

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.

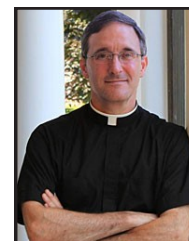
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS: *After the priest has prepared the water and wine - but before he washes his hands - he bows down and says something. What does he say?*

"With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord. May our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God." Further information can be found on the website.



We've been looking at spiritual growth using the *Dialogue* of St. Catherine of Siena. (Spoiler alert! Soon I will be shifting over to *The Rule* of St. Benedict which provides a different perspective on spiritual growth).

We considered that initially a fearful soul considers God as a strict parent always looking for faults. Next the soul moves towards a fear – not of God – but of sin and its consequences. However, "If these souls do not abandon the exercise of holy prayer and their other good works, but go on, with perseverance, to increase their virtues, they will arrive at the state of *filial love*, because I [God] respond to them with the same love, with which they love Me." The danger of this is that the soul can get proud because of the progress that they made. Then God pulls away the consolation and the soul is plunged into despair. Why? Because God deals with truth. God wants to show us our "true self." God wants to reveal to us how far away from Him we are. "If they, through displeasure at their imperfection, and love of virtue, dig up, with hatred, the root of spiritual self-love, and mount to the throne of conscience, reasoning with themselves, they will be so pleasing to Me, that they will attain to the love of the friend. And I will manifest Myself to them."

When we realize our "wretchedness," then *everything* that comes from God is perceived as pure grace. The soul is overwhelmed with gratitude and humbled by its unworthiness. It is pulled into a place where the soul wants nothing else but to thank and praise God for His goodness and mercy.

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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

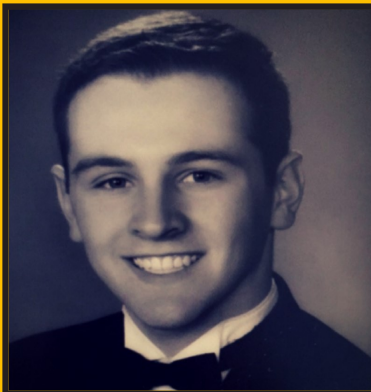
May blessings continue to flow to the participants of Walking With Purpose and their families.

FROM *the* OFFICE of DISCIPLESHIP *and* FORMATION



NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT:
 SAINTMONICAChurch.ORG



"You only need 20 seconds of courage."

DOMINIC L. COYLE MEMORIAL 3V3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, December 28, 2018
 Saint Monica Parish Center Gym

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

AN INVITATION TO THE
WOMEN OF ST. MONICA PARISH AND FRIENDS
 SPONSORED BY WALKING WITH PURPOSE, ST. MONICA PARISH
WHEN: THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH - 6:30PM-8:30PM
WHERE: ST MONICA EDUCATION CENTER GYMNASIUM



This event will feature Guest Speaker Deacon John Lozano of St. Norbert Parish and author of *“Becoming a Fervent Disciple: Practical Tools For Developing a Deeper, Daily Relationship with Jesus”*.

The evening will be full of fellowship and fun as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season...featuring an Italian buffet dinner. \$10.00/person to be paid at the door. If you would like to “host” a full table (seating for 10) please let us know in your response, otherwise there will be open seating. Kindly RSVP to walkingwithpurpose@saintmonicachurch.org by November 26th so we have an accurate headcount.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2018

September 2018	\$66,124	44% Electronic	September YTD 2018	\$195,877	47% Electronic
September 2017	\$60,644	49% Electronic	September YTD 2017	\$204,264	47% Electronic
September Budget 2018-2019	\$67,025		September YTD Budget 2018-2019	\$201,188	

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Due to the early publication schedule of the bulletin, current collection numbers are not available.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this week for the Saint Monica Saint Vincent DePaul Fund. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2019 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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How does a soul stay here? The first step is through engagement with the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Catherine writes that, "The first manifestation of My [God's] virtue, that is to say, of My love and charity in the soul, is made through **the Word of My Son**, and shown in **the Blood**, which He spilled with such fire of love." Through Word and Sacrament, God bestows His love upon His sons and daughters.

God does this in two ways. The first way is through normal, day-to-day "touches" of God. These are those wonderful "coincidences" of blessings that we receive where God remains anonymous. God says that these blessings "...are manifested to My people by the many and diverse benefits which they receive from Me."

"The second mode of manifestation, which is developed from the first, is peculiar to those who have become My friends in the way mentioned above." It comes simply through the desire to want to know and love and please God more and more. "They taste, know, prove, and feel it through the affection of their love. For though I am no Acceptor of creatures, I am an Acceptor of holy desires." God is delighted when His children desire Him.

Special spiritual gifts are found in people in this stage. "Sometimes I [God] manifest Myself (and this is also a part of the second manifestation) by endowing men with the spirit of prophecy, showing them the things of the future. This I do in many and diverse ways, according as I see need in the soul herself and in other creatures. Others seek Me in prayer, wishing to know My power, and I satisfy them by causing them to taste and see My virtue. Sometimes the soul seeks Me in the wisdom of My Son, and I satisfy her by placing His wisdom before the eye of her intellect, sometimes in the clemency of the Holy Spirit and then My Goodness causes her to taste the fire of Divine charity, and to conceive the true and royal virtues, which are founded on the pure love of her neighbor."

