



THE PARISH of SAINT MONICA

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on Earth peace,
goodwill towards men*
LUKE 2:14

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.

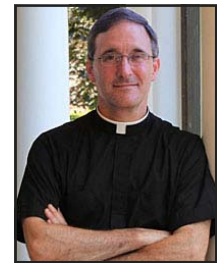


The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...

We recently completed renovations/repairs/reconfigurations to our Saint Monica Church building. Now that we are well on the way to stewarding our facilities, we can begin to turn to other aspects of the parish. Over the past few weeks, I have been outlining my ideas on answering critical questions concerning the future of Saint Monica Parish such as: "Why are we here? What would you have us do, Lord? What would Jesus want the Parish of Saint Monica to look like in 5 years?" Last week I started with the first two – and probably the most critical - steps: **Prayer and Engagement With The Bible**. This week we look at the next two steps.



Third Step: Build The Foundation. When I first arrived three years ago, Saint Monica was in a challenging, yet certainly not a unique position. Saint Monica was a parish of "lights" and "shadows" with positive gifts, talents, resources as well as a history and culture about which it could be proud. Nevertheless, church facilities desperately needed updating – to the tune of close to \$1.8 million. The incredible generosity of parishioners raised the necessary funding. Over the past two months we completed a \$675,000 renovation/repair/reconfiguration of the church building which included new lighting, a new sound system, a new organ, a reconfigured choir area, new heating equipment, a new air conditioning system and a more flexible church configuration allowing us the ability to enhance the worship experience at Saint Monica. Future renovations/repairs/reconfigurations are planned as finances become available from last year's Master Plan Financial Campaign. This has moved us from being "behind the 8-ball" to having a church and facilities and a 5-year Master Plan, which puts us ahead of the curve and establishes a foundation to more easily integrate technology and resources to enhance various aspects of parish life in the future.

Fourth Step: Measure Spiritual Health of Parish. Is Saint Monica a spiritually healthy parish? How can we determine that? We measure it. There are a number of instruments that have been developed over the past decade to allow churches to see how well they are fulfilling the "Great Commandment" and "Great Commissioning." For example, *(Continued on Page 4)*



THE NATIVITY of the LORD

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

- from the Gospel of Saint Luke

FROM *the* OFFICE of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May your hearts be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus.

The Religious Education Program catechists, Diane Pealer, and Mary Pizzano wish you God's peace and abundant blessings on Christmas Day and throughout the Christmas season.



FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY



Steubenville Youth Conference

June 16-18 2017

Open to graduating 8th-12th Students

Cost-\$350

(\$199 deposit to secure your spot)

Scholarship money available if needed
Limited spots available, 1st come 1st served

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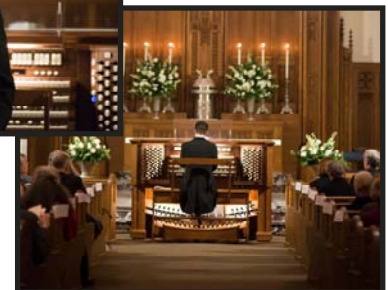
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FROM *the* OFFICE of WORSHIP and MUSIC

CHRISTMAS 2016

The Parish Choir has had a busy year preparing for the fall season, Advent and Christmas. With that, the group is very excited to be accompanied by our new Cornel Zimmer Organ, installed during the months of October and November and Blessed and Dedicated on December 9th. The instrument was specially designed for congregational singing, accompanying the choir and the liturgy, and lastly to play concert repertoire. Thank you again to our very generous donors who made this instrument possible. Enjoy its majestic sounds! *A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to All from the Music Ministry.*



Come join us for a day of fun and friendly competition in honor of Dominic!

DOMINIC L. COYLE MEMORIAL 3 V 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, December 29, 2016

Saint Monica Parish Center Gym

First Tip Off at 8AM – Games run throughout the day!

