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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  
APPOINTMENT.



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Perhaps the most horrifying scenario imaginable is to stand outside knocking on a locked door only to hear the Lord respond, "I do not know where you are from." Through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, the Lord assures us: "I come to gather nations of every language." But some resist that invitation. In order to join God's gathering, we must "enter through the narrow gate" – that is, we must say yes to the relationship that Christ wants to have with us. The Letter to the Hebrews says that "God treats you as sons." When we change and conform our life to our calling to be God's children, then those who are last will be first. We will recline with them at table in the kingdom of God.

### TODAY'S READINGS ...

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



## MassSchedule

### SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Peter Armetta (nephew)

### SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 John Fox

9:00 Dorothy Routh

10:30 Jean Vale

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

### MONDAY: SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

7:30 Roseanne and Michael Murphy (living)

9:00 Loreta Gelsomino

12:00 Paul Lawrence Hian

### TUESDAY: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

7:30

9:00 Joseph Caccavale

12:00 Peter Holley

### WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Amilcar Tirado (living)

9:00 Gioacchino Giglio

12:00 Robert Lamb

### THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Anthony Canning (living)

9:00 Cecilia Yoon (living)

12:00 Robert Mayall

### FRIDAY: SAINT MONICA

7:30 Cecilia Wantola

9:00 Special Intention

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

### SATURDAY: SAINT AUGUSTINE

9:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

### PROCLAIM GOD'S GLORY ...

A threefold message develops in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Usually suffering is part of the formation process. We are to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross.

Third, some people who imagine themselves saved are really not. The door of salvation has been closed in their faces despite their cries and pleas. On the other hand, some who are treated with contempt and disdain actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement on hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once caught your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people whom you imagine are not invited to God's kingdom? Why do you think so? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How might this be possible? Always try your best to enter by the narrow door. Come and proclaim God's glory. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

21<sup>st</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time (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>305</b>
<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>640</b>
<i>Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>114</b>
<i>I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;</i>	
<i>No one comes to the Father, except through me.</i>	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>342</b>
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Great Amen</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Lamb of God</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	
<i>Fly Like A Bird (K. Canedo)</i>	
<i>sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>283</b>
<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	

### STEWARDSHIP ...

Summer is a time when families gather, reminisce, and share a special meal at a family gathering or reunion. We can hear "grace before meals" being recited as families share those special moments. We pray for those who are unable to be with us or for those who have passed on into God's hands. Our parish community back home is also part of our faith family.

When we prepare for our summer travel, typically, we work up a *To Do List* to "steward" the process of getting away that may include "taking care of" the following: Mail, Newspaper, Home, Lawn, Security, Prescriptions, House Sitting, Baby Sitting, Maintenance, Neighbors, Bills and Bill paying.

But what happens with spiritual stewardship during the summer months? Our stewardship contributions of *treasure* throughout the year support the parish financially. Your gifts enable the parish to carry out its Gospel-based mission by providing worship, education, the sacraments, service to the poor and needy and countless blessings to those in need.

A parish runs on prayer and good works. Good works include sharing our financial blessings to provide service and ministries.

*"I come to serve ...not to be served."* -Mark 10:45

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,211.00**

**Last Year's Collection: \$ 3,284.00**

### MASS INTENTIONS ...



We have many available dates for announced Masses for the remainder of this year. What better way for us to show our loved ones both living and deceased just how much they mean to us. Please stop by the parish house.

The Mass book for 2011 will be available after the Labor Day Holiday.

### NEW PARISHIONERS ...

We are a warm welcoming community of faith. If you have recently moved into the neighborhood or if you have been here a while but have not yet registered, please do so, there are registration cards in the back of the church for you to fill out. Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the Parish.

### RECENT CHANGES ...

We are constantly trying to maintain our parish records. If you have moved, recently gotten a new phone number, or family status has changed please contact the parish office with the corrected information (especially apartment number), telephone number and zip codes. This helps us keep our membership records updated as well as eliminates return postage fees. If we do not have your apartment number all mail will be returned.

### PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

### **OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...**

The Institute of **Religious Studies, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers**, offers graduate –level studies in theology, liturgy and sacred scripture to those in the Archdiocese interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the fundamentals of our Faith. The Fall 2010 Semester at the Institute offers a variety of interesting courses that should provide a thoughtful appreciation of many of the truths of our Catholic Faith.

The Fall 2010 brochure can be found on the website of the Archdiocese at [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org)

### **RETREAT ...**

**Mount St. Alphorns**, located on the banks of the Hudson River in New York State, a majestic castle-like building, announces its upcoming programs:

Taine' Prayer is switching to the first Wednesday of each month, starting in September. Simple chants made glorious with harmonies, sung by the 30 member Mount choir in candlelight only. Donations accepted.

Senior Citizen Retreat, Monday – Thursday, September 13-16, 2010 this four day program is for seniors (55 and older) combing the spiritual, emotional and physical aspects of aging. In the serene and beautiful setting provided by the Mount's castle on over 400 acres, participants will be offered presentations on all aspects of their health. Included with the scheduled activities is time for solitude, prayer and socializing. Join them for four days of enlightenment and spiritual renewal in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere.

Cost: \$225 per person includes accommodations, activities and meals.

For more information, please visit [www.MountSaintAlphonsus.org](http://www.MountSaintAlphonsus.org) or call (845) 384-8000.

### **SAINT PADRE PIO ...**

The Annual Mass in Honor of St. Padre Pio on **September 18, 2010** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 51<sup>st</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 1:00pm

Come and commemorate the feast day of St. Padre Pio, as we remember and celebrate his life, suffering, and his example for us all. The Main Celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, rector of St. Joseph's Seminary.

### **LEADERSHIP COURSE ...**

An 8 WEEK Christopher Leadership Course for Adults, on Wednesday evenings starting from September 29 – November 17, Wall Street Area.

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### **SAINT MONICA (332-387) ...**

#### **August 27**

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

**We celebrate her feast day Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have veneration of her relic at all the Masses. The 12 Noon Mass will have music.**

### **PRAYER TO ST. MONICA ...**

In your mercy, Lord, You received the tears of St. Monica as she wept for her son.

At the intercession of both mother and son, give us grace to weep for sin and to obtain Your forgiveness. - **AMEN**

### **PRAYER FOR THE PARISH ...**

Holy Spirit, my Guide and Counselor, I ask your blessing on our parish family. May our priests and other leaders continue to be living witnesses of your presence among us. May all of us grow spiritually and follow your gospel faithfully. In particular, may our weekly worship bind us closer to one another in faith and give you glory and praise.

May each family in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest; each baby, each child, each teenager, each parent, and each elderly one among us, be especially blessed by you.

May all of our families truly be "little churches" that daily give you thanks and praise!

Thank you for my parish and for my faith. - Amen.

## **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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## CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SOCIETY AND HOME BUREAU

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**John J. Frein**  
*Executive Director*

June 17, 2010

Msgr. Thomas Modugno, Pastor  
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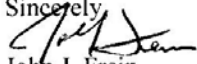
Dear Msgr. Modugno,

On behalf of Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau, I would like to thank you and the parishioners of St. Monica's for your wonderfully generous in-kind donations to our Maternity Services Program. The four big bags of baby clothing, towels, sheets, blankets and toys which you donated, with the help of Ms. Joanne Freer, will be keenly appreciated by the women and children we serve in our Maternity Services Program.

Thanks to contributions from supporters like you, who share the pro-life mission of our program, we are able to continue to offer women in need and their families a full array of maternity and related services, including free counseling, referrals for pre- and post-natal care, safe new cribs with mattresses, training in good nutrition and good parenting, layettes, baby formula, baby clothes, and assistance with immunization and other health care needs.

We also have a full-service domestic adoption program. For those mothers and fathers who choose not to continue to parent, we find loving adoptive families for their children. Similarly, our international adoption program matches adopt children residing in such foreign countries as Jamaica, Nigeria, Dominican Republic, Korea, Taiwan, Haiti and Guyana with loving adoptive parents here in the US.

With the generous in-kind contributions of your parishioners, we can continue to accomplish our mission of strengthening families by helping children. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous and vital support.

Sincerely,  
  
John J. Frein  
Executive Director

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