grotto
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
Wednesday	8:30 am	Communion Service	Church
Thursday			
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	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.

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 August 5 – August 12

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Stacy Giorno	Fr. Novielli	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Robert Walsh	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Anne Maas	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 6th	+ Deceased Members of Schneider and Schirg Families	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 7th	+ Anne Maas	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 8th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 9th	+ Lawrence Schwartz	Fr. Avicelli		
Friday, 10th	+ Robert Walsh	Fr. Krautsack		
Saturday, 11th	+ Mary Schneider	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Stephanie Walsh Beilman	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Philip Salisbury	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Stephanie Walsh Beilman	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. R. Rossi	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Margarita Elloso, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Hugh Gannon, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Faith Johnson, Clare Johnston, Libby Judge, Debbie Kern, Charlie Litzelman, Jackson MacTaggart, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rob Niederer, Steve Pannella, Jim Pierson, Rita Reilly, Joel Rivera, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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

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

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