

# CHURCH OF ST. MONICA

413 EAST 79TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10075

RECTORY: 212-288-6250

WEBSITE: [WWW.CHURCHOFSTMONICA.ORG](http://WWW.CHURCHOFSTMONICA.ORG)

## PASTOR:

REV. MSGR. THOMAS A. MODUGNO

## ASSOCIATES:

REV. JOE A. FRANCIS

REV. THOMAS MANKAMTHANATH

## IN RESIDENCE:

REV. APOLINARI J. NGIRWA

## IN SUNDAY SERVICE:

REV. RICHARD AROLD

## ORGANIST &

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MR. DAVID SCHAEFER

## CANTOR &

LEADER OF SONG:

MR. JOSEPH NEAL

## MASSES

### SUNDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM,  
12:00 NOON PRINCIPAL LITURGY

### WEEKDAYS &

### FIRST FRIDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00 NOON

### SATURDAYS:

9:00AM, 5:30PM VIGIL

## BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER  
OF THE PARISH STAFF  
WELL IN ADVANCE.

## SACRAMENT

### OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD  
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS  
AND ANYTIME BY  
APPOINTMENT.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:      APRIL 25, 2010**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****APRIL 25, 2010**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the risen Christ consoles us: My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. With the nineteenth-century German theologian Johan A. Mohler we confess. *“I think I could no longer live if I stopped hearing Him speak.”* What fills Christ’s disciples with joy and the Holy Spirit is this voice which is identical with life. Like the converts whom Paul and Barnabas urged *“to remain faithful to the grace of God,”* our happiness depends on our fidelity to the grace that keeps us sensitive, aware, and disposed to the tender voice of the Shepherd. For this Shepherd is also the Lamb who lives to wipe every tear from our eyes.

**TODAY’S READINGS ...**

**First Reading** — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas’ preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14; or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3  
or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a; 34-35


**SATURDAY: VIGIL**

5:30 John Henwood

**SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 Msgr. Thomas A. Modugno (living)

9:00 Mary Jane and Emil Russo

10:30 Mr. and Mrs. William Pratt

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**MONDAY: EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 Joseph Daniel Stanfield

9:00 Margaret McNally

12:00 Gerda Traber

**TUESDAY: EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:30 Mario Marquez

9:00 Angela Uddo

12:00 Josephine Napolitano (living)

**WEDNESDAY: SAINT PETER CHANEL, PRIEST**

7:30 Therese Doyle (1<sup>st</sup> ann)

9:00 Thomas Dingler, Jr.

12:00 Sister Mary Joseph

**THURSDAY: SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**

7:30 Ed and Terry Hogan (living)

9:00 Juanito Del Rosario

12:00 Ed and Anne Noyes (living)

**FRIDAY: SAINT PIUS V, POPE**

7:30 Yepsi and David Lopez

9:00 Basilisa Inocencio

12:00 Johanna Stephens

**SATURDAY: SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER**

9:00 Joe and Joe Freer (living)

**WHO ARE WE? ...**

Who are “we” today as we sing “We are his people, the sheep of his flock” in the responsorial psalm? It is very easy to think that it is just us, at this Mass, or just the members of this parish or diocese, or perhaps we are thinking it is all Roman Catholics in the United States. But “we” are much larger and broader than that. If you take a globe or atlas in your hand, it would be difficult to point to any place on land where “we” aren’t singing this psalm today. Not only that, but “we” are the saints who survived the great time of trial, as described in Revelation’s reading today. And “we” continue to grow not just in numbers but in complexity and diversity as the work begun by Paul and Barnabas in today’s first reading continues. But, even though who “we” are, the flock of the Lord, is almost beyond our ability to comprehend, we all hear the voice of Jesus Christ, our one and only shepherd, as we continue through the Easter season to follow him faithfully. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)****Welcome to St. Monica's!***

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found  
in our hymnal on the following pages.*

<b>Entrance Hymn</b>	<b>283</b>
<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>160*</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>558</b>
<i>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>358</b>
<i>There is a Balm in Gilead</i>	
<i>at noon: I Know That My Redeemer Lives (H. Hughes)</i>	
<i>Joseph Neal, soloist</i>	
<i>Ivan Barenboim, recorder</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>103*</b>
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	<b>104*</b>
<b>Great Amen</b>	<b>105*</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Lamb Of God</b>	<b>188*</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>378</b>
<i>Lord, When You Came to the Seashore/ Pescador de hombres</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>261</b>
<i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today</i>	

\* at noon: from the Mass for St. Monica

**STEWARDSHIP ...**

Christian stewardship begins with the love at the core of Christ's message. Because of His love for us, God entrusts us with the priceless gift of life – along with our talents, abilities and all our possessions and earthly resources. Therefore, we don't own what we perceive to be our holdings. God is their rightful owner, and we, who are their recipients, are managers obliged – not by law but by gratitude and our Christian faith – to use them in accordance with God's plan.

"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord," the U.S. bishops' letter says.

In Christian stewardship, as in any aspect of Christianity, love is crucial. "Love one another" Jesus taught us (Jn 15:12). If stewardship is a concept you can't embrace as yourself, why?

"The most basic and pervasive obstacle is sheer selfish lack of love, a lack which people must acknowledge and seek to correct when they find it in their own hearts and lives," the bishops wrote. "For the absence of charity from the lives of disciples of Jesus in itself is self-defeating and hypocritical."

