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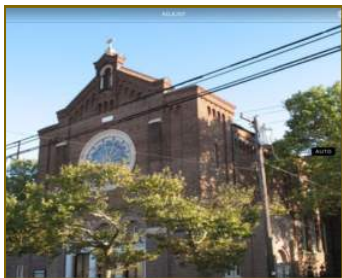
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My sheep hear my
voice; I know them,
and *they follow me.*

John 10:27



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



REVEREND JOSEPH KELLEY,
Pastor

Associates
Reverend John Okpara

Retired
Reverend John Calabro
Pastor Emeritus - Annunciation B.V.M.

Director of Religious Education
Deacon Leonard D. De Masi

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Denise Rosendo

Pastoral Services
Sister Kathleen White, I.H.M.

Saint Monica School
Sister Servants of the I.H.M.
Sister Melissa Mastrangelo, IHM
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

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish: 215-334-4170
Schools: (Senior) 215-467-5338
(Junior) 215-334-3777
Early Learning Cent.: 215-334-6001
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Convent: 215-334-0745
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



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, May 10

8:30 AM - Robert Sweeney

5:00 PM - Rita Fortino (Living)

****4:00 PM Norma Eibell**

Sunday, May 11

8:30 AM Anthony Tenuto

10:00 AM Apadula and Gugliotta Families

11:30 AM Joanne Sergio

****10 AM Eugene and Sue Sole**

Monday, May 12

6:30 AM James Broussard

8:30 AM Kevin Fowler

Tuesday, May 13

6:30 AM David Cyphers

8:30 AM Sister Mary Agnes Kinee I.H.M.

Wednesday, May 14

6:30 AM David Cyphers

8:30 AM Mrs. Jane Quigley (25th Anniv.)

Thursday, May 15

6:30 AM Silvestro and Vittoria Gatto

8:30 AM John and Florence Venuti

Friday, May 16

6:30 AM Joann Crosetta

8:30 AM Anthony Di Giovanni

Saturday, May 17

8:30 AM Dr. Thomas Del Giorno

5:00 PM Joanne Masciantonio

****4:00 PM Frank and Mary Leto**

**** Saint Edmond Masses**

“NO ONE IS FAR FROM GOD”

~ St. Monica



MASS SCHEDULE

Barring any unforeseen changes, the Mass Schedule for Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 will be:

5:00 PM - Father Okpara

**** 4:00 PM - Father Kelley**

8:30 AM - Father Okpara

10:00 AM - Father Kelley

11:30 AM - Father Friel

**** 10:00 AM - Father Okpara**

**** Saint Edmond**

SCAN ME



**TO VISIT
SAINT MONICA PARISH GIVING**



Dr. Tim Gray and Lucas Pollice discuss Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae. You can find the entire apostolic letter here for more on Praying the Rosary: The Million Rosary March. It is a wonderful mission.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A MOTHER'S LOVE

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our sadness and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we have dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above.

AT SAINT MONICA'S



HOST AND WINE (Upper Church)

For: Kevin Fowler
From: Jackie Fowler

HOST AND WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS

There are many requests for Hosts and Wine and Sanctuary Lamps available for 2025. Please call the rectory with your requests.

Offering these devotions for our deceased loved ones is a time honored custom in our church. Our prayers will benefit us in return.

“Pray for the dead and they in turn will pray for you.”

AT SAINT EDMOND'S



VOTIVE CANDLES In honor of OUR BLESSED MOTHER

FOR MOTHER'S DAY

For: Stella Teehera Cadiao
and
Margerita Collado Ligas
From: The Cadiao Family

For: Lena Guarnera
From: Michael Guarnera

For: Marie Sanvitale
From: The Sanvitale Family

For: Ida Vellucci
From: Toni Vellucci

SANCTUARY SOCIETY REQUEST

For: Terry Dintino
(Continued Healing, Comfort and
Grace)
From: Lou and Lucy Belcastro



ANNUAL PATRIOTIC
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

MAY 17: 5:00 PM - A. Doyle
MAY 18: 8:30 AM - S. Angelo
10:00 AM - J. Helmer
11:30 AM - A. Moore

