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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
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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION: AUGUST 15, 2010

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Pope Benedict XVI writes that “precisely because Mary is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually ‘within’ all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God.” Our Lady “knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us and, being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother.” The Blessed Mother’s birth into heaven generates in us “an ever new capacity to await God’s future.” (John Paul II).

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalm — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

MassSchedule

SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Deceased members of the Reddington Family

SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

7:30 In Thanksgiving
 9:00 Mary Jane Russo (14th ann)
 10:30 Loretta Stephens
 12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

7:30 Iren and Judith Csiki (living)
 9:00 Frederick Stephens, Sr.
 12:00 Paul Yoon (living)

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Isabel Litrenta (living)
 9:00 Katalil Daenler
 12:00 St. Agata

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Javier Litrenta (living)
 9:00 Carlo Guarini
 12:00 Josephine Martucci

THURSDAY: SAINT JOHN EUDES

7:30
 9:00
 12:00 Luigina Ciavarelli

FRIDAY: SAINT BERNARD

7:30
 9:00 Jack Holmes
 12:00

SATURDAY: SAINT PIUS X

9:00 Madonna Mondol

THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH ...

The celebration of today’s feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord’s Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord’s Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: “In Christ shall all be brought to life” (1 Corinthians 15:22). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

ASSUMPTION***Welcome to St. Monica's!***

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

Entrance Hymn	421
<i>Immaculate Mary</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	160
Responsorial Psalm	759
<i>The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	114
<i>Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.</i>	
Offertory Hymn	
<i>AVE MARIA (D. Schaefer) sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
Sanctus	172
Memorial Acclamation	173
Great Amen	177
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb Of God	178
Communion Hymn	435
<i>Eat This Bread</i>	
Recessional Hymn	419
<i>Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above</i>	

STEWARDSHIP ...

Christian Stewardship concept also holds that all we are, all that we have are gifts from God and that we have been truly blessed by Him. The concept of Christian Stewardship suggests that we are given three gifts which can be symbolic of the three gifts presented by the Magi at Christ birth.

The First Gift: The Gift of Our Time

Service to one's Church and community consists of offering one's Time to serve the poor, volunteer at school or religious education, lector, bring Holy Communion to those less ambulatory, but most importantly the gift of Time is allowance for prayer.

Prayer is such an important part of our lives that we must take Time for it in our daily but nevertheless busy lives. Needless to say; we must appropriate the gift of Time for prayer and volunteering our service.

The Second Gift: The Gift of Our Unique Talents

Again, we have all been blessed by God with unique, individual talents that can serve our Church and community. Through an offering of our unique God given talents we can serve God through service to the parish and one another. Wonderful opportunities are available to volunteer that unique talent. On a practical level, the parish can benefit substantially with many volunteer projects that save financial resources for the parish.

The Third Gift: The Gift of Treasure

The gift of our treasure is probably the most challenging to each of us as well as being a test of our faith. Our secular culture holds wealth and possessions as symbols of our independence, power and personal success. But, what of our spiritual efforts? We must prayerfully consider "moving forward in faith" in an unconventional way – without guarantees of a return or gratification from our financial gifts. We are not "buying" anything with our gifts but rather making a return to the Lord for the many gifts He has bestowed on us.

Our blessings are only ours through the grace of God and those blessings can help to do God's work by supporting our parish's mission and its many ministries. We are called to serve others with our gifts.

MASS INTENTIONS ...

We have many available dates for announced Masses for the remainder of this year. Please stop by the parish house.

GIVING BACK ...

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries. — *Peter Chrysologus*

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

— *Romans 14*

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

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914) ...

August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed "Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS ...

Thoughtful quotes by St. John Marie Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests.

"The priest will not understand the greatness of his office till he is in Heaven. If he understood it on earth, he would die, not of fear, but of love."

"There are no bad priests, only priest for whom there has not been enough prayer."

"Misfortune to a priest who remains silent when he sees God outraged and souls wandering away!"

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"The priest is not a priest for himself he is a priest for you."

"If we had a faith, we would see God hidden in the priest like a light behind glass, like wine mixed with water."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ...

Unemployment continues to be of serious concern for New Yorkers. Catholic Charities has provided 23 career coaching workshops to more than 370 participants. Our "Help and Hope" program provides short-term career counseling through workshops at Archdiocesan parishes for individuals who have lost their jobs, anticipate a job loss or need to change jobs. Referrals are made by parish pastors to the Catholic Charities Parish Counseling Network. To learn more or to participate, call (888) 744-7900 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesNY.org

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ...

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor God's holy service. - Amen

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



RCIA is the process in the Church today that supports and encourages the spiritual journey of all our brothers and sisters.

For those unbaptized, to welcome new members into the Church

community.

For those baptized in another faith and who desire full communion with the Catholic Church.

For those baptized but not catechized, to help them become active members of the parish community.

If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, or have been baptized but never received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation this program is for you. Please visit our website for more information; you can print the registration form and mail to the parish office.

SAN LORENZO RUIZ ...

The Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York and the people of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel are trying to promote devotion to the First Filipino Martyr Saint.

On **September 19, 2010**, Sunday 2:00pm a concelebrated Mass for the Feast of San Lorenzo at St. Patrick Cathedral in Honor of our Patron Saint.

October 2-3, 2010 Saturday and Sunday 8:00am to 5:00pm Renewal and recollection by one of the Filipino International Evangelists, Dr. Jamie Irizarry and Sarah Irizarry who will be coming from the Philippines to conduct this renewal. For more details call St. Patrick's Cathedral at (212) 753-2261.

PREGNANCY HELP INC ...

Can you spare 4 hours a week? We reach out to pregnant women in crisis. We need volunteer peer counselors (we will train you) as well as writing and computer savvy volunteers. Please call Cathy at (212) 243-0970 or send email to cathphi@al.com

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Weekdays after the Noon Mass

and on Saturday after the 9:00am

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

Devotions: Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass



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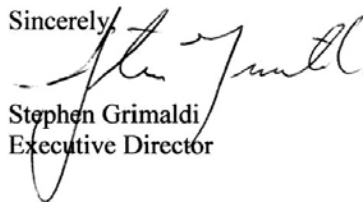
Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Modugno
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Dear Rev. Msgr. Modugno:

Thank you for your generous gift of 60 lbs. of baby items donated on June 3, 2010.

This past year, our 29th year of operation, the Yorkville Common Pantry provided over 2 million meals to low-income and struggling New York families. Our Pantry Programs help 1,600 to 1,800 families **every week** to put food on the table for all the members of their household. And, as you can well imagine, the number of clients we serve is growing every day. But, YCP is not just about feeding the hungry of our community. We also provide a variety of services that help our clients maintain a level of dignity. We provide showers, haircuts by our long serving Mennonite volunteers, laundry services, and assistance enrolling in a range of benefits and entitlements.

In these difficult economic times, the work we do at YCP is more critical than ever. Thank you for your support which allows us to continue providing the quantity and quality of services we do.

Sincerely,

Stephen Grimaldi
Executive Director

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