

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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610.647.4757

**Parish Website**

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**Twitter & Instagram**

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**Parish Leadership**

financecouncil@  
[saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:saintmonicachurch.org)

**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.

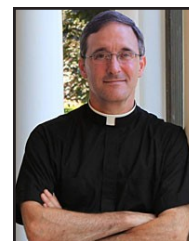
Anytime by appointment.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

**FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...**

A question that I hear very often, especially from grandparents is, "Father what can I do to encourage my children/grandchildren to go to Mass?" It's a good question. I ask similar questions about parishioners all of the time. You've heard me speak about it.




There is no easy answer. We are long past ethnic Catholic parishes having an impact on the spiritual practices of younger people. Catholic schools have statistically been a disaster. Religious Education/PREP/CCD is far worse. But before we can address the solution, we need to understand what, or rather who, we are dealing with.

Katherine Rowell Coolidge does spiritual interviews with people. Her first goal is to help people determine whether they think it is even possible to have a relationship with "any" transcendent being. Many, including 30% - 40% of Catholics, believe it is not. Only after that foundation has been established, does she go on to discuss what "their god" looks like.

I read an article that she wrote with one of her colleagues. They said that, "One of the most illuminating things about the hour-long conversations they have had is that nearly all of the now heavily committed practicing Catholic or full-time staff they spoke to started life as a cross between an agnostic and a deist." They were raised as baptized Catholic semi-agnostics-Deists or true "Nones" (a "none" is a person who, when asked on a questionnaire what their religious affiliation is, writes, "none").

They were raised in cradle Catholic families. They had received the sacraments - at least through First Holy Communion - if not Confirmation. They usually attended Mass on the great feast days or at weddings, funerals, etc. However, their parents did not practice, Faith and God were never talked about at home, and they never saw their parents pray. But those same parents still sent their children through sacramental prep.

They claimed the name "Catholic." However, when they were asked about their experience or understanding of God when they were children, (Continued on Page 4)



**OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK**

*May many people go to confession and thank God for allowing us to have this sacrament so available to us several times each week.*


-the office of-

*Discipleship and Formation*

SMALL GROUP, LITURGY OF THE  
WORD, AND YOUTH GROUP ARE  
ALL BACK THIS SUNDAY!!!!

EDGE (7&8 GRADE): 4-6:30PM  
LIFETEEN (9-12 GRADE): 2-3:30PM

DEADLINE  
FOR  
SUMMER  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
REGISTRATION  
IS  
MARCH 1ST!!



## NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Monica is considering a new position in the parish. We're looking for someone who wants to use his or her marketing/communications skills to impact the local – and wider - St. Monica community for the Gospel. The role will require a firm understanding of our parish Mission and Vision and how the position supports that Mission and Vision.

We've estimated 12 - 15 hours/week. Tasks would include managing the website, Facebook account, composing and sending out weekly news briefings via FlockNote, handling the scheduling software for the various ministries (altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.). We're also looking for this person to help inform strategic decisions concerning social media/communications needs and opportunities, as well as to help provide or coordinate training opportunities for staff and volunteer team members.

If interested, please contact [parishoffice@saintmonicachurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintmonicachurch.org).

### SACRISTAN MINISTRY

Over the past several years, St. Monica has been blessed with fine sacristans, such as Megan and Sara Woods and Dean Theodos who have prepared the church for the Eucharistic celebration. This is such an important ministry. It enables people to "Encounter Jesus Christ Through Liturgy." The person ministers to the priest so that he can focus on being the best celebrant he can be and prayerfully be ready for his homily. It is also a key go-to person in cases of emergency.

Education, job and family commitments have intervened so that the "sacristy bench" will unfortunately soon be empty. Thus I am asking if any men or women, younger or older might feel the Lord calling them to assist me and serve God's people. It is a paid position and my hope is that several might answer the call so that the commitment for any one person would not be onerous.

Pray about it. Discern. Let me know.

*Fv. Flock*

# Registration is Open!

## Time is Running Out ... Space is Limited!!

**5th Annual**  
**HELPING HANDS**

**LEND A HAND**  
packing meals for those in need  
*a fun volunteering opportunity for all ages*

**EVENT INFORMATION**

**What:** Packing 60,000 meals for hungry children, women and men in Burkina Faso

**When:** Sunday, March 10th 2-4:30pm, Check-in at 1:30pm

**Where:** St. Monica Parish Center, 601 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312

**How:** Please RSVP at [CYACC.org/hands](http://CYACC.org/hands)

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for JANUARY 2019

January 2019	\$66,210	51% Electronic	January YTD 2019	\$475,018	48% Electronic
January 2018	\$84,381	45% Electronic	January YTD 2018	\$510,972	47% Electronic
January Budget	2018-2019	\$75,356	January YTD Budget	2018-2019	\$500,892

