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Saint Monica Church

109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

December 25, 2022

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ, Pastor

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of Saint Monica Church, rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ through the Scriptures and Sacred Tradition, are a welcoming Catholic Christian Community in the Diocese of Harrisburg. We are nourished and strengthened by the Eucharist and all the sacraments, and strive to live our discipleship by faith-filled worship and service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue to carry Christ's message of peace, love, and joy to all generations, with the hope that we may attain the treasure that is God's Kingdom.

Masses - All Masses in Main Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Monday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Penance

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM - Confessional in the Narthex

Parish Office

Location: Rear 109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA

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Facebook: St. Monica Parish -Sunbury

Web: <http://stmonicasunbury.org>

Parish Staff

Rev Fred Wangwe, AJ, Pastor, ext.113

Mrs. Linda Walborn, Pastoral Associate, ext. 111

Mrs. Monica Shovlin, Parish Manager, ext. 112

Mrs. Diane Bramhall, Parish Secretary, ext. 110

Mrs. Susan Bickhart, Coord. of Religious Education

Mr. Alan Reichenbach, Maintenance/Custodian

Office Hours

Monday : 11:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday-Thursday : 11:00am-2:00pm

Closed Friday

For after-hours emergencies requiring

Anointing of the Sick please call:

717-683-7116

Baptism: Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class before Baptism and it is recommended in advance of the child's birth. Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Parish Office at least a year before the date of the wedding and before any other plans are made.

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ (President)

Leonard Machesic, (Chairperson), Karen Stewart (Vice),

Dave Baumgartner, Susan Bickhart, Judy Davis,

Tom Frederick, Michelle Korbich, Leonard Marshalek,

Stephanie McKinney, Susie Pufnak, Anne Marie Ramph,

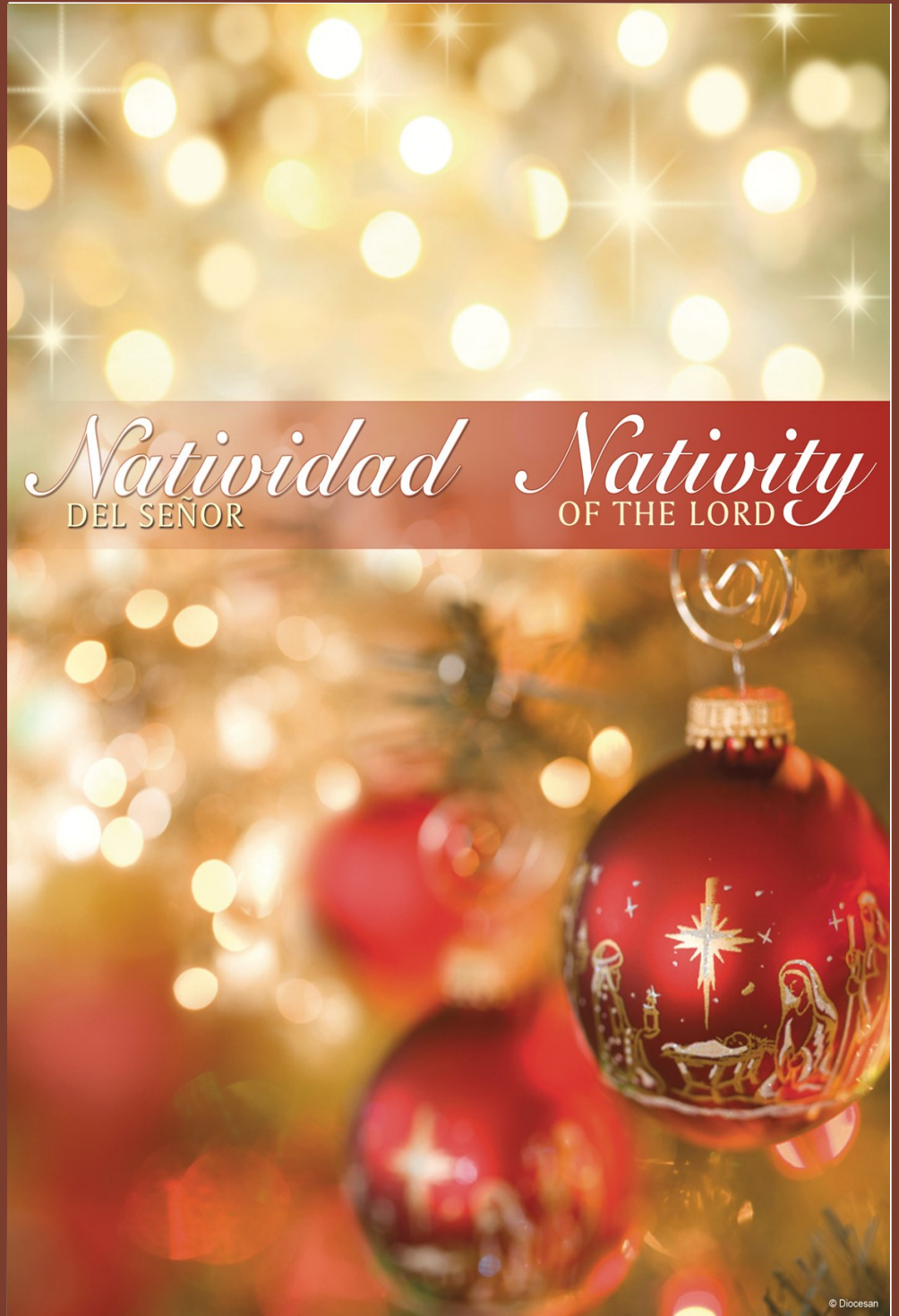
Edwin Ruiz, Monica Shovlin (staff), John Supsic,

