

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.

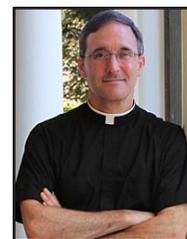
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...



At St. Monica, we are a parish that has been called to "Encounter Christ." The Lord seems to have asked us to do so through His Word, through Liturgy, and through Reaching Out and Helping Others. Over the past 4 years, women from St. Monica and elsewhere have encountered Christ, often in powerful ways, through that encounter with the Word of Christ, especially within the context of Walking With Purpose. More recently, men of St. Monica have begun to experience a similar encounter.

A little over a year ago, St. Monica teamed up with St. Norbert to co-sponsor "That Man is You." TMIY gathers men together in a place where they can honestly address the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a "man fully alive!" (St. Irenaeus).

I wanted to share what some of the men have told me and others about their TMIY experience:

*Getting to know the men at our table has made going to church at STM's more meaningful... My wife and I have many friends in the parish, but the guys are pretty special friends. She's had those special friends through her volunteer activities and WWP.... Now I know what I was missing. Also, hearing examples of other's challenges and their activities for dealing with them adds to the variety of things to consider in my own life.... we tend to model the behaviors what we observe around us. **Bill F.***

*TIMY has given me a sharper focus on the importance of empathy, gratitude and humility and practice them daily to my family, friends and anyone I encounter in daily life. I am learning to be more aware of the depth of my own failings and how much work lies ahead of me in my road trip toward in greater faith in God's love for me. I know the importance of prayer and forgiveness in my life. The more I pray the better my life gets. "Learn to enjoy your journey" and with the fellowship around table 5A I'm learning and enjoying. **Joe S.***

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**OUR PARISH PRAYER
 INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

For all those who do not have shelter from the cold on these long winter days, that our hearts will be open to seek and find a way to help them.

FROM *the* OFFICE of DISCIPLESHIP *and* FORMATION

-the office of-
Discipleship and Formation

Summer Religious Ed
Registration is now
available online!!

St. Monica
Religious Education
Summer Registration!

There will be no Small Groups, Liturgy
of the Word, or Youth Group next
weekend, January 20 & 21!



NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

A MEN'S RETREAT – Not for me! Almost all of us who will be attending this year's retreat at the Malvern Retreat House on February 1-3, had the same thought. The reasons you are thinking about why you cannot attend are the same reasons many of us thought about 5, 10, 15 years ago when we were contemplating our first visit.

A MEN'S RETREAT – Maybe I can do this? It's close by so if I have to leave I can; If I have any questions when I am there, there will be other men from St Monica's close by to ask for assistance; It's sounds low pressure; When was the last time that I truly reflected on my relationship with God?

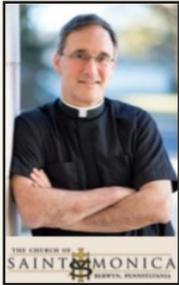
A MEN'S RETREAT – Yes I will attend this year and see if it is for me. Yes, that is how the thought process went for most of us who attend the St

Blaise-Curran Memorial retreat at the Malvern Retreat House, St Joseph's-in-the-Hills.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to Joe Lydon at lydonjoe@comcast.net or 610-731-3605 or go to www.malvernretreat.com. To register go to: www.malvernretreat.com. Click on "View Retreat Calendar", scroll to "Feb 1, St Blaise-Curran Memorial." All rooms are individual but to ensure that St Monica's Men are in the same area type in: "Room near St. Monica's Group in Our Lady's Hall, Joe Lydon Representative" under "Special Requests."

2018 TAX STATEMENTS

Please contact the Rectory Office at 610-644-0110 to request your 2018 End of Year Contribution Statement. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



**A SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL JOURNEY TO
GERMANY & AUSTRIA**
On the Occasion of Father Zlock's 25th Anniversary of Ordination
12-Days: September 8 to 19, 2019
Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Charles Zlock
Saint Monica Parish in Berwyn, Pennsylvania
Group Coordinator: Mrs. Peg Alzamora

Dear Friends,

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of my ordination to priesthood. To celebrate this occasion, I am hosting a pilgrimage to Germany and Austria – places where I worked and lived for five years earlier in life.

I would like to invite YOU to join me on this spiritual and cultural experience from September 8 - 19, 2019.