**All Proceeds Will Benefit the
Archbishop Carroll Dominic L. Coyle Memorial Fund**

*For Registration Form, Additional Details, Tournament Logistics,
Official Rules & More, please visit: www.saintmonicachurch.org*

*For baked goods and cafe donations
Please contact Sandie Concannon at
610-647-1068*

*Please register as soon as possible so that
game schedules can be created.*



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS *for* NOVEMBER 2016

November 2016	\$65,214	43% Electronic	November YTD 2016	\$327,246	46% Electronic
November 2015	\$74,566	42% Electronic	November YTD 2015	\$356,562	44% Electronic
November Budget	2016-17	\$71,423	November YTD Budget	2016-17	\$346,562

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to the early submission of this edition of the Parish Bulletin, the recent Sunday Collection is not available at this time.

POOR BOXES

The monies collected from the Poor Boxes during the month of December will be for the benefit of the AIDS Ministry - Calcutta House. God bless you for your continued generosity.

The Fiscal Year 2016 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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Catholic Leadership Institute has developed their "Disciple Maker Index" which has been successfully tested at dioceses and archdioceses across the United States. The Gallop Company has offered the "ME 25" or "Faith Member Engagement Survey" to Catholic parishes for the past ten years. Willow Creek Church in Illinois started such studies in a significant way in 2003 which eventually led to the development of their "Spiritual Vitality Index" and the publication of two books covering the results entitled, *Reveal* and *Move*. We will choose one and roll it out in the beginning of 2017 to measure the spiritual vitality of the parish to see how Saint Monica is doing in terms of its "spiritual health."

Fifth Step: Intentionally Determine The Call of Individual Parishioners. Having examined the spiritual health and vitality of the *parish as a whole*, we then turn to the spiritual vitality and health of *individual parishioners*.

Christians need to understand that they were born on purpose – for a purpose. How do you know what your purpose is? Start by asking yourself the questions: "What am I good at? What do I enjoy doing? What is it that I do that seems to have a positive impact on events and people around me?" God gave you gifts and talents. He also gave you them for a reason. God probably wants you to use them for the benefit of His children around you and His greater glory.

To assist in this process, two years ago, parishioners were invited to enter into a more "intentional" relationship with Jesus Christ by investigating the idea of "discipleship" utilizing a *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* from the Catherine of Siena Institute. This helped to first determine each person's unique "charisms." Next, 6-months of committed and intense prayer and discussion within a small-group community allowed people to discern how the Lord was leading them as individual followers of Christ and what their "call" might be.

What is your call and how do your gifts tie into that call? (Confer the Parish Vision: "*Called By Name – Gifted By God – Committed to Prayer*"). We have already begun, but we need to do this on a wider scale.

One final note of caution. This process can sometimes lead to some friction when couples enter into this process together. One person might "seem" to be further along in their spirituality or relationship with God. The other person can feel intimidated, insecure or threatened by this process. Being Catholic means being in relationship – with Christ and with others. (continued)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

(Continued)

Within human associations, relationships change. They grow and develop as people grow and develop. They also grow, change and develop in different spheres of the human person (physical, intellectual, emotional, artistic, relational, financial). It is perfectly normal – and it is to be expected – that people will be in different places in relation to another person. The same is true in spiritual relationships with Jesus Christ. As Pope John Paul II said, "Be not afraid! Put out into the deep water." God knows who you are, where you are and what you need. His timing is also perfect. Allow the Lord to minister to you exactly and precisely as you need to be ministered to – at this time, in this place.

Next week we will cover the final two parts of the plan: **Ministry** and **Mission**.

Charles Zlock Jr

New Year's Day

A Holyday of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

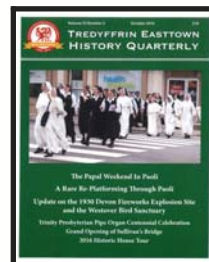
Saturday, December 31, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017

7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES COMMEMORATION ISSUE



It can't be a year already! Last year, the Philadelphia metropolitan area enjoyed the International World Meeting of Families Congress and Papal Visit from September 22-27, 2015. Easttown, Tredyffrin and Paoli were in the thick of things as we were chosen as a major coordination center for Chester County. We met boys and girls, moms and dads, sisters and priests from all over the country – and the world in fact. *The Tredyffrin Easttown History Quarterly* recently published an issue commemorating this exciting time. They are available for \$10.00 in the parish rectory if you would like to have a local remembrance of Pope Francis' visit.