Rich Vanslavie, Linda Walborn (Staff)

Parish Finance Council

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ (President)

Tom Frederick (Chair), Kerry Davis, Joe Dzwonchyk,



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Weekend and Daily Masses will be celebrated in the Main Church.

Saturday, December 24th (The Nativity of the Lord Vigil)

Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

4:00 PM Mass - Intentions of the People of the Parish

Second Collection: Debt Reduction

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Sunday, December 25th (The Nativity of the Lord)

10:00 AM Mass - Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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Monday, December 26th (Saint Stephen)

9:00 AM Mass - Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

In Memory of Edward Bogovich

Tuesday, December 27th (Saint John)

9:00 AM - 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

In Memory of Florence Cellitti

Wednesday, December 28th (The Holy Innocents)

9:00 AM - 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

In Memory of Alvin "Al" Scholl, Jr.

Thursday, December 29th (Saint Thomas Becket)

9:00 AM Mass - 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

In Memory of Basil Dzwonchyk

Friday, December 30th (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

9:00 AM Mass - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

In Memory of Seth Wheeland

Saturday, December 31st (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Vigil)

4:00 PM Mass - Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

In Memory of Betty Muolo

Sunday, January 1, 2023 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

10:00 AM Mass - Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Intentions of the People of the Parish

✠ Traveling? www.masstimes.org lists U.S. Churches/Masses ✠



The Sanctuary Light burns as a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle.

This Week It Burns In Loving Memory of
Justine Fendt

From Bramhall, Walker, and Stimpson Families

The Sanctuary Light may be lit in honor or memory of a loved one with the minimum suggested donation of \$10.00.

Flower arrangements at the Tabernacle may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one with the cost of \$45.00 for 2 small arrangements, or \$70.00 for 2 larger ones. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a week and for payment.

Stewardship: Giving Back to God December 17—18, 2022

The stewardship information for this weekend was not available at the time of publication. It will be reported in a subsequent bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

DAC Donation Notice: Thank you to those of you who have already made your donation to the 2022 DAC. This campaign officially ends January 31, 2023. However, if you wish to make a year end gift, your donation must be received by 12/31/22 at the Diocesan office or credit card transactions must be processed by the Diocese by midnight on 12/31/22 to count for 2022 taxes. THANK YOU for your contributions! Because of your generosity we have exceeded our goal and this amount is returned to our parish 100% for our use unrestricted.



Merry Christmas!

The staff of Saint Monica Church wish you peace and joy during this Christmas season!

AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 24th

NO CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 26th - Monday, January 2, 2023