We will start out around Heidelberg where I worked during my first sojourn to Germany. We will stop over in the romantic city of Rothenberg on the way to Bavaria. On our tour we will visit the alpine village Garmisch, the home of the famous "Passion Play." We will tour several religious sites such as the Monastery in Ettal, the "Silent Night Chapel," the Black Madonna of Altoetting and enjoy the brewery in the Andechs Monastery. We also plan on seeing several castles, enjoy a Heidelberg river boat cruise and travel by cable-car to the Zugspitze - Germany's highest mountain. We will celebrate Mass together daily, plus have time to for great meals and fun together.

For those who are interested, I will be presenting details of the trip twice on Saturday, February 9 at 12:00 noon and again at 6:15 PM (immediately after Mass). For questions, directions or to receive a brochure, you can call the rectory at 610-644-0110 or contact pegalzamora1@verizon.net

I look forward to seeing you there and traveling with you on the blessed journey of faith and fellowship.

Fr. Charles Zlock, Pastor



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 2018

December 2018	\$90,455	36% Electronic	December YTD 2018	\$408,808	48% Electronic
December 2017	\$76,748	43% Electronic	December YTD 2017	\$426,591	48% Electronic
December Budget	2018-2019	\$80,771	December YTD Budget	2018-2019	\$425,536

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 13, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$6,136
Electronic	\$3,959
Total	\$10,095

We have 192 families contributing electronically.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services. 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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That Man Is You provides me with a weekly opportunity to retreat from the chaos of daily life and refocus my energy on the things that truly matter most to me: my faith and my family. As a husband and father of a young family, the stress of raising a Catholic family in today's world is particularly acute. TMIY gives me a forum to discuss my challenges with men that have walked (or are walking) in my shoes, while at the same time giving me an opportunity to offer insights to other men struggling with their own challenges. TMIY builds community amongst its participants at a time when technology and society tend to create greater isolation. TMIY has been extremely impactful in making me a better father and husband. I'm very thankful for TMIY and the men of St. Monica's that are walking life's path with me. **Mike B.**

We are a group of men that put all our cards on the table and trusted each other from the start. Just think of the original group of guys that were not afraid to open up to a group of relative strangers. I believe we showed strength of commitment. **Bob P.**

TMIY has offered many, many stories that touch my soul ... just as it has touched us all. How mighty of God to lead a group of men, some known to others already but many unknown to each other, to find themselves together. At some point I saw a saying, "No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, show up and never give up." That seemed like a good saying to live by. I look forward to each Thursday morning with our group, 5A. But when Thursday morning arrives, at 4:55 AM, it doesn't seem like a good idea to get out of bed. Still, I know that God is calling me. It is such a gift to discuss all that we have discussed, to lean on each other and to be able to pray for each other. **Hal P.**

I find TMIY very thought provoking, offering great detailed information in each video, providing wonderful comradery and friendship building and very inspirational [Although, every now and then, a little deep for 6AM:]] Thanks for leading this program, it is truly inspirational. **Bob S**

Just what did the Lord have in store for me? As it turned out, a group of Saint Monica men of all ages, assembled with those of other parishes at Saint Norbert to discover a program that would bring us closer in marriage and family life, new friendships, and more importantly closer to Jesus. From the start, we were able to discuss the issues we felt affected our lives. The group had the ears of wisdom, listening intently, commenting often, and mostly helping each of us understand that we were not alone. TMIY has helped me sort through my life to develop an increased understanding of marriage, family, and friendship. **Bill S.**

I am humbled and grateful for the men in our group and the TMIY program. We have been meeting since Sept. 2017 and each meeting we witness the Spirit of God moving in us. There is very little opportunity for men to have this experience. Many of you have told me how special Thursday 6 am is to you and how it has been changing your life, your relationships with your spouse, children, how you conduct yourselves....it's been pretty amazing. We are inspired by the stories at our table and it lifts us up knowing that others have been in the same place and have the same needs and have like prodigal sons come back to the Father. **Tom M.**

My two cents would be that I was looking for a way to connect more with Christ and the church, but nothing really seemed like a good fit. I would volunteer for the one off programs like meal packing, but there was nothing consistent that I found myself driven to. When TMIY was announced I was curious if it was the connection I was looking for. Not only has the program filled a void for me spiritually, it has given me great personal and spiritual connections with fellow Catholic men, excellent insight into life and the trials thereof, and has led to an overall improvement in my own family life and marriage that I did not even realize I needed until it was there. **Jeff T.**

Around Christmastime, I personally met with a select group of TMIY men from St. Monica and other local parishes. I recall conversations that I had with WWP women who gained so much from that "encounter with the Word." They would constantly ask, "What about the men, Father? I'm worried about my husband, brother, son.... They're such great guys but it's not easy for them. They're having a tough time. Isn't there anything for them?" Those women have been praying for "their guys" for over three years. It seems as if the Lord is beginning to answer those prayers. You will see more about TMIY in our parish bulletin and website. If interested, please contact Tom McGurk at tlmcgurk@aol.com.