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

##### Sunday, February 10, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$7,496
Electronic	\$3,204
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,700</b>

*We have 186 families contributing electronically.*

#### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second collection this weekend 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](http://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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they believed in God, but when they were asked “can you describe the God you believed in?” it immediately became clear that it was not the God of Scripture or the Church's teaching. They were asked, “Why go to Mass?” Answer was often, “Because it was the ‘rules.’ It was just what you did.” It was not clear that they were even at the threshold of genuine trust that there was a transcendent, much less personal, god. It was just what “Catholics” did.

God was a distant, mysterious, quasi-impersonal watchmaker-God for some. He creates the world, he winds it up to get it going. Then he pulls away and lets the world go on about it's business. These interviewers found it really surprising that at least two of these cradle Catholics understood “God” as a creator/protector who was separate from and quite distant from Jesus. This got their attention because they had heard half a dozen Catholics tell them stories lately of understanding “God” to be distant from and definitely “other” than Jesus.

Jesus was even more mysterious than God. Jesus was a man who was closely connected with God somehow, had done good things, and should be honored and respected, but why He had done those things and how what Jesus had done affected us was very unclear. What sacramental prep they received had not made much of an impression. Another (a millennial) described Jesus as the “face of God” - whom he referred to most frequently as “a mystery.”

Only one cradle Catholic (now a priest) came from a practicing family, who had always attended Mass and had felt the love of God as a child. He had, by the age of 17, realized that Jesus was God and that what He did was “for” us - but how and why that was so was not even clear to him.

Why do I tell you this? Because these are your family members, children, parents, friends, colleagues, non-practicing Catholic neighbors. Why don't they attend Mass? Now do you have an idea why? If we are going to have any chance of a conversation about God, religion, Jesus (much less sacraments, church, religious life, Ordination...), we are going to have to shift the way we perceive them and how we will approach our conversations with them. What hit the interviewers was that nearly all of these people - even the parish-connected, marginally-practicing Catholics *(continued)*

### FROM *the* PASTOR'S DESK ...

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would require what amounted to “far” evangelization rather than “near” evangelization.

Some were now disciples - prayerful, dedicated to daily prayer and regular reading of the Bible, committed to the church and parish mission. A few were apostles - people who are looking to go out and train others to be disciples. Some were still on the journey. A few had had extremely dramatic experiences of God's presence and deliverance but the majority had not. Several reported first significant spiritual turning points in their late 20's/early 30's. For all of them, it had been an unexpected, journey that took a long time - sometimes decades.

The interviewers were struck by how far the majority had had to travel along their faith journey - whether they were baptized or not. Most were younger boomers and older Gen Xers, but they sounded like millennials in terms of their spiritual journey. If you want to have a fascinating conversation, approach Jason Carter or Meghan Nulty (St. Monica Office of Discipleship and Formation). Ask them to tell you about the conversations they are having with our young people AND the conversations they are having with their parents. You'll find it fascinating.

The first take-away from those two interviewers? The majority of the Catholics linked to our parishes - especially those families drawn back to the parish for the sacramental initiation of their children - need to be approached like de facto “Nones.” Sacramental prep is really the first outpost of “far” evangelization in our generation.

Next week, I'll go further into this analysis and offer some personal stories of people who have walked this journey.

*Charles Flock Jr*

### OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP - WORKSHOP

At the request of the Archdiocese, St. Norbert Parish will host a Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors on **Wednesday, March 17 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the Main Church. This workshop is required for all new ministers, as well as for current ministers who have not attended a workshop in over 3 years. This is the only remaining workshop currently offered outside the Philadelphia Basilica location in 2019. To register, please email [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).

## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUTREACH



#### FEED THE HUNGRY

**The Hungry Need You** to help them by contributing canned goods or donations for the monthly Food Cupboard Drive for Saint Gabriel's parish in South Philadelphia. The drive will be held after all masses this weekend and through 8:30 am on Tuesday, February 26. All non-perishable items are welcome. Canned tuna, chicken, chili, peanut butter, grape jelly and pasta sauce are much needed. Checks payable to St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard are appreciated and can be placed in the designated box.

### CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOC. MEETING



Mark your calendars! Please join us on Tuesday, February 26, in the Father Hagenbach Room. For your convenience, there are two different meeting times, one beginning at 1:30 pm and the second beginning at 7:00 pm. The topic - *Season of Lent and preparing for Holy Week and Easter with our Grandchildren*. We hope you can join us.

