

# **SAINT MONICA PARISH**

**APRIL 13, 2025**

## **SAINT EDMOND CHURCH**

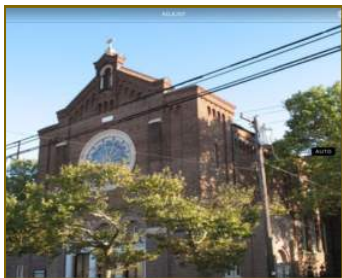
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## **SAINT MONICA CHURCH**

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**



**REVEREND JOSEPH KELLEY,**  
**Pastor**

**Associates**  
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Reverend John Calabro  
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**Principal**

Sister Therese Bauer, IHM  
**Vice Principal**

**Early Learning Center**  
Sister Rosemary Peterson, I.H.M.

**Director of Elder Care Services**  
Sister Ruth Hennessy, R.S.M.

**RECTORY HOURS**  
Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday  
9 AM to 8 PM  
Thursday  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Friday and Saturday  
9 AM to 1 PM  
Sunday - Closed

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**St. Edmond Office:** 215-334-3755

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends:**

- St. Monica -

**Sat: 8:30 AM | 5 PM** (*anticipated Sunday Mass*)

**Sun: 8:30 AM | 10 AM | 11:30 AM**

- St. Edmond -

**Sat: 4 PM** (*anticipated Sunday Mass*)

**Sun: 10 AM**

**Weekdays:**

- St. Monica -

**6:30 AM** (*during school year*) | **8:30 AM**

**Holy Days:**

- St. Monica -

**6:30 AM | 8:30 AM | 10 AM | 7 PM**

- St. Edmond -

**10 AM**

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Monica**  
**Saturday, 9-9:45 AM**

**St. Edmond**  
**Saturday after First Friday**  
**3-3:45 PM**



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Saturday, April 12

8:30 AM Saverio Greco

5:00 PM Deceased of Gillis and Doyle  
Families

**\*\*4PM Frank Leto**

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:30 AM Apadula & Gugliotta Families

10:00 AM Rose, James, Carmella and  
Julia Bruno

11:30 AM Ron Palumbo

**\*\*10 AM Eileen Hillanbrand and  
Joyce Wiley**

Monday, April 14

6:30 AM Barbara Cassidy

8:30 AM Anthoy Tenuto

Tuesday, April 15

6:30 AM Souls of the Priests

8:30 AM Joey Stonelake

Wednesday, April 16

6:30 AM Silvestro and Vittoria Gatto

8:30 AM Biago Carabello

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(St. Edmond)**

Good Friday, April 18

**NO MASSES**

3:00 PM - Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 19

**NO MASSES**

7:00 PM - Vigil

**\*\* Saint Edmond Masses**

**"NO ONE IS FAR FROM GOD"**

**~ St. Monica**



## MASS SCHEDULE

Barring any unforeseen changes, the Mass Schedule for Saturday, April 19 (Vigil), and Easter Sunday, April 20, will be:

7:00 PM - Father Okpara

8:30 AM - Father Okpara

10:00 AM - Father Friel

11:30 AM - Father Kelley

**\*\* 10:00 AM - Father Calabro**

**\*\* Saint Edmond**

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## WELCOME TO SAINT MONICA PARISH

If this is your first time here, we want to give you a warm and blessed welcome. If you would like to learn more about Saint Monica/Saint Edmond and about the faith, please fill out the bottom portion of this announcement and place it in the collection basket. Someone from our parish will contact you. We will try to match the person who will contact you with someone near to your own age. While you do not have to list your age, please indicate if you are a teen, young adult, adult or senior.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number  
or Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Grezczak on this Good Friday as they prayerfully discuss the Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

APR. 19: 7:00 PM - A. Doyle, S. Angelo

APR. 20: 8:30 AM - E. Cunningham

10:00 AM - J. Helmer

11:30 AM - A. Moore

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

APR. 19 : 7:00 PM - A. Doyle  
S. Angelo

APR. 20: 8:30 AM - N. Toritto  
C. Sylvester

10:00 AM - J. Helmer  
M. A. Sands

11:30 AM - A. Moore  
B. Benales

### ALTAR SERVERS

APR. 19: 7:00 PM - J. Eckert, K. Miller  
P. Romero, S. Accardo,  
H. Curran, S. Bonfiglio

APR. 20: 8:30 AM - M. Townsend,  
D. Picuri, A. Deluca

10:00 AM - A. Caswell  
L. Tolomeo  
S. Yoon

11:30 AM - J. Guercio  
N. Lacontora  
J. Amendt

**AT SAINT MONICA'S**



**HOST AND WINE**  
(Upper Church)

**For: The Toritto Family**  
**From: Nancy Toritto**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
(Upper Church)

