

THE CHURCH OF
SAINT MONICA
 BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

Encountering Christ - Through Scripture, Through Liturgy, Through Serving Others

**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)

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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK...



The Finance Council and I were recently examining the St. Monica parish financials. We have data for the first 6 months of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 including figures for this year's Christmas collections. Some of the picture is good. Some of it is disconcerting.


Cost wise, the parish is right on budget – within 3% of budgeted figures. This shows an accurate assessment of parish financial capabilities, putting together a reasonable budget and careful monitoring and management of monthly and year-to-date cost figures.

Income figures show a different story. 6-month “year-to-date” income was close to \$25,000 under budget. This year's Christmas collection was \$49,277. This was 25% under a budget of \$66,000 and 26% less than last year's figure of \$66,272. On Thursday January 17, the Finance Council will get together for our monthly meeting. We are already gathering further figures so that we will have a detailed and honest conversation about these issues.

Let me offer some comments from a bigger picture. Certainly, the less-than-hoped-for Christmas collection is disappointing. In November, at the last “Parish Deanery” meeting (see list of parishes below), the priests and pastors were curious to see how the events of 2018 were going to play out. These events included (among others) the issues surrounding Cardinal McCarrick, the Pittsburgh Grand Jury, Pope Francis' reaction (or lack thereof) to US events, the investigation of St. Charles Seminary.

Priests/Pastors said that they had not been seeing a mass exodus of parishioners but “fraying at the edges” was certainly evident. This included lower “October Counts” of actual parishioners-in-the-pews (not dramatic but certainly evident) and collection declines. On the other hand, school enrollment numbers seemed to be holding steady. Ministry participation and volunteerism actually seemed strong and, in some cases, growing (i.e. WWP participation across the Deanery and TMIY at St. Monica/St. Norbert for example). For the most part, we all agreed that Christmas was going to be a clear signal how Catholics were feeling.

I heard one anecdotal story this week. For Christmas, one relatively large, active Chester County parish employed 10 professional musicians, 4 paid singers, a male *(Cont'd on Page 4)*



OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION for THIS WEEK

That young people follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

FROM *the* OFFICE of DISCIPLESHIP *and* FORMATION

-the office of-
Discipleship and Formation

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY (1/13) FROM 12 TO 1 FOR A SERVICE PROJECT! WE WILL BE MAKING CASSEROLES AND SORTING TOILETRIES FOR OUR BROTHERS IN CHRIST AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE.

THIS WILL BE IN PLACE OF YOUTH GROUPS THIS WEEKEND.

PLEASE SEE FLOCKNOTE FOR INGREDIENT SIGN UP!



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, solemnly declared Him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



**What if every Catholic did one thing each week
to intentionally share God’s message with others?**

**Come and discover how four life-changing habits can point you
towards discovering incredible possibilities for your life.**

**You will leave the event with a personal plan
to help you become the best version of yourself.**



Please join Dynamic Catholic and speaker Allan Hunt:

**March 31, 2019 1-5pm
St John the Baptist Philadelphia
Manayunk/Philadelphia**

Tickets & Info: [DynamicCatholic.com/
find-your-greatness-philadelphia-pa-mar-31-2019](http://DynamicCatholic.com/find-your-greatness-philadelphia-pa-mar-31-2019) or call 859.980.7900 for tickets.

Who should attend? The event is appropriate for ages 12+; youth are encouraged to attend! Husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, single or married, young or old, Catholic or non-Catholic: **you are invited.**

When was the last time you invested in your life? It’s time. You are worth it!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS for NOVEMBER 2018

November 2018	\$59,948	50% Electronic	November YTD 2018	\$318,254	51% Electronic
November 2017	\$72,225	54% Electronic	November YTD 2017	\$349,842	48% Electronic
November Budget 2018-2019	\$74,224		November YTD Budget 2018-2019	\$344,765	

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$8,441
Electronic	\$5,038
Total	\$13,479
Christmas 2018	\$49,277
Budget 2018	\$66,000
Christmas 2017	\$66,272

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next 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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child soloist (Keystone Boys Choir-level), an adult choir, a children's choir, and had a brand new sound system installed just in time for their Christmas Masses. In spite of all that, their Christmas numbers were noticeably down, especially compared to previous years.

Some additional comments:

1. This is not a local issue and - let's be clear - certainly not merely a St. Monica issue. There is no better person to comment on the scope of this than George Weigel. See his comments here: www.catholicworldreport.com/2019/01/02/a-tough-year-ahead/

2. Buckle in for the long haul. This is most likely going to get worse before it gets better. 2019 could see more of the same.

3. By "more of the same," I include the positive as well as the negative. Pope Benedict XVI predicted a smaller, yet more vibrant, Church. People who stay are in it for the long haul, and for the right reasons. Take a look at those who attend weekend Masses. They're hopeful, they're engaged, they're happy (They're also really angry as well. Let's not get too Pollyanna here ...). Regardless, plan for smaller numbers and less income.

