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# Saint Monica Church

109 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

January 1, 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

Telephone: 570-286-1435

Email: [stmonicaparishsunbury@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:stmonicaparishsunbury@hbgdiocese.org)

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 Bickfiart, 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 Bickfiart, 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,

Mary  
MOTHER OF GOD

Maria  
MADRE DE DIOS

She is exalted,  
yet still  
one of us.

Ella es exaltada,  
aun así  
uno de nosotros.





## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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

### 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

### Monday, January 2nd (Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)

9:00 AM Mass - 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
In Memory of Rick Bramhall, Jr.

### Tuesday, January 3rd (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

9:00 AM - 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Jn 1:29-34  
In Memory of Ted Andrewlevich

### Wednesday, January 4th (Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton)

NO MASS— 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

### Thursday, January 5th (Saint John Neumann)

9:00 AM Mass - 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51  
In Memory of Alvin Scholl

### Friday, January 6th (Saint Andre Bessette)

9:00 AM Mass - 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11  
In Memory of Robert "Bobby" Young, Jr.

### 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

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✠ Traveling? [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) lists U.S. Churches/Masses ✠

**PLEASE NOTE:** First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will NOT be held this month.

### AT OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 31st  
NO CONFESSIONS

Monday, January 2nd  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3rd  
6:00 PM - Legion of Mary  
6:30 PM - RCI for Children

Wednesday, January 4th  
6:30 PM - RCIA

Saturday, January 7th  
4:00—5:00PM - 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  
**Rose Wheeland**  
From Diane Bramhall & Family

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

Tithing: 2022-	\$4,786.00	2021 -	4,524.00
Love Thy Neighbor:	\$		184.00
Debt Reduction:	\$		395.00
Christmas:	\$		2,885.00
Retirement for Religious:	\$		185.00
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit):	\$		(214.00)
YTD Surplus/(Deficit):	\$		(7,979.19)

### 2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign (As of December 19, 2022)

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

### Debt Reduction Campaign

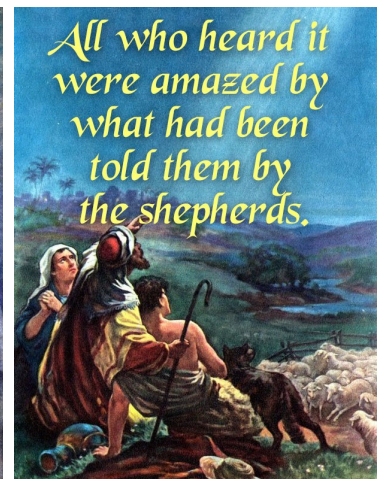
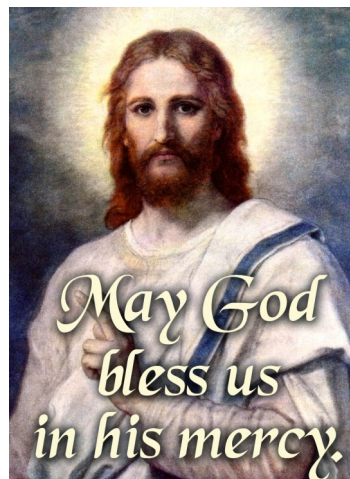
November Payments on Debt:	\$	1,733.00
Debt Balance - October 31, 2022:	\$	218,213.66

**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.

### 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!





**Mary, Holy Mother of God - January 1st**

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly

Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.



May God bless you today and every day in 2023.  
The Peace of God be with you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 2, 2023. We will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd at 11:00AM.



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



**THANK YOU** to all who graciously donated towards the Christmas flowers in memory/honor of beloved relatives and friends. The Church is so beautifully decorated for Christmas due to your kindness.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to the students and staff of the Religious Education Program for their inspiring rendition of the Christmas Story. It was a beautiful way to lead us into the Christmas season.

**CONFIRMATION 2023**

Please pray for our 8<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday, January 15th.** 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!**



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!

**COMING SOON for our Parish!**



**The Catholic Faith. On Demand.**

FORMED On Demand is a multimedia subscription service offering you access to thousands of Catholic videos, movies, podcasts and ebooks to inspire and educate Catholics of all ages. Discover great digital media from over 40 of the best Catholic content providers.

**More information to follow!**



**THANK YOU** to all who purchased a tray of cookies or who made a donation to this worthy cause.

Our parish sold 54 trays of cookies! One tray feeds 222 children in Haiti. 100% of the proceeds from the Annual Cookie Sale goes to Cross International/Cross Catholic Outreach Hunger Relief Program in Haiti & to Blessings of Hope's US feeding programs!

**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@hbgsdiocese.org](mailto:KNeri@hbgsdiocese.org) or 717-657-4804 ext. 317

**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](mailto:faltavilla@hotmail.com)

**OR:**

**Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor**  
352-328-8145 [guadalupe531@aol.com](mailto:guadalupe531@aol.com)