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Saint Monica Church

109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

January 8, 2023

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,

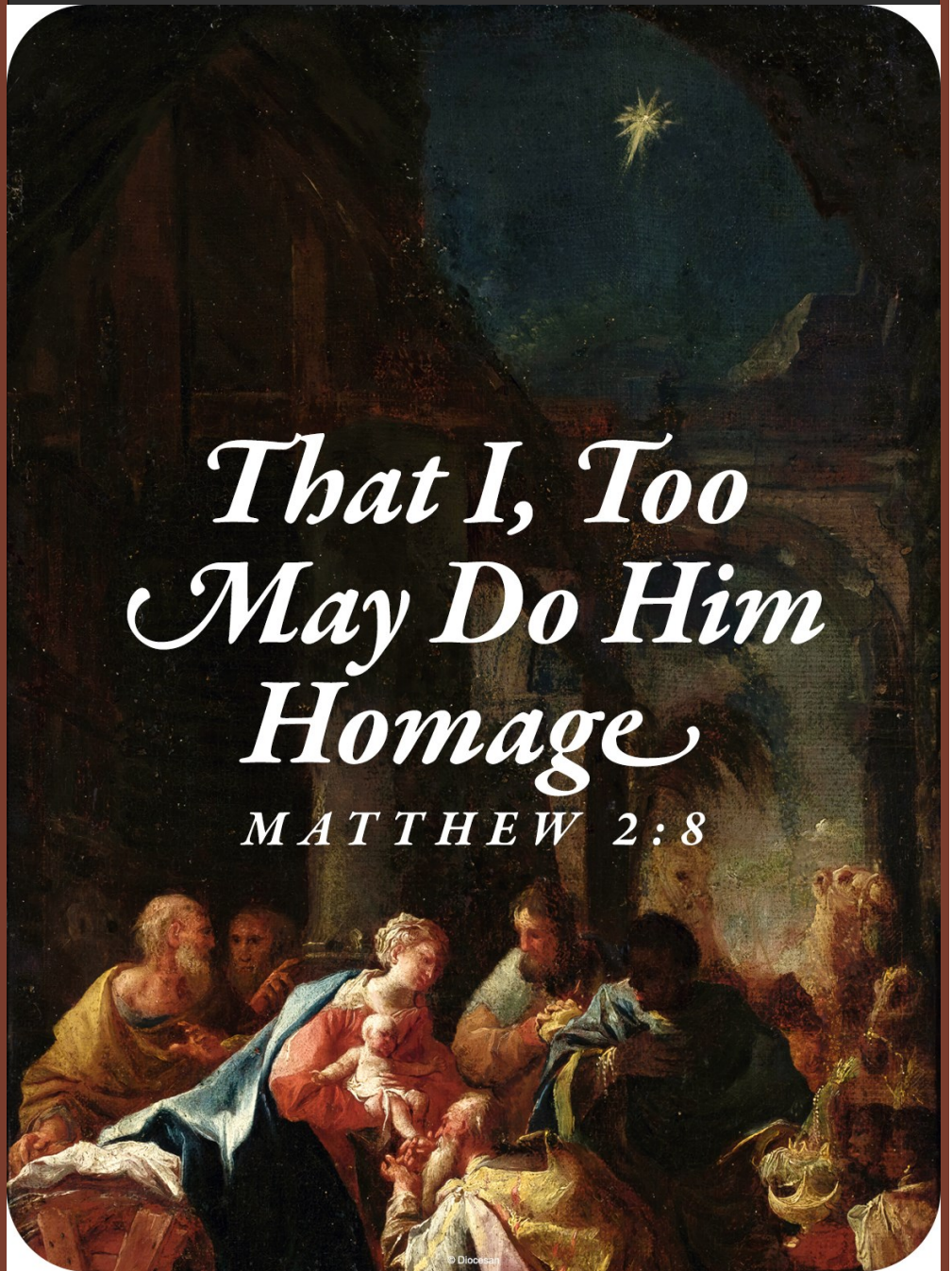
Rich Vanslavie, Linda Walborn (Staff)

Parish Finance Council

Fr. Fred Wangwe, AJ (President)

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

Epiphany of the Lord



That I, Too May Do Him Homage

MATTHEW 2:8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, January 7th

5:30 PM Mass - Mass of Anticipation - (See Sunday Readings)

Intentions of the People of the Parish

Second Collection: Aid to the Catholic Church in Europe, Africa and Latin America

Sunday, January 8th (The Epiphany of The Lord)

10:00 AM Mass - Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

In Memory of Bill Burk

Second Collection: Aid to the Catholic Church in Europe, Africa and Latin America

Monday, January 9th (The Baptism of the Lord)

9:00 AM Mass - Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

In Memory of Florence Cellitti

Tuesday, January 10th

9:00 AM - Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

In Memory of Alvin Scholl, Jr.

