



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.



The Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Over the past few weeks, we have been taking a look at a small booklet named "Acceptance" by Vincent P. Collins who offers a reflection on the "Serenity Prayer." Last week we looked at dealing with difficult people. This week let's examine how we can begin to move from confusion and chaos to calm and composure.

Collins writes:

Circumstances are people and things. Solving problems really means getting people and things the way we want them. Sometimes we can do it. More often we can't. Make everybody including ourselves more miserable and add to our difficulties without solving them? Shall we be like Job and "curse God and die?" (Job 2:9) No. If you can't beat em, join em! If you can't solve your problems, learn to live with them and in spite of them.

Now I can hear some of you saying, "Oh sure, sure; just like that! Easy to say, but its another thing to do it! Just how do I go about doing that?" If you are desperate enough, you'll try anything. So try something that works-try acceptance!

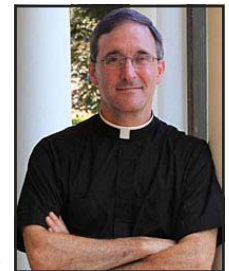
Now, understand that another word for "acceptance" is "surrender" or "letting go." It's not quitting – it's giving God permission to handle the situation *for you*. It is the only real source of tranquility, serenity and peace. Surrender is a biblical concept found in the New Testament (I Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 2:12-16) and the Old Testament (Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 9:10). Rick Warren of *Purpose Driven Life* wrote about surrender in one of his blogs.

These can be acquired if you have an urgent desire to help yourself and are willing to ask God to help you.

Here is where the Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr comes in so powerfully:

*God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can; and Wisdom to know the difference.*

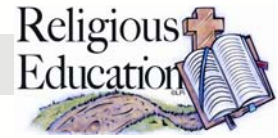
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OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

Let us pray for the children who are preparing to receive First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation here at Saint Monica Parish. May our Afternoon of Reflection this Sunday instill in the parents of our First Penance candidates God's overflowing mercy. May these parents, in turn, share that message of forgiveness and joy with their children. We also pray for the success of next week's Sacrament Saturday. Jesus, bring the fire of your love to each child and each parent. Help them to joyfully anticipate the graces that will be given to them in the sacraments. We ask for all these gifts through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please see the Sacrament Spotlight announcements in this bulletin. The Religious Education Program is in session on November 1-2, November 8-9, November 15-16, and November 23-24 of this month.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

The Liturgy of the Word with Children Program (LOW) is held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Registration for this Sunday church program is underway for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. This cost-free program is specially designed to give the younger children of our parish a better understanding and

appreciation for Scripture through age appropriate adaptations of the Readings, Gospel, and homily. Information and registration forms can be found in the "Crying Room" and the Gathering Room of the church. The LOW leaders have obtained the required clearances, mandated by both the state of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more information about the program, please contact Mary Pizzano. mpizzano@saintmonicachurch.org or 610.647.4757.

FAMILY *and* YOUTH MINISTRY



FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP *and* MUSIC



JOIN US THIS COMING MONDAY EVENING!

Limited tickets will be available at the door!
Consider purchasing ahead online through
Noon on Monday!

MUSIC AT MONICA'S PRESENTS...

"the world's reigning male chorus!" - *the New Yorker*

CHANTICLEER

An Orchestra of Voices

Monday, 2 November at 7:30 pm

Tickets available at:

WWW.SAINTMONICACHURCH.ORG

Watch this space for future announcements...

New Catechetical Initiatives Coming Soon

Oramus
Innovative Program on "Prayer"
Called & Gifted II
Discerning God's Call for You



Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation of Saint Monica Parish

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 ALWAYS BE A
PLACE OF MERCY
 AND **HOPE**, WHERE
 EVERYONE IS WELCOMED,
LOVED AND FORGIVEN . . .

- Pope Francis

Coming Activities

Living the Holy Year of Mercy

Sponsored by the Saint Monica Respect Life Ministry

- Adopt a Family: Spiritually and / or Financially
- Support the Diaper and Formula Drive in February, 2016
- Prepare a Celebration Supper for Moms in March, 2016
- Renovate space at on a Saturday in late Spring, 2016
- Witness Talk in January, 2016
- Rachel's Vineyard Retreats
- March for Life in Washington, D.C.:
 Friday, January 22, 2016

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2015

September 2015	\$67,258	44% Electronic	September YTD 2015	\$209,548	45% Electronic
September 2014	\$68,502	38% Electronic	September YTD 2014	\$214,520	42% Electronic
September Budget 2015-16	\$70,603		September YTD Budget 2015-16	\$217,061	

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 24, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$8,319
Electronic	\$6,498
Total	\$14,817

We have 167 families contributing electronically.

POOR BOXES

The monies collected from the poor boxes during the Month of October were for the benefit of Respect Life Ministry. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2015 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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Ask God to give you the ability to take people and things as they are if you cannot change them. Only God is powerful enough to control all, and he seems to prefer to make things come out right without necessarily changing them.

Collins suggest the following:

Face up to the problem that is driving you wild. Say, "Is there anything I can do about it right now, today? If there is, do it – do it now! If there is nothing you can do about it today, accept it and forget it. You don't get over a twenty foot wall by banging your head against it- you just get a headache. If you sit down in the shade of the wall and say, Maybe I'm better off on this side, after all, you may be sure that God will make things turn out better for you and for everyone else. This ability of His to make things work out for the best is known as Divine Providence, or The Kindness of God."

Next we close our reflection looking at "The Kindness of God."