**For: The Mele & McFillin Families**  
**From: Marie**

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**MONTHLY ASPIRATION FOR**  
**APRIL**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we  
praise you, because by your Holy  
Cross You have redeemed the world!**

**AT SAINT EDMOND'S**



**VOTIVE CANDLES**  
*in honor of*  
**OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

**For: Marie Sanvitale & Sarah Saiia**  
**(In Memory of their Birthdays)**  
**From: The Sanvitale Family**

**For: Special Intention of**  
**Latresha Sampson**  
**From: Michael Guarnere**

**For: Diane Maimone & Family**  
**From: Joe Maimone**

*in honor of*  
**SAINT JOSEPH**

**For: Albert Saiia**  
**From: Mikki Capo**

**SANCTUARY SOCIETY REQUESTS**

**For: Kenneth Bonavitacola**  
**From: Mikki Capo, Catherine & Bill**  
**Falcone, Joan & Paul Geraci,**  
**Michael Guarnere,**  
**Philomena & Joe Liberio,**  
**Lou & Lucy,**  
**M/M Michael Marakowski,**  
**Ron & Cynthia Miraglia, Marie Roetz,**  
**Rita Sanvitale**

## **THE HOLIEST TIME OF THE YEAR**

We are now into Holy Week and Easter. Our world today seems to be chaotic and more and more people are forgetting about the power of God in their lives and in our world. And yet, people do seem to be searching for something. Our Archbishop, Nelson Perez, talks about the need for Missionary Disciples as in the days of the Apostles. The word "Apostle" means "those sent." You are the Apostles of today sent out into Missionary Territory.

As I mentioned above, people of today are still searching for something more out of life - a purpose, a meaning, a final destiny. Holy Week does seem to speak to people who have strayed from the practice of the faith. It is up to you to encourage them to try out their Catholic Faith once again. Invite them to come and meet Christ in His Passion, Death and Resurrection this year.

Different priests speak to different people and we are lucky to have a diverse group of priests to speak to what individuals may be searching for. In this light, I am going to emphasize what priest will have what Masses/Services for Holy Week.

Today, Palm Sunday, we will take part in Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem by receiving the Blessed Palm and then we will share in His Passion by listening to the story of His crucifixion and death. I will lead us in this effort at the 4 PM Mass on Saturday at St. Edmond, while Fr. Okpara will lead us at the 5 PM Mass at St. Monica. Then on Sunday, Fr. Friel will take up the task at the 8:30 AM, Fr. Okpara at the 10AM and I at the 11:30 AM with Fr. Calabro at the 10 AM at St. Edmond.

On Holy Thursday, we will share in Christ's Institution of the Priesthood and Holy Eucharist at His Last Supper. Fr. Okpara will take us through that at the 7 PM at St. Edmond and I will lead us at the 7 PM at St. Monica.

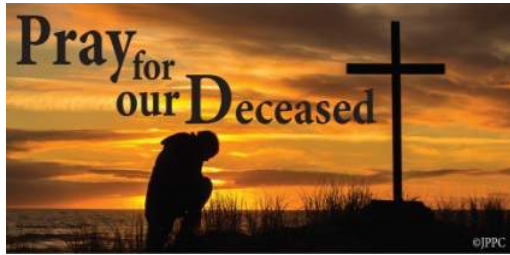
On Good Friday, the Church will be open all day (from 9 AM). I will lead us through Our Lord's Passion beginning at 3 PM and then, we will walk the Stations with Him at 7 PM.

On Holy Saturday, Fr. Okpara will lead us through the Easter Vigil at 7 PM. This is a very long but beautiful celebration of Light, New Life in Baptism and the Sacraments, and of course, the Resurrection.

On Easter Sunday, Fr. Okpara will take us through Our Lord's Triumph over sin and death at the 8:30 AM Mass, Fr. Friel will lead us at the 10 AM, I will do the 11:30 AM and Fr. Calabro will lead us at St. Edmond at 10 AM.

This Year, encourage a friend (or two) to come and encounter Christ as He makes His resurrected presence known in our world and in your life, this year!

**Father Kelley**



### MARCH REMEMBRANCES

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

- Marie A. Bambara
- Liberata Cavallaro
- Donato Cristinzio
- Cecia Jean Eyrich
- John Furey
- Margaret Keown
- Karen Lapore
- John McCusker
- Joseph Pedone, Jr.
- James Porreca
- Angelina Realdine
- Joan Renzi
- Elena Ricciardi
- Gaetano Versace

May their souls and all the souls of the  
faithful departed, through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen.