A final point and full disclosure. I have not attended TMIY on a regular basis. It is scheduled at a day/time that I have trouble syncing with my schedule. I have committed to the TMIY men that I will be discussing with them how I can become more engaged with TMIY in 2019. I am very cognizant of my need for that men's community and that "Encounter With The Word" as well. I have a men's Gospel Reflection Group that meets every Saturday at 7:00 AM at Starbucks in the Gateway Shopping Center. I'm there almost every week. I would invite any man interested in some kind of connection with a tremendous group of guys to check out either one of these.

Charles Flock Jr

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

The St. Monica's Holy Name Society and Men's Club is proud to announce our 22nd consecutive edition of Team Trivia Night for the parish community. TTN will be held on **Saturday March 9th**. Registration forms will be in the February 9/10 weekend bulletin. As in past years (last year 376 players), this event has sold out quickly, so ... get your team of 8 ready for what promises to be another great weekend as we are the 1st half of a most active weekend. Helping Hands will be held the following day - Sunday the 10th. Team Trivia questions, contact Mark DiLucca at mjddorset@gmail.com. For Helping Hands question, contact Levi Keene at levi.keene@gmail.com. Thanks everyone!

THAT MAN IS YOU!



Are you seeking? Do you want to join a group of men who are doing just that ... **and are finding**. Join a group of men from Saint Monica, for a new term of TMIY starting Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Saint Norbert, weekly at 6am. For more information contact Tom McGurk at 610-722-9384 or email tmcgurk505@gmail.com. Welcome!



SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S SOCIETY

"BINGO" - Sunday, January 27, 2019
7:30 - 9:30 pm in the cafeteria

Men and women are invited - must be 21 years of age. Games will be played, laughs will be shared, and prizes will be awarded. Please consider joining us for a guaranteed enjoyable evening!

Tickets are \$30.00 per person for 10 games of bingo, prizes, refreshments and fun! No need to bring dabbers or markers! We will supply the materials.



For planning purposes, please RSVP to Sandie Concannon at 610-647-1068, Diane Claffey at DianeAClaffey@verizon.net, or Chris Renzi at crenzi07@yahoo.com.

OUTREACH



FEED THE HUNGRY

The Hungry Thank You for your **Generous** and **Overwhelming** support of the Saint Gabriel's Food Cupboard in 2018 by the contribution of 347 bags of food and \$12,722 in donations. This does not include the wonderful donation during the Thanksgiving food drive. Sister Arleen McCann, IHM sends grateful thanks to our parish community for our helpful and continuing support. Many thanks to the Driscoll and Panaro families for their assistance in delivering the food. Thanks also to Joan Stillwell and her 8:30 a.m. Mass helpers who load the donations each month

Food for the Cupboard is delivered on the last Tuesday of the month. This month's drive will be held after all masses next weekend and through 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29. Checks payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Room.

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Please join us for our January Catholic Grandparents Association meeting on Tuesday, January 22. Meeting times are 1:30pm and 7:00pm in the Parish Center, Hagenbach Room. We will discuss our Family Tree and Adopt a Grandchild program. We hope you can join us. More info contact Mary Dressler 610-688-0614.



MASS BOOK OPENING - 2020

The 2020 Mass Book for 2020 is now open. Please come to the rectory office for all of your requests.

Please Note:
There will be no Confessions on
Monday, January 21

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 20

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm 6:30-7:30 pm 7:15-7:45 pm	Rectory Closed Adoration No Confession Parish Rosary	Church Church Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am 1:30 and 7:00 pm	Confession Grandparents Association	Church Hagenbach Rm
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	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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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 January 20 – January 27

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Florence Garzarella	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services</i>
7:30 am	+ Michael and Mary Buckley	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Dr. Edward Chermol	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 21st	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 22nd	+ Francine Lane	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 23rd	Communion Service			
Thursday, 24th	+ Ed Widmann	Fr. Novielli		
Friday, 25th	+ Teresa Duddy	Fr. Serano		
Saturday, 26th	+ Steven Lobb	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Dorothy Hurst	Fr. R. Rossi	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Donald Vogelgesang	Fr. Fitzgerald	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ James J. McElderry	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	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, Judy Fittipoldi, Elaine Flynn, Hugh Gannon, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, Natalie Innella, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izz, 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, Joe Zielinski

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Margarita "Margie" Elloso, Mother of Merle Elloso

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

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

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