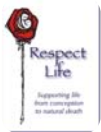
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SAINT MONICA

HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND MEN'S CLUB

Our 1st meeting of 2017, is scheduled to be on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30pm**, in the Hagenbach Room in the Parish Center. As part of our full agenda, featured will be the kick-off meeting to begin plans for our 20th edition of Team Trivia Night. This event is only successful due to all those that lend a hand in helping out for the good of the parish community. Please plan on attending to see where and how **you** can help out with our special 20th edition of this most exciting event. This year's Team Trivia event is scheduled for **Saturday, March 11th. Save the Date!**

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL



Christmas is God in human language. It is not simply about the birth of a child, but rather the coming of the One who will preach the Sermon on the Mount, instruct us by parables, and establish His Church.

This is why it makes no sense to welcome the Child but reject His teachings. The Gospel has taught from the beginning that *life must be protected*, including life in the womb.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Donations sought for youth attending.



Registration for the Saint Monica bus trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Friday, January 27, 2017 is now open! To **register** or get **more**

information about the trip, see the March for Life registration webpage accessible from the parish website or contact Rosemary Friedrich at rfriedrich@verizon.net.

Can't attend the March yourself? Please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of the trip for others, especially students and children who are invited to participate at no charge. In this way, you can be involved and demonstrate your support for this peaceful witness for life. Donations can be made on the March for Life registration webpage or by contacting Maurita Buhsmer at jbuhsmer1@verizon.net.



COME PRAY THE ROSARY

We have been blessed to have a parish community Rosary said **every Monday evening at 7:15 pm**. The church will be opened for **all** to come and pray. Please join us!

WELCOME to NEW LIFE and NEW FAMILIES

Newly Baptized

Aubrie Olivia Christopher, Keira Grace Leib, Henry Thomas Mathe, Gianna Karen Maguire, Margaret Mae Patterson, Clare Elizabeth Blackstock, Connor Michael Campbell, Francesca Maryanne Murdock, Greyson Owen Bass, Olivia Jane Tortorici, Cameron James Strittmatter, Dominic Anthony Caruolo, Adeline Marie Guinan

New Parishioners

Mr. and Mrs. Denis Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Simek, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Toscano, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Widener, Ms. Martha Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Guinan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brake, Mr. and Mrs. Maciej Swat, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schuller, Mr. and Mrs. James Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lacing, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bond, Ms. Samantha Lowry, Ms. Allison SanGiacomo, Ms. Delaney Massaro, Mr. Michael DeGrasse, Mrs. Catherine Lund, Mrs. Eileen Hofstetter, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Barrett

CHRISTMAS SEASON OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory Offices will be open during the Christmas Season as follows:

December 27, 28, 29: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Happy New Year!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for December 25

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday		Communion Service	
Thursday	All Day	Dominic Coyle Basketball Tournament	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 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 December 25–January 1

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
Saturday, 24th	4:00 pm - People of the Parish 6:00 pm - People of the Parish 8:00 pm - People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock Fr. Fitzgerald Fr. Zlock	Quartet Quartet Choir	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Aviccolli	Cantor	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Choir	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
Monday, 26th	+ Peg McGee	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 27th	+ Patrick Maher	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 28th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 29th	Intentions of Bridget Cowell	Fr. Aviccolli		
Friday, 30th	Julia Rocks Family	Fr. Zlock		
Saturday, 31st	+ Larry Norton	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Ann Suzanne Tometta	Norbertine	Choir	
11:30 am	+ John M. Smith	Norbertine	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Jack Barausky, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Phyllis Campbell, John Canfield, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Ciocca, Umberto Degli Esposti, James DiAntonio, William Dahlman, Rita Dunn, Joseph Erwin, Yolanda Fazzini, Christine Florkowski, Kelly Glacken, Mary Hartley, Karen Hastings, David Hill, Jenna, Maya and Eva Izzi, Eleonora Jauslin, Faith Johnson, Libby Judge, Anne Maas, Jackson MacTaggart, Mark Maholick, Tallon Family, Eugene Matta, Susan McDonnell, Louise Merlino, Melanie Mizenko, Dr. Mark Nardone, John and Lilly Neff, Bruce Niccolo, Sr., Courtney Frances Patterson, Rita Reilly, John Robinson, Mary Rose, Cathy Russell, Gary Smith, Helen Triolo, Bob and Mildred Walsh, Stephanie Walsh Beilman

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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