- Gerri Abbott
- Joseph Campanella
- Tom Capolupo
- Rebecca Carpino
- Matthew Cella
- Dom. Chiancone
- Joseph Cirella
- Rita Cirella
- Juliana Chris Erlan
- Rita Fortino
- Sharon Fortuno
- Sean Fox
- Stephanie Fox

- Barbara Guarnere
- Kathleen Harkins
- Virginia Hayes
- Nicole Levensgood
- Marlea M.
- Roseann Marino
- Edwina Mendicino
- Donato Musci
- MaryAnn Riccobono
- Pasquale Riccobono
- Jim Santangelo
- Rosemary Sanvitale
- Donna Sarne



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## **ST. MONICA PARISH ONLINE ROSARY**

There is an online parish rosary [every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.](#) This is an opportunity to utilize the  
gift of social media as a parish family to pray for our families, friends, nation, and the world.

Everyone is welcomed to join the prayer on Zoom using the information  
below:

Meeting ID: 785 2002 5150

Passcode: 242217

**COME PRAY WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**



## **EASTER CHALLENGE**

We are encouraged by the increase in Mass attendance. We still have a way to go! Father Kelley is challenging each of our faithful Mass attendees to challenge and

encourage another family member or neighbor to  
**COME HOME TO CHURCH FOR EASTER.**

By our Baptism we are all called to be Evangelizers.  
Help us to increase our attendance and lead them to Heaven!

## **HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE**

8:00 - 9:00 PM - Senior Citizens, Ushers and Sodality

9:00 - 10:00 PM - Pro-Life, Lectors, Home & School, and GEMs

10:00 - 11:00 PM - Holy Name, Ems, Knights of Columbus and  
St. Vincent de Paul

11:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight - Fathers & Sons and CYO

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 PM in Saint Monica Upper Church  
on Good Friday.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Good Friday, 1 PM - 2:30 PM - St. Monica only

## **RICE BOWL**

The CRS Rice Bowl is a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services  
encouraging Catholic families to practice prayer, fasting, and  
almsgiving to support global hunger and poverty alleviation efforts  
with 25% of donations staying in the local archdiocese.

Rice bowls are available in the Church.

***PLEASE BE GENEROUS!***



## ARCHBISHOP SURVEY, DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI)

Thank you to all who completed the DMI survey on line or by paper. Information will continue to be provided to the lay faithful in the future.

Please keep connected to receive updates through [trustandhope.org](http://trustandhope.org),  
[catholicleaders.org](http://catholicleaders.org) or [catholicphilly.com](http://catholicphilly.com).

*Let us continue to pray that the hopes for the Church of Philadelphia will be realized.*

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month, the baby uses four senses. He/she can see, hear, taste and touch as well as cough, yawn and hiccup. The baby now recognizes his/her mother's voice. During this time, the baby will also receive anti-bodies from the mother which offer protection from a variety of diseases.

Please continue to pray every day: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen"

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**Doors open 5:30 PM - Post Time 7:00 PM**

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## SENIORS CASINO TRIP TO RESORTS

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd**

**Cost - \$45**

**Bus leaves 16th & Shunk Streets at 9:30 AM.**

**For more information, call Mary Ann Sands at 267-978-2785.**



### **FATHERS & SONS POKER TOURNAMENT FUND RAISER**

Fathers & Sons will be hosting a Texas Hold-Em Tournament fundraiser on **THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 13th, in the Senior School Gym. Registration opens at 12 Noon.**

Play starts at 12:45 PM. Initial Buy-in is \$100. Lunch and beverages will be provided. This event supports the activities of our parish Fathers & Sons Club. For more information and to lock up a seat, please contact

### **NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

We are now accepting applications for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2025-2026 school year as well as transfer students. Packets are available in the main office of both the Junior and Senior Schools. A complete new student packet is required for every child, including siblings of current families and ELC students. Spots are filling up quickly and are on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Mrs. Powell with any questions at [kpowell@smspa.org](mailto:kpowell@smspa.org).

### **REGISTRATION - 2025-26 RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**

All students attending non-Catholic schools should be enrolled in a religious education program to learn the Faith and to be prepared to complete the Sacraments of Initiation and Reconciliation.

Our program runs from September to May on Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM.

Registration for all grades is open and you are encouraged to register as soon as possible so that books can be ordered and teachers assigned.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Rectory.

Registration fee is \$150 per child, \$250 for two or more children in a family.

Grandparents, Please give your children the heads up and remind them of their obligation to raise their children in the Faith which they promised at their child's Baptism.

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