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## 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:

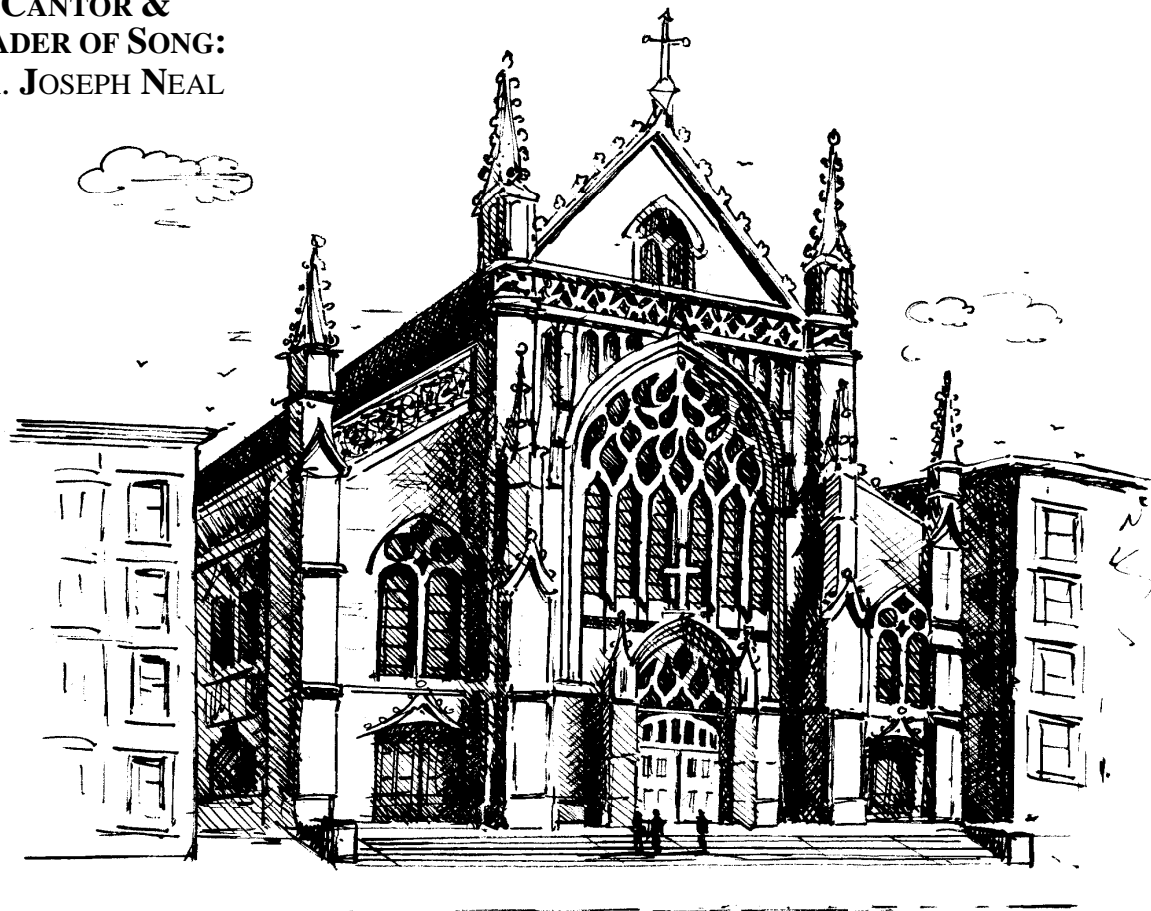
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER  
OF THE PARISH STAFF  
WELL IN ADVANCE.

## SACRAMENT

### OF RECONCILIATION:

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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 18, 2010**

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In the face of Peter's triple denial of him, the risen Jesus three times asks Peter, "*Do you love me?*" No degree of personal evil or sin can eradicate from Peter's heart the awareness of this ineradicable fact: Peter does love Jesus. Peter was made for this love which no measure of wickedness or infidelity can abate. When Peter tells the Sanhedrin, "*We must obey God rather than men,*" he means that he must obey this infallible truth that rules and directs his heart. The "*honor and glory and blessing*" that the slain Lamb is worthy to receive is this confidence in his love when all we see in ourselves is misery and betrayal.

**TODAY'S READINGS ...**

**First Reading** — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30


**SATURDAY: VIGIL**

5:30 Vincent Stephens

**SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY**

7:30 Rev. Richard Arold (living)

9:00 Alexis Pilkington

10:30 Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bradley

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**MONDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 Arturo Napolitano

9:00 Catherine Reilly

12:00 Patricia Morrison

**TUESDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 In Honor of St. Monica

9:00 Carmela Gallagher

12:00 Margaret Digilio

**WEDNESDAY: SAINT ANSELM, BISHOP**

7:30 John O'Neill

9:00 Javier Trujillo

12:00 Eileen G. Ferrell

**THURSDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 Rosalia and Juan Lopez

9:00 Paul Kirchhoffer

12:00 Helen and John Flack & Family

**FRIDAY: SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR**

7:30 Dennis Rogers

9:00 Daniel (living)

12:00 Carolyn Lew

**SATURDAY: WEEKDAY**

9:00 Cecilia Dennett (living)

**NAMESAKES OF CHRIST ...**

On Palm Sunday we heard in Paul's letter to the Philippians that all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth must bend their knee at the name of Jesus. That name comes back in today's first reading. The Sanhedrin, whom we heard about just a few short weeks ago in the reading of the Passion, are again confronted by Jesus in his name being proclaimed by the apostles. Peter and the others refuse to bend their knee to the authority of the Sanhedrin and stop teaching in the name of Christ. In fact, they rejoice that they have been persecuted for doing so.