Charles Flock Jr

MASS of REMEMBRANCE - TODAY



Today, Sunday, November 1st at the 11:30 Mass, the Parish of Saint Monica will be remembering those whose funerals were celebrated here since November 1, 2014.

The Bereavement Ministry has placed a *Book of Remembrance* at the rear of the church. Those recently deceased have been entered and we invite parishioners to add their own deceased family and friends' names. The Book will remain at Saint Joseph's altar throughout the month of November.

RETREAT WORKSHOP FOR COUPLES

Living in Love **NOVEMBER 14-15**
Discover what makes your husband or wife feel "in love" and enjoy a refreshingly positive proactive approach to put the fun and delight into marriage for the sake of the whole church. Do your part to fill our parish with **joyful marriages** because our children deserve to see marriages that are worth waiting for!

For more information or to register on line visit www.livinginlove.org or call 610-640-4105. Parish representatives Kathy and Dave Phelan 610-902-0654.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

CALLED BY NAME

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has encouraged all parishes to participate in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocation awareness that begins this weekend. This program offers us an opportunity to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood.

Perhaps you know a single man (16 years or older) who would, in your opinion, have qualities to become a priest. Please visit www.HeedTheCall.org and find out what you can do to recommend someone for a vocation, or to find out more if you yourself have been CALLED BY NAME.

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 22, 2016**, for this important event. At this time we are also seeking financial sponsors to defray transportation costs for the trip. For more info, please contact Maurita Buhsmer at jbuhsmer1@verizon.net.

Get plugged into our parish!



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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT SPOTLIGHT



The parents of our First Penance candidates are reminded of the **“Afternoon of Reflection”** which is scheduled **Today, Sunday, November 1** in the Saint Monica Education Center at 12:30 PM. The afternoon will include discussions on the topic of forgiveness and practical tips on how to prepare your child to receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. The afternoon is intended for parents only.

Sacrament Saturday I is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, for each previously registered First Communion and Confirmation candidate and a parent from 2:30 to 4:45 PM in the Education Center. **Please note the change in start time.**

easy! **November 1:** before 9:30 and 11:30am Masses; **November 7:** before the 5:00pm Mass; **November 8:** before the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. Your donation can also be dropped off in the Gathering Room of Church between October 31 and November 11. We thank you in advance for your support of this important food drive.

SAINT MONICA WOMENS SOCIETY

OPEN HEARTS



OPEN DOORS

NEW FOR 2015

CREATE YOUR OWN HOLIDAY BOXWOOD TREE


No crafty experience necessary, just a desire to join the women of Saint Monica in a night of fun and fellowship while creating a beautiful Holiday Boxwood Tree.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd
7:00 PM**

Education Center Cafeteria

Cost per tree, approximately \$25.

Any questions, please reach out to Women’s Society Co-Chairs, Nancy Lafferty & Betsy Coyle at smswomenssociety@gmail.com



A 2015 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 3, 9- 11 am

Learn more about our faith-based community dedicated to the education of all students from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade in a Christ-centered atmosphere. Tours of the school and classroom visits will be offered. Staff, students, and parents will be on hand to answer your questions and share their experiences.

For more information, contact Cathy Link, Advancement Coordinator, at 610.644.1670 or clink@stnorbert.org for more information.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION



Our Parish's annual Thanksgiving Bag Collection which benefits Saint Gabriel Food Cupboard in Philadelphia, has begun. Empty paper bags are available at all exits of the church. Please take a bag and fill it with the items noted on the "checklist" found inside the bag. **All donations must be returned by November 11th.** Questions? Contact Karen Peterson by calling 484.614.7669.

NEW! Volunteers will be available to unload your Thanksgiving food donation at the base of the “Old School” stairs adjacent to the church. Just pull your car up across the parking spaces at the base of the stairs on the following dates and times. It’s that

IHM DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13-15, 6PM - SUNDAY 1PM
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. For more information, please contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for November 1

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	11:30 am 12:30-2:30 pm	Mass of Remembrance Aftemoon of Reflection	Church Cafeteria
Monday	9:00am-4:30pm 7:30 pm	Adoration Music at Monica’s Presents “Chanticleer”	Church Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:30 pm	RCIA	Youth Room
Wednesday	7:00-9:00 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	7:00-8:30 pm	Walking with Purpose	Cafeteria
Friday	9:15-10:30 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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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 November 1 — November 8

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm Vigil	+ Danny McCormick	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Collection Month for Saint Charles Seminary</i>
7:30 am	+ Pat DeHaven	Fr. Avicolti	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Tom McGee	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	Deceased Members of	Fr. Zlock	Parish Choir	
Monday, 2nd	+ Deceased Members of the	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 3rd	+ Claye Carroll	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 4th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 5th	+ Joseph and Ann Gallagher	Fr. Jaehwa		
Friday, 6th	+ Deceased Members of Legion	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 7th	+ Richard Dressler	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ David A. Williams, Jr.	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Deceased Members of the	Fr. Cortese	Parish Choir	
11:30 am	+ Joseph DiOrio	Fr. Cortese	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Margaret Annechini, Jack Barausky, Mary Alice Boyd, Michael Byrne, Mary Byrnes, Lina Cappelli, Lilly Ciocca, Leonard D'Andrea, William Dahlman, Jim DiAntonio, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, CJ Fazzini, Yolanda Fazzini, Bernadette Giodorna, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Dan Maguire, Louise Merlino, David Mikowychok, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Josephine Pogorzelski, Rita Reilly, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Bob Schubert, Gary Smith, Joseph and Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

*James Gormely, Husband of Mary Ann
Anna Coxie; Valentine Rubbo*

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

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

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