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Saint Monica Church

109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

December 18, 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,

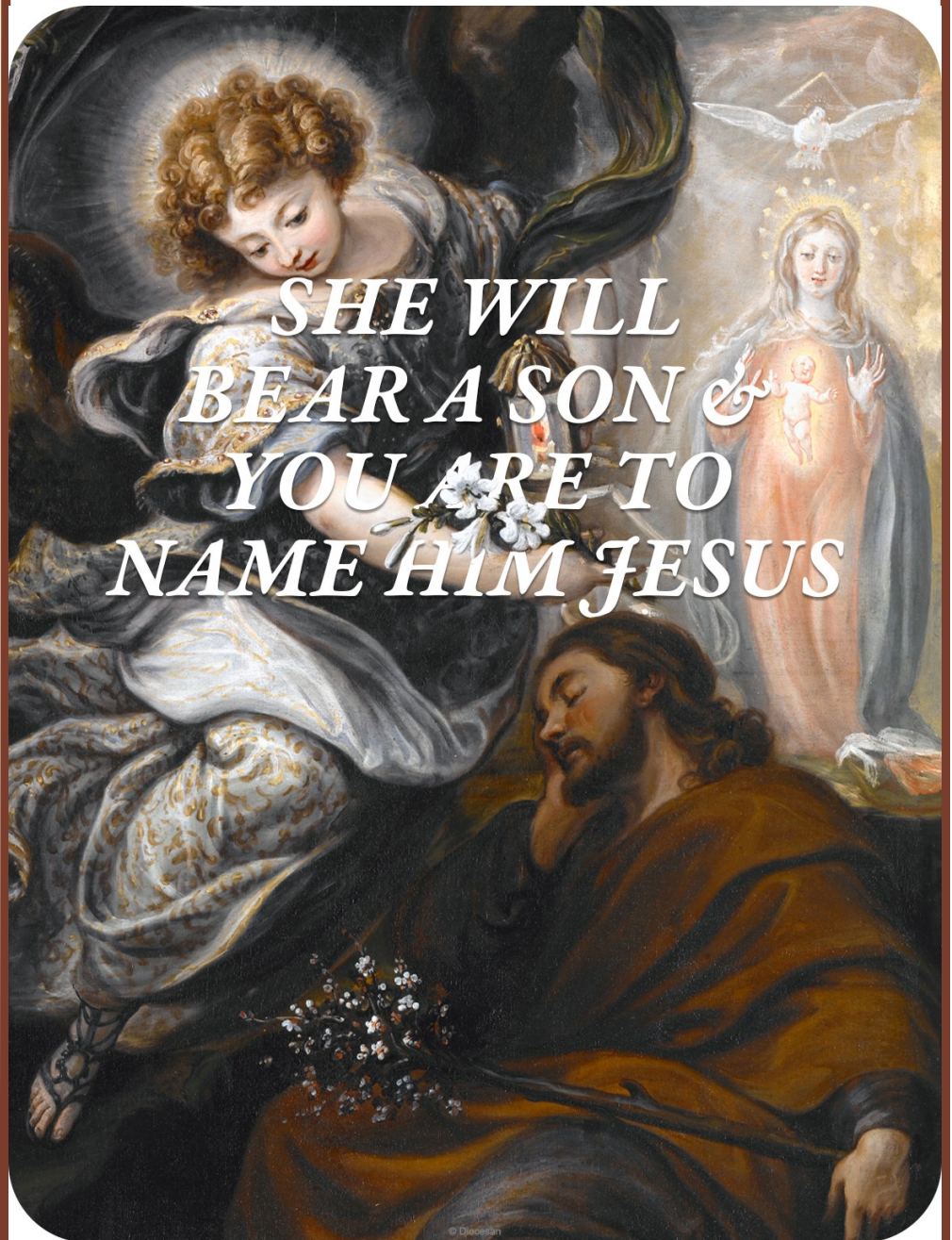
Rich Vanslavie, Linda Walborn (Staff)

Parish Finance Council

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ (President)

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, December 17th

5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation - (See Sunday Readings)
In Memory of Patrick Gilroy

Sunday, December 18th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

10:00 AM Mass - Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Monday, December 19th

9:00 AM Mass - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
In Memory of Bernard Strzelecki, Sr.

Tuesday, December 20th

9:00 AM - Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
In Memory of Dorothy Troutman

Wednesday, December 21st (Saint Peter Canisius)

NO MASS - Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22nd

9:00 AM Mass - 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
In Memory of Alvin "Al" Scholl, Jr.