Questions? Contact Mary Dressler at 610-688-0614.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES



Are you or someone you love suffering heartbreak after abortion? **Rachel's Vineyards Ministries** offers a beautiful opportunity to experience hope, healing and God's merciful love. Consider attending their next local retreat on **March 22-24** at Immaculata Spirituality Center in Malvern. Call Priscilla at 215-906-6337 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) to register. Information about other retreat dates and locations is also available on the website. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial assistance is available.

### UN AND UNDEREMPLOYED OUTREACH

Joseph's People is a non-denominational outreach ministry for the under and unemployed. We suspended the Main Line chapter of this ministry several years ago for lack of need, however as Fr. Zlock has mentioned, there are numerous people in the parish who are seeking employment or improved employment and we can restart the ministry if there is interest. This is not limited to Saint Monica parish. All are welcome. Please call or email Bob Schubert at 610-755-2398 or [BobSchubertJr@aim.com](mailto:BobSchubertJr@aim.com) to express interest or volunteer to support this ministry.



**The Alpha Course** is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, where guests have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed setting. At each session, people enjoy a simple meal, laughter and learning about the person and teachings of Jesus in a fun and non-threatening atmosphere where no question about life or God is too simple or too hostile. Alpha is for anyone: all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. Everyone is welcome.

**Registration is open at [www.saintmonicachurch.org](http://www.saintmonicachurch.org)!**

#### DISCOVER - Each Sunday

- February 24: Is There More to Life Than This?
- March 3: Who is Jesus?
- March 10: Why Did Jesus Die?
- March 17: How Can I Have Faith?
- March 24: Why and How Should I Pray?
- March 31: Why and How Should I Read The Bible?
- April 7: How Does God Guide Us?
- April 14: How Can I Resist Evil?
- April 28: Why and How Should I Tell Others?
- May 5: Does God Heal Today?
- May 19: What About The Church?

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 1:00 - Informal Meal;
- 1:25 - Welcoming and Announcements
- 1:30 - Video Presentation on Current Topic
- 2:00 - Small-Group Discussion.
- 2:30 - Session Ends.

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for February 24

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	9:00 am-4:30 pm	<b>Adoration</b>	Church
	6:30-7:30 pm	<b>Confession</b>	Church
	7:15-7:45 pm	Parish Rosary	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
Thursday	7:00-9:00 pm	<b>Walking With Purpose</b>	Parish Center
Friday	9:15-10:45 am	Legion of Mary	Rectory
Saturday	4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	Church

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**Facebook**  
The Church of Saint Monica, Berwyn



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**Instagram**  
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## FATHER ZLOCK



**Website**  
Frzlock.com



**Facebook**  
Fr. Charlie Zlock



**Twitter**  
@FrZlock

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge: Middle School Youth Group  
Lifeteen: High School Youth Group



**Facebook**  
CSMEge  
CSMLifeteen



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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](mailto: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 February 24 – March 3

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+ Bill DeSanto	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Second Collection: St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Fund</i>
7:30 am	+ Joseph Santoleri, Sr.	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	Fran Leiden	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 25th	+ Joseph Patrick Corcoran	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 26th	Joan and Wally Rutecki	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 27th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 28th	+ Kevin Ansley	Abbot Antonucci		
Friday, 1st	Catherine Rutecki	Norbertine		
Saturday, 2nd	+ Richard Dressler	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Louis DeLuca	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Joseph Santoleri, Sr.	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Erin Cain	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

## THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Matt Baker, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Ann Curvan, James DiAntonio, Gavin Duffy, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Ria Filippelli, Judy Fittipoldi, 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, 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

*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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Robert Carden  
Kevin Concannon  
Richard Deak  
Kathryn Leib  
Jack Martin  
Michael Vadner  
Alex Weaver  
Kolbe Wolfe

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

**Reverend Charles Zlock**, M.Div., M.A., M.B.I.S., *Pastor*  
**Reverend Allan Fitzgerald**, O.S.A., Ph.D., *Pastoral Assistance*  
**The Norbertines of Daylesford Abbey**, *Pastoral Assistance*  
**Jason Carter**, *Director of Discipleship & Formation*  
**Meghan Nulty**, *Associate Director of Discipleship & Formation*  
**Diane Kirsch Pealer**, *Program Coordinator for Discipleship & Formation*  
**Theresa Carey**, *Business Manager*  
**Catherine H. Levine**, *Parish Administrative Assistant*  
**Elizabeth P. Tenaglio**, *Cemetery Administration*  
**Vincent Gutierrez**, *Director of Facilities Management*