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27th

6:30 PM - RCI for Children

Wednesday, December 21st

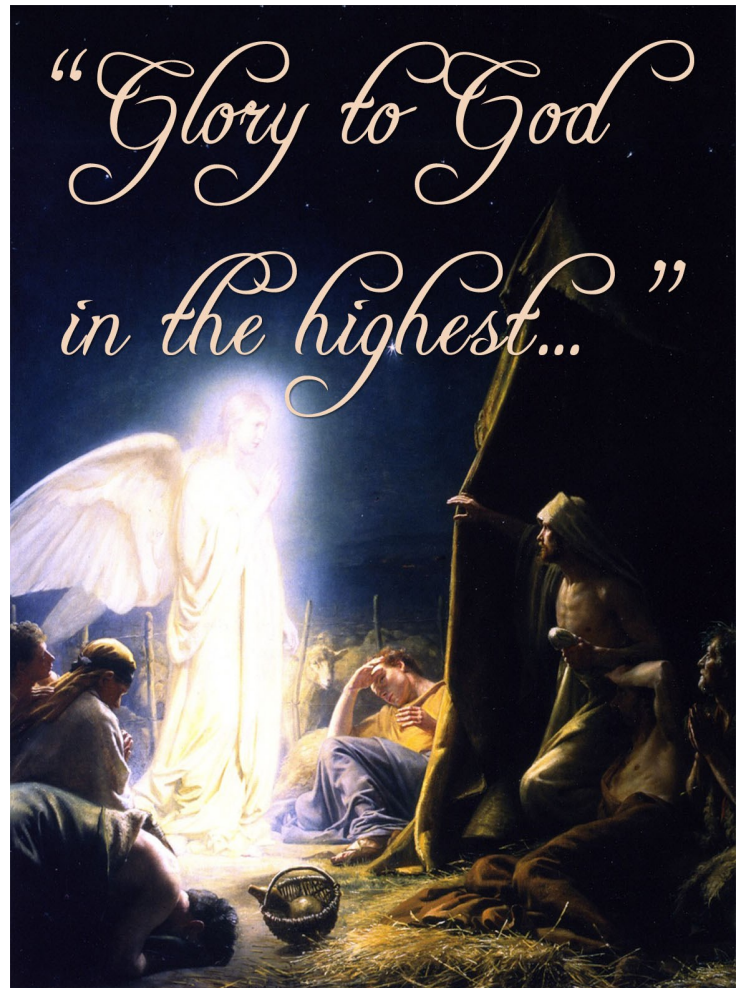
6:30 PM - RCIA

Saturday, December 31st

NO CONFESSIONS

✠ Use parking lot door at ramp for Blessed Sacrament visits in Saint Augustine Chapel ✠

Monday - Friday: 10 am -2 pm; Sat. 9am - 2:00 pm





MAY THEY REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD!

Please pray for the soul of **Dr. Vincent Paczkoskie** who died on December 13, 2022.

The parish community of Saint Monica extends to his family our deepest sympathy and prayers of consolation.

Mass Schedule For Christmastime

Saturday, December 24th: NO CONFESSIONS,
Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm, and 11:00 pm
Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am
Week of Monday, Dec. 26th-Friday, Dec. 30th:
Daily Mass at 9:00am
Saturday, December 31st: NO CONFESSIONS
Vigil Mass, the Solemnity of Mary at 4:00 pm
Sunday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary at 10:00 am

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning this weekend, the Ushers will once again take up the Collection during the Offertory. The baskets will no longer be available to drop your envelopes in prior to Mass.

AND JUST A REMINDER to take turns signing up in the Narthex to *Take Up the Gifts* during the Offertory Procession. This is an important role of the Laity to carry out during Mass, by representing the entire worshipping community. The Faithful present these Gifts to the Priest which then become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ during the Consecration. Let us fully participate and carry out our responsibility.



THANK YOU to René Hoagland who organized the Giving Tree and to all our parishioners who purchased, and delivered Christmas gifts from our parish family to our parishioners who are homebound and in local nursing

homes. We appreciate the time, effort, and generosity that you offered. Your care and kindness help them to know that they are thought of during this holiday season. Let us continue to remember them with our prayers and visits throughout the year.

DON'T FORGET TO DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED CLOTHES TO COMMUNITY AID! As you are cleaning out closets and dresser drawers after Christmas, take your unwanted clothes to Community Aid Store, 1070 N. Susquehanna Trail, Selinsgrove. **Tell them Code 30049 or mention Saint Monica Church** to allow us to receive credit for your items!

Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry (Sisters of the Good Shepherd), in the Danville area has two licensed therapists available to serve adults for individual, or couples counseling. *In-person or virtual counseling options. Please contact either one of them to schedule an appointment if you are seeking counseling based in Catholic theology:*

Sr. Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
410-245-0870 faltavilla@hotmail.com

OR:

Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor
352-328-8145 guadalupe531@aol.com



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Moonless darkness stands between. Past, the Past, no more be seen! But the Bethlehem-star may lead me. To the sight of Him Who freed me. From the self that I have been. Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly; Now beginning, and always: Now begin, on Christmas day.

-Gerard Manley Hopkins



Oplatki Wafers are available on the table in the back of the Church.

Cost is \$3.00 per pack. Place money in the envelope located with the wafers.

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that our Parish Office will be **CLOSED**
Monday, Dec. 26, 2022
through
Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.

We will be **OPEN** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 11:00am

The 2023 Catholic Calendar "Feasts and Saints"

in both English and Spanish, is available for pick up on the tables as you enter or exit the Church or in the Parish Office. These calendars are graciously provided to us by Blank Funeral Home, State Street, Sunbury.



Religious Education will NOT be held Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1, 2023 due to the Christmas Holiday. See you Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Thank you to all who wrote Christmas cards for the people in the nursing homes. The cards were distributed to the residents and they were greatly appreciated. **Special thanks to Terry and Peggy Walker** for coordinating this holiday activity.

Calling all Volunteers!

The Diocesan Camp at Kirchenwald annually serves 40-45 campers, ranging in age from 18-75 in its week-long camp. All campers have some level of intellectual disability and are ambulatory. Camp is an exciting and busy place, filled with crafting, swimming, hiking, fishing, singing and celebration. Requirements are: Must be at least 16 years of age, have appropriate Diocesan and state clearances and complete an application.

Contact Kate Neri for more information or with any questions. KNeri@hbgiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext. 317

Retrouvaille Weekend - January 13 – 15

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. It is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next Retrouvaille weekend is in Mechanicsburg, PA on January 13 – 15, 2023. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team at 717-356-2185 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org