Friday, December 23rd (Saint John of Kanty)

9:00 AM Mass - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
In Memory of Leitha Hauk

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



AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 17th

4:00—4:45 PM - Confessions in the Narthex of the Church

Sunday, December 18th

8:30—9:45 AM - Religious Education
After 10:00 AM Mass - Christmas Pageant in the Main Church

Monday, December 19th

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, December 20th

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM— Christmas Baked Goods Pick-Up in Social Hall
6:30 PM - RCI for Children

Wednesday, December 21st

6:30 PM - RCIA

Thursday, December 22nd

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 24th

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



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
Carl Boyle
From Alberta Boyle

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 10-11, 2022

Tithing: 2022-	\$5,032.00	2021 -	5,169.00
Love Thy Neighbor:	\$	25.00	
Debt Reduction:	\$	55.00	
Christmas:	\$	280.00	
Retirement for Religious:	\$	825.00	
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	32.00	
YTD Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	(7,765.19)	

2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign (As of December 5, 2022)

Diocesan Assessment	\$	33,661.00
Amount Collected	\$	36,068.00
Amount Over/(Under) Goal	\$	2,407.00

Debt Reduction Campaign

October Payments on Debt:	\$	2,584.00
Debt Balance - October 31, 2022:	\$	219,946.66

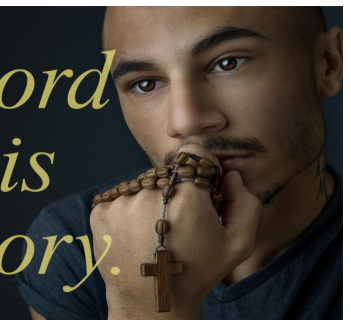
Thank you for your continued generosity!!

**Please note that the "Tithing" Category includes:
Adult & Children's Envelopes, Loose Offerings, Building & Maintenance, Monthly, Holy Days, and Memorials.

Religious give thanks. "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection.

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.

Let the Lord
enter; he is
king of glory.





MAY THEY REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD!

Please pray for the soul of **Rose Wheeland** who died on December 9, 2022.

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

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR BAKERY DELITE ROLL ORDERS

The baked goods that were ordered in November will be ready for pick up in the Social Hall of the Parish Center **THIS Tuesday, December 20th from 3 - 6 pm.**

THANK YOU to those of you who support our **Smart Money Program** with the purchase of Weis, Giant or Dunkin Donuts gift cards. During the month of November, a profit of \$824.55 was generated. Please continue to support this fundraising effort!

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning with the Christmas Vigil Masses on Saturday, December 24th 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 for the donations to Birthright. If you missed the collection last weekend, please feel free to drop your items off at the Parish Office or directly at Birthright, located on the 1st floor of the Degenstein Library, Sunbury. Items needed include: diapers, baby wipes, crib sheets, infant clothes, onesies (boy or girl newborn- 6 month) blankets, receiving blankets, bibs, socks or booties, baby towels & wash clothes, baby toiletries (Desitin, shampoo, bath wash and lotion) teethingers, nail clippers, bulb syringes & thermometers. Monetary donations (please place in sealed & labeled envelope) are also appreciated to purchase larger items.

Announcement: The Diocese of Harrisburg now has a texting group! Sign up today to stay up-to-date on all our faith formation events, important news, messages from Bishop Gainer and more. There will only be 3-4 text messages per month and you can opt-out at any time. Sign up today by texting **hbgdio** to **844-954-3967** or visit <https://slkt.io/WDV0>.

Spots are still open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. All young adults ages 18-39 (at time of departure) are invited to join in this exciting adventure to convene with the Holy Father and young people from around the world. The pilgrimage will take place July 30th-August 7th and will also include a visit to Fatima, where our Blessed Mother famously appeared to the three shepherd children. Registration includes all lodging, flights, and other travel accommodations and can be done online via our travel agency Regina Tours. Visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/wyd/> for details. Deposits are due by December 31st so act quickly!

Any questions, please contact Zack Haney, Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry: zhaney@hbgdiocese.org 717-657-4804 ext 307



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

THIS Sunday, December 18th, immediately following the 10am Mass, the students of the Religious Ed Program will present "The Christmas Story" in the Church. Please plan to stay after Mass to witness this beautiful play!



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.

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

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that our Parish Office will be **CLOSED**

Thursday, Dec. 22, 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.

FREE HOLIDAY DINNER at Chestnut St. Deli, 550 Chestnut St., Sunbury. Dinner includes: roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll and butter. It will be held on Saturday, December 24th from 11am - 1pm. **TAKE OUT ONLY.** Call 570-988-2230 to schedule your pick-up time.

Mental Health Support Group will meet Monday, Dec. 19th at 5:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, 68 Center St., Danville on the 1st floor Library. For more information call 570-275-2512.

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