Wednesday, January 11th

NO MASS - Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 12th

9:00 AM Mass - Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

In Memory of Zachary and Jennie Maimone

Friday, January 13th (Saint Hilary)

9:00 AM Mass - Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

For All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 14th

5:30 PM Mass - Mass of Anticipation - (See Sunday Readings)

Intentions of the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 15th (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

10:00 AM Mass - Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

In Memory of Alberta Boyle

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

Come, Let Us Adore Him

AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 7th

4:00—5:00PM - Confessions

Sunday, January 8th

8:30—9:45 AM - Religious Education

Monday, January 9th

6:30 PM - Fundraising and Social Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th

6:00 PM - Legion of Mary

6:30 PM - RCI for Children

Wednesday, January 11th

6:30 PM - RCIA

Saturday, January 14th

4:00—5:00PM - Confessions

Sunday, January 15th

8:30—9:45 AM - Religious Education

Soup Sale Pre-Orders Due by end of 10:00 AM Mass

✚ 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

Bill Burk

From The Burk Family



The Flowers at the Tabernacle this week are

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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 24-25, 2022

Tithing: 2022 -	\$4,827.00	2021 -	3,492.00
Love Thy Neighbor:	\$	303.00	
Debt Reduction:	\$	1,912.00	
Christmas:	\$	7,555.00	
Retirement for Religious:	\$	10.00	
Matthew 25:	\$	5.00	
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$	10.00	
Aid to the Catholic Church:	\$	10.00	
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	(173.00)	
YTD Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	(8,152.19)	

2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign (As of December 26, 2022)

Diocesan Assessment	\$	33,661.00
Amount Collected	\$	36,168.00
Amount Over/(Under) Goal	\$	2,507.00

Debt Reduction Campaign

November Payments on Debt:	\$	1,733.00
Debt Balance - November 30, 2022:	\$	218,213.66

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.

This weekend, January 7th and 8th, the second collection envelope is for **Aid to the Catholic Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa**. This collection supports the work of evangelization, formation of laity and needs of rebuilding the Church in these areas.. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org

ATTENTION

If you would like a report of your 2022 contributions to Saint Monica Church for tax purposes, **please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, January 17th**. These requests will be distributed after Masses the weekend of January 21st & 22nd at the Smart Money table. If you prefer to pick-up your report from the Parish Office, you may do so beginning Monday, January 23rd. Thank you for your generosity to Saint Monica Church!



MAY THEY REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD!

Please pray for the soul of:

Diane Schlesinger, who died on December 18, 2022
Ann Becker, who died on December 24, 2022

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



Today, Sunday, January 8th we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord.

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphaino*, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).



Be sure to pick up a copy of *Holy Moments, A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life* by Matthew Kelly. This small but powerful book has the power to change your life forever. This book is made available to you through a generous parishioner who wanted to spread this “Holy Moments” idea!

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!

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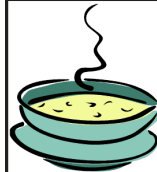
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To sign up, visit formed.org/signup. Sign-up as a parishioner by using the parish zip code and click on Saint Monica Church.

CONFIRMATION 2023

Please pray for our 8th grade parish youth as they continue in their time of formation and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which they will receive on Saturday, March 4th at Saint Pius X Church, Selinsgrove.

Keep them in your prayers in a special way as they attend their **Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, January 14th from 8:45 AM until 2:45PM at Saint Joseph Parish Center, Milton.** This retreat experience is provided to help our youth grow in a more personal relationship with Christ, as well as to recognize the importance of their Christ-like interaction with others.



SAINT MONICA CHURCH SOUP SALE

When: Saturday, January 21, 2023

Kinds of Soup: Beef Vegetable, Chicken Corn, and Ham & Bean

Cost: \$8.00 per quart

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREORDERED by the end of Mass NEXT Sunday, January 15th. Order forms are available on the table in the back of the church or in the Parish Office. Drop off your order form and money at the Parish Office, in the collection basket, or in the box on the wall in the Narthex.

Pick up orders at Saint Monica's Parish Center on Saturday, January 21st from 10:00 AM - Noon.

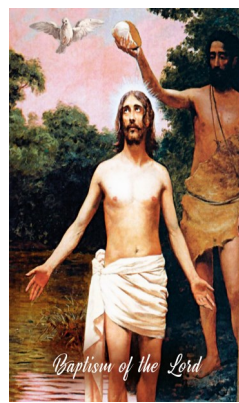
Donations of frozen mixed vegetables, frozen corn, canned Great Northern Beans, canned petite diced tomato (no flavoring), or money donations are greatly needed & appreciated!



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.



Tomorrow, January 9th, the Church celebrates 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.

Become a Foster Parent

Make a lasting difference in a child's life. If you can provide a loving home, Catholic Charities will provide the support that you need. Please contact Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org for more information and to register for the upcoming classes!