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

MAY 17 : 5:00 PM - A. Doyle
M. Di Febbo
MAY 18: 8:30 AM - S. Angelo
F. Angelo
10:00 AM - J. Helmer
G. Negro
11:30 AM - B. Benales
A. Moore

ALTAR SERVERS

MAY 17: 5:00 PM - S. Juliano, A. DeLuca
M. Townsend
MAY 18: 8:30 AM - J. Andracchio
N. Cordisio
L. Owens
10:00 AM - G. Shoemaker
L. Jung
A. Deluca
11:30 AM - H. Curran
S. Bonfiglio
M. Barel



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**Deni Jayne Craig
and
Mark Anthony Negro**

May 23, 2025



**Gerri Abbott
Joseph Campanella
Tom Capolupo
Rebecca Carpino
Matthew Cella
Dom. Chiancone
Joseph Cirella
Rita Cirella
Russell D'Alonzo, Sr
Michael Doyle
Juliana Chris Erlan
Rita Fortino
Sharon Fortuno
Sean Fox**

**Stephanie Fox
Barbara Guarnera
Kathleen Harkins
Virginia Hayes
Nicole Levensgood
Marlea M.
Roseann Marino
Edwina Mendicino
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MaryAnn Riccobono
Pasquale Riccobono
Jim Santangelo
Rosemary Sanvitale**

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

**[archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/
metropolitan tribunal.](http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal)**

MONTHLY ASPIRATION FOR MAY

**My Queen, My Mother,
remember I am yours.
Keep me, Guard me
as your property and
possession. Amen.**

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!

OUR PARISH CELEBRATES MARY



On **MONDAY EVENING, MAY 12**, at 6:30 PM, there will be a Parish celebration to honor our Blessed Mother. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day for adoration. At 6:30 PM we will recite the Rosary, the Litany of Our Blessed Mother and have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

All in the Parish are encouraged to attend and seek the powerful intercession of Our Lady for ourselves, our families, our Parish and indeed the entire world.

TO JESUS THROUGH MARY!

When we honor Mary we honor Jesus! Please make every effort to attend. We want to make this an annual event.

CALENDAR MEETING

On **TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 13**, at 6:30 PM, there will be a meeting of all organizations to plan the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

Representatives from Sodality, Holy Name, Pro Life, Knights of Columbus, Home and School, Fathers and Sons, Gems, C.Y.O., St. Vincent de Paul, Opera committee Senior Citizens and St. Edmond Choir are requested to send representatives to submit dates and times for events.

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.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - MONTH 8

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight. She may be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. In a short time her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

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"

SAVE THE DATE

Next month on Father's Day, our parish will celebrate the "birth" day of our spiritually adopted babies with a "BABY SHOWER" at all the Masses on June 14-15. We will be collecting disposable diapers, formula, layette and baby care items, as well as new baby clothes (newborn to 24 months), onesies, sleepers bibs, blankets, etc. More details will follow.

OPERA IN THE CHURCH

There will be a meeting in the Rectory on
MAY 13th at 6:00 PM
for anyone interested in helping with the "Opera" which is
scheduled for October 19th.

If you have any questions, please
contact Maria at 215-833-1664.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

On May 27, our students will hit the streets of South Philly for the Annual Walk-A-Thon, raising crucial funds for facility upgrades and air conditioning. These improvements support our mission of providing a strong Catholic education grounded in faith and academic excellence.

Every donation matters. Whether big or small, your support helps a Wildcat reach their personal fundraising goal and ensures that Catholic education remains accessible to all. Donations can be dropped off at the Senior School or made online at: <https://independent.pledgebrite.org/fund/smspawalk25>.

Thank you for supporting our school community!

APPLY NOW FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

We are currently accepting Transfer and New Student applications for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Application packets are available in the main office of both the Junior and Senior School buildings. Interested in seeing what makes SMS special? Schedule a tour with Mrs. Powell at kpowell@smspa.org.

DINNER SERIES: MAY 28

PIZZA PLUS SOUTH - 11 am-9 pm - 12th & Mifflin Sts.
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