Do we turn to those first brave followers when we are called upon to give witness to the name of Christ in our name "Christian" day by day? When we must stand against, challenge, or confront forces that counter the gospel of justice, peace, joy, and beauty, do we give witness with no less than the Holy Spirit, or do we remain silent? Do we genuinely give honor to the name of Jesus by being his namesakes in the world today? © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co

*Third 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> <i>O Sons and Daughters</i>	<b>260</b>
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>160*</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me.</i>	<b>555</b>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b> <i>How Great Thou Art</i>	<b>291</b>
<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> <i>Taste and See</i>	<b>437</b>
<b>Recessional Hymn</b> <i>The Strife is O'er</i>	<b>266</b>

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

**STEWARDSHIP ...**

Gifts from God received in faith and with gratitude, are not meant to be hoarded or kept for our own use exclusively. Instead, we need to give a portion of those blessings from above to others, especially to persons in need. In that way we do help build up the Church and make this a better world. Truly grateful people recognize that gifts received must be shared.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,084.00**

**Last Year's Collection: \$ 4,443.00**

**ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ...**

To date our parish has received **\$50,825.00** in pledges/gifts toward our assessed goal of \$59,500.00 for the **2010 Stewardship Appeal**.

For this Appeal to be successful we need to have the support of all of our families. I am confident we will reach our goal. I would like to thank all of you who have already made your gift to the Appeal.

**SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109) April 21**

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed Church-State issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his Abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**MASS FOR COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS ...**

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary anytime during 2010 are invited to attend the annual **Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory at (212) 288-6251 to register. Closing date is May 27<sup>th</sup>. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY.

**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 ...**

**NEW YORK YANKEE BASEBALL BONANZA ...**

Last chance to try your luck!

We have tickets for 3 New York Yankee Games at the New Yankee Stadium.

The drawing will be held today **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at **St. Monica's Church, after the 12:00 Noon Mass.**

**BLOOD DRIVE ...**



We will be hosting our *'Sixth Annual Blood Drive'* at the Church of Saint Monica **next Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

What does it take to be a blood donor? It takes a special person who understands that making a blood donation is an important life-saving deed. How long does the donation take? The procedure is done by a skilled specially trained technician and takes 10 to 12 minutes. You will give one pint of whole blood. You will rest after the donation and be served refreshments.

**SAVE THE DATE** and give us ONE hour of your time for such a worthy cause.

**Photo ID is required. Please call the parish office (212) 288-6251 to sign up for this worthy cause and help make this a successful community event!**

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...**

*How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid –  
The Straight Dope for Parents:*

A talk for parents, grandparents, educators, and anyone interested in learning more about this important topic.

Speaker: Mr. Joseph A. Califano, Jr.  
Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm in Wallace Hall,  
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola,  
980 Park Avenue, NYC., NY  
Free and open to the public.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – NYC ( a young adult apostolate) presents "Answering God's Call ... Should I let It Go to Voicemail? On April 26, 2010 at Metro 53 Bar, 307 East 53rd Street at 7pm-9pm. Father Stephen Challman will end this season with a talk about his vocation story and how we should listen to God's calling for us...

Whatever that may be! This final session of the season is a fitting way to pay tribute to the Year of the Priest. Please visit them at [www.totnyc.org](http://www.totnyc.org).

**NECESSARY ...**

Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it. —*St. Bernard*

**The Burning of the Sanctuary Light**  
during the month of **APRIL**  
**for the intentions of Elden Butzbaugh (living)**  
has been donated by Tara Butzbaugh

**The Bread and Wine for the**  
**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
during the month of **APRIL**  
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.

**THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS ...**

*"There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all."*

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You, above all others, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Christian life and education. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship – one that will last throughout this life and beyond. By living a Christian life in partnership with your godchild, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.

**BAPTISMS...**

We offer congratulations and a warm welcome to the families of those who were presented at our Baptismal Font and are members of our parish community:

Kayden Saviour Haber  
Audrey Claire Donnelly  
Aiden Carter McEaney  
Jacob William Bostian  
Aidan Richard Biggica  
Evelyne Rose-Angela Maurandy  
Gabriella Rose Cesa  
Brett Hallstein  
Jonelle Renee Skubish  
Lori Wang  
Lukasz Wieraszko  
Claire Emma McInerney  
Patrick Jeffrey Willats

**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



*presents this*

INTERIOR RESTORATION AWARD

*to*

Msgr. Thomas A. Modugno  
Pastor of St. Monica Church

*for the*

restoration of  
Church of St. Monica

*and*

*for significant achievement in  
the preservation of the  
rich architectural heritage  
and cultural legacy of  
New York City's  
Upper East Side*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne L. Tilford". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

PRESIDENT

MARCH 3, 2010