In closing, what we do in terms of our spiritual life is not as important as simply the desire for God. He knows that we stumble. He knows that we are created "in His image and likeness" yet "walk with clay feet." By simply turning our thoughts, our mind, our imagination to God, the Holy Spirit guides us to that deeper and closer relationship with God.

Charles Flock Jr

MARCH FOR LIFE: SAVE THE DATE



The Church of St. 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 18, 2019 for this important event.

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION



Mark your calendars! Tuesday, November 27, there will be two meeting times - 1:30pm and 7pm in the Hagenbach Room of the Parish Center. Our topic will be *Season of Advent and Preparing for Christmas with our Grandchildren*. We hope you can join us. For

more info, please contact Mary Dressler at 610-688-0614.

HELPING HANDS

Have you participated in "Helping Hands," the meal packing event that the parish has hosted the last few years? On March 10, 2019, we will host our 5th annual event and pack our 248,000th meal for the needy in Burkina Faso! To continue holding this wonderful event in the future, we are looking for one or two people with a charism for Administration who are interested in shadowing in 2019 and coordinating in 2020. At this point, we have the event planning dialed in and it takes minimal time in advance of the event to set up. Is this something you'd be interested in learning more about? Contact Levi Keene at levi.keene@gmail.com or (509) 429-4192. Thanks!

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AND SCHEDULING TO BEGIN

All parishioners in third grade or above are welcome to join the Altar Server Ministry. The schedule for the next few months will soon be going out.

Procedure: First, training for new altar servers will be held in the Church. Date will be announced soon. Second, new servers will then have the opportunity to observe our more experienced servers during the weekend Masses. They will see how servers assist the priest during Mass; guide the assembly when to stand, to sit or kneel; make sure that what is needed for the celebration is brought, carried or moved into place, among other tasks.

Consider serving your parish family by helping everyone to worship and celebrate in the best way possible. For more info please call the rectory at 610-644-0110 or email John Wojcik at jwojcik1@verizon.net.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE



Our parish's annual Advent service activity, *The Giving Tree*, will begin on **SATURDAY November 24**. The Giving Tree tags will be 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 5 agencies who are assisting the needy in our immediate area and the Philadelphia area: the *Great Valley Food Cupboard*, the *Saint Agnes Day Room of West Chester*, *Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County*, the *Community Center of Visitation in Kensington*, and *The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center* in Kensington. Gifts are due on **December 9th**. Gift cards should be placed into the boxes located at the base of the trees. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS**. Thank you in advance for bringing Christ's light to those in need!

SPIRITUAL BOOKS GIVE AWAY

*What Is the Catholic Lectionary?*

A **lectionary** (Latin: Lectionarium) is a book or listing that contains a collection of scripture readings appointed for Catholic worship on a given day or occasion.

The start of a new liturgical year, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, also marks the transition from one lectionary cycle (A, B, or C) to the next. The first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd, marks the start of lectionary cycle C, the Gospel of Luke, for Sunday readings. These cycles are a result of the Second Vatican Council, which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. As a result we now have a three-year cycle of readings built around readings from the three synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. These three Gospels are referred to as Synoptic Gospels because they include many of the same stories, often in the same sequence, and similar wording.

This weekend, books containing information about cycle C readings for the 2018-2019 liturgical year, with accompanying reflections and meditations are available on the book racks.

You, the reader, now have the opportunity to prepare for the Sunday liturgy and to support your Bible reading and prayer time each week during the 2018-2019 liturgical year

Resources: Loyola Press, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

OUTREACH



FEED THE HUNGRY

St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard Monthly Collection is this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? Cash and donations payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are most welcome and can be left in the designated box in the gathering space. Canned goods and donations can be left through Tuesday, November 27 by 8:30am

ST. NORBERT SCHOOL—OPEN HOUSE



Visit St. Norbert Catholic School in Paoli to see all it has to offer for Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade students and their families during our Open House on **Tuesday, November 27th, 6:00-7:30 pm**.

See our classrooms, meet current students and teachers, and find out about our nationally recognized Blue Ribbon academic program. We look forward to meeting you!

Please contact Cathy Link, SNS Advancement Coordinator, at 610-644-1670 or clink@stnorb.org for more information.

CYACC - TOWN HALL

In preparation for events and speakers for 2019, the CYACC Core Team would like to know what you would like to see in our events moving forward! This week, we will be having an interactive fun planning session to discuss topics you would like to learn about, or local speakers you think would be great to have at CYACC events next year. We appreciate your contributions! This Event will be held **Wednesday, November 28, 7:30pm** in the **Church Hall at SS Peter and Paul**. For more information check www.cyacc.org, find us in Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for November 25

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	7:00-9:00 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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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 November 25 – December 2

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Kitty Borzillo Dowds	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Marie Carmel McLaughlin	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Vincent DiAntonio	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Garvey	Cantor	
Monday, 26th	+ Ed Widmann	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 27th	+ Dr. Nicholas Batafarano	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 28th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 29th	+ Gerald and Helen Devlin	Fr. Driesch		
Friday, 30th	+ Sheila Shannon	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 1st	+ Dr. Matthew Stephens	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Tony Alzamora	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Dr. Nicholas Batafarano	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Louis Amici	Fr. Fitzgerald	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, Elaine Flynn, 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, Dan McMonigle, Heather Moore, Dr. Mark Nardone, John Neff, Rob Niederer, Steve Pannella, Apolonia Pepperling, 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: Joanne Rogers at 610-889-0963

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