Christian stewardship reflects the Gospel message and call to examine our lifestyle and to make new decisions about our relationship to God and to one another. Stewardship has to do with our willingness to be a part of the Church universal through our local Church. It encompasses our willingness to combine our efforts, to share our time and talents, our material goods, our very humanity to help our parishes and our Church fulfill their mission.

"God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense," the bishops wrote.

In a profound sense, it's not just that we're required to make a contribution to the Kingdom; it's that our happiness, our peace of mind, and the very meaning of life rely upon our willingness to give – again and again.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 6,172.00**

**Last Year's Collection: \$ 5,198.00**

**MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE ...**

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.** This is a beautiful way to remember our mothers both living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet Mass Cards are available with intention envelopes at the rear of the church. The envelopes can be placed in the offering box located at the Baptismal Font and then will be placed at the Blessed Mothers Altar for the month of May.

**PLEASE REMEMBER...**

Both in life and in death, we belong to the Lord.

- Romans 14

Please remember St. Monica's Church in your will.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Yankee raffle raised \$6,020.00 for the parish needs. The winners are:

Elaine Gaffney  
Frank Sestak  
Joan Stolleman

A special 'thank you' to the parishioner who generously donated the tickets and to all those who took a chance, it was a great success!

### SECOND COLLECTION ...

Next weekend Fr. Brian Coffey, from the Mill Hill Missionaries will make an appeal at all the Masses for the benefit of the Propagation of the Faith. The purpose of this appeal is threefold:

- To promote mission awareness;
  - To encourage membership in The Society for the Propagation of the Faith;
  - To collect funds to further the works of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith
- Thank you for all you for to support the missionary work of the church.

### BABY SHOWER ...



St. Monica's will again sponsor our 'Annual Baby Shower'. This is our **tenth year** and, through your generosity, we have become so successful that we now contribute to: **Pregnancy Help Inc., Catholic Home Bureau (Maternity**

### Birth Care Program) and Yorkville Common Pantry.

Please remember to drop off your new unwrapped baby gifts, crib sheets, diapers/pampers, bottles, pajamas, blankets, stretchies, etc. and place them in front of the St. Joseph Altar.

We will be collecting these items starting the first weekend in May and continuing through to the end of the month. '

### JOB OPPORTUNITY ...

Upper East Side Yorkville area Church looking for a part-time receptionist, weekends Saturday from 8:30am-6:30pm and Sunday 8:30am 2:00pm. and also to fill in at times during the week for vacations, etc.

### CARNEGIE EAST HOUSE ...

An enriched housing residence for older adults is located at Second Avenue and 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

CEH has a new invigorated administration and has upgraded its physical plant. It offers seniors independence, security and the comfort of services when needed.

Temporary trail or respite stays are also offered.

Should you or any of your friends, neighbors or family members be interested in learning more about CEH, you may call Bill Patterson at (646) 428-8009 to request a tour or for more [www.carnegieeast.org](http://www.carnegieeast.org)

### The Burning of the Sanctuary Light

during the month of **MAY**

In loving memory of Edward L. Hendrickson  
requested by Kathleen Hendrickson

### The Bread and Wine for the Celebration of the Eucharist

during the month of **MAY**

has been donated by  
the generosity of a parishioner



The monthly Sanctuary Light and the monthly Bread and Wine used for the Celebration of the Eucharist may be reserved for your special intentions in memory of a deceased loved one, in thanksgiving for a favor received, or for any other special need. The memorials will be noted in the bulletin each month. The monthly offering:

- \$35.00 for the Sanctuary Light
- \$35.00 for the Bread and Wine

Please call the rectory at (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

### HEALING MASS ...

A Healing Mass and devotion to St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer, will be held on the Main Altar, Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:30 pm in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue., NYC, NY.

### SEMINARS ...

Cathedral of St. Patrick's Young Adults (a young adult apostolate for those in their 20s and 30s) present a Gospel in Art Seminar on May 6, 2010 at the Cathedral Parish House, 14 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street, between Madison and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

CSPYA is bringing back this popular seminar where we look at a famous religious work of art and discuss the spiritual significance of the work. On this night they will present two Marian works of art: the "Immaculate Conception," by Bartoleme Esteban Murillo and "Our Lady of the Light," by Natalia Tsarkova.

Please rsvp to [info@cspya.org](mailto:info@cspya.org)

### MARY'S MONTH...



May is the month of *Our Blessed Mother*. Please remember to pray the rosary daily.

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

**Rosary:** Weekdays after the Noon Mass

**Holy Hour:** First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

**Devotions:** Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

*Spring into Action...*  
**St. Monica's Church**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**



**Sunday - April 25, 2010**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**413 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street (First & York Avenues)**  
**The Parish Hall**

**For more information and to schedule an appointment,  
please contact:  
1-800-933-BLOOD**

**NYBC Eligibility Line 1-800-688-0900**

**[www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org)**

**[www.redcelladvantage.com](http://www.redcelladvantage.com)**

**Earn Points-Donor Incentive-Give Blood.**

**NO SS # Required – A Photo or Signature ID Required.**

**Eat well balanced meals before giving blood.**

**△ New York Blood Services**