4. Keep our eye on the ball. Christ is the target. He has indicated to us that He wants to encounter us. Specifically at St. Monica, He indicated that he wanted that encounter to occur through His Word, reaching out and helping others, and through liturgy. We tried that this past year. We saw undeniable fruit. Two years ago, "Service To Others" received the worst score of all categories in the St. Monica "Disciple Maker Index" survey. In just one year, after listening to and doing what Jesus Christ asked us to do, we saw what happened: d2wldr9tsuuj1b.cloudfront.net/16499/bulletins/20181223.pdf. Same with Encountering Christ in His Word in terms of WWP and TMIY. I'll soon be sharing remarkable testimonies of St. Monica men whose lives have been dramatically changed through this encounter with Christ's Word.

5. This is a movie, not a snapshot. Every "thriving" parish has said that it takes close to 15 years to move a parish from "maintenance-to-mission." We're in year 6 and, although we're seeing progress (look at recent Coyle Tournament, Advent By Candlelight, Beef-and-Beer fundraiser) we have a ways to go. There are issues at St. Monica that have us still stuck in "old wineskins."

6. We have (God's) work to do.

- Prayer is the start. It needs to be personal (what fits and works for you), intentional, daily, committed and "formalized." By that I mean that it has to be personally "scheduled" in our daily lives much like monks do so in their daily schedule.

- We need to watch the numbers. We have to have a dispassionate, honest discussion about the finances, parish priorities, stewardship, and how we will spend the money according to those priorities.

- We can't keep doing what we've done. There needs to be a shift. I sense that this is already occurring but further discussion is merited. I'll have more to say on that soon.

- We need to get better. There are thriving parishes throughout the United States. Let's learn from them. What are they doing well? What practices and tendencies have to be avoided?

- We need to take care of each other. People are hurting. Marriages are hurting. Families are hurting. It's the theme I keep hearing. How do we address this? How do we support one another?

Sure I am concerned, but I'm not worried and I'm certainly not scared. It's not my parish. It's His. He can do with it whatever he wants. Nevertheless, something seems to be occurring. There is fruit. There are just too many good things being done by too many wonderful people at (as a priest friend refers to us...) "Big Mo."

Pax.

Fv. Glock

Parishes in Deanery 4: Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Our Lady of the Assumption (Strafford), SS. Philip and James (Exton), St. Ann (Phoenixville), St. Basil the Great (Kimberton), St. Elizabeth (Upper Uwchlan), St. Isaac Jogues (Wayne), St. Joseph (Downingtown), St. Joseph (Spring City), St. Mary of the Assumption (Phoenixville), St. Monica (Berwyn), St. Norbert (Paoli), St. Patrick (Malvern), St. Thomas More (South Coventry).

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 Feb 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

SAVE the DATE – Sunday January 27, 2019
7:00 – 9:30 pm – Game Night

Women of St. Monica and friends – come out for a fun night of social comradery and kinship. Games will be played, laughs will be shared and prizes will be distributed.

Please consider joining us in a guaranteed to be enjoyable evening. Get to know your neighbors and community in a very friendly and welcoming environment.



Stay tuned for more details on the Game of Choice. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Nancy Lafferty, Betsy Coyle, Chris Renzi @ smswomensociety@gmail.com

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 will be open for your intentions beginning Monday, January 14. Please meet Liz Tenaglio after the 8:30 Mass in the Gathering Room to make your Mass requests. Thank you.

A HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE



ST. ISAAC JOGUES
50 WEST WALKER ROAD
WAYNE, PA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019
Immediately following the 12:05 Mass

We will pray for the sanctity of all life while people gather in Washington for the **March for Life**.

Come for the entire hour or stop by for as long as you are able.

For more information:
 Ann McCarthy at 484-924-8308 or
 Elena Brazer at 484-318-7888

Co-sponsored by the Respect Life Ministries of St. Isaac Jogues and St. Monica Churches

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE for January 13

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	Church
Tuesday	6:00-7:00 am	Confession	Church
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 13 – January 20

MASS TIME	INTENTION	PRESIDER	MUSIC MINISTRY	NOTES
5:00 pm	+John McGee	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
7:30 am	+ Stephanie Kwasnicki	Fr. R. Rossi	Quiet	
9:30 am	+ Regis Filtz	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
11:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	
Monday, 14th	+ Ed Widmann	Fr. Zlock		
Tuesday, 15th	+ Carmela Granese	Fr. Zlock		
Wednesday, 16th	Communion Service			
Thursday, 17th	+ Thomas Losoncy	Fr. Novielli		
Friday, 18th	+ Theresa Duddy	Fr. McCabe		
Saturday, 19th	+ Edmund McGurk	Fr. Zlock		
5:00 pm	+ Florence Garzarella	Fr. Zlock	Cantor	<i>Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services</i>
7:30 am	+ Michael and Mary Burkley	Fr. Zlock	Quiet	
9:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	
11:30 am	+ Dr. Edward Chermol	Fr. Fitzgerald	Cantor	

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sonia Altirman, Drew Brazer, Michael Byrne, Lina Cappelli, Terri Carson, Lilly Giocca, 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

Matthew B. Scott, Brother of Ruth Portonova

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

Leader for this week: Ame Austin at 484-919-0029

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