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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.



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: DECEMBER 26, 2010

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The family is the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love... The family is an intermediate institution between individuals and society, and nothing can completely take its place... The family is a necessary good for peoples, an indispensable foundation for society and a great and lifelong treasure for couples. It is a unique good for children, who are meant to be the fruit of the love, of the total and generous self-giving of their parents... The family is also a school which enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity ... *“O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will, help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments” (Pope Benedict XVI).*

TODAY'S READINGS ...

First Reading – Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14).

Psalm – Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading – You are called into one body: Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel – Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 78; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: VIGIL

7:30 St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 St. Monica Parishioners
10:30 St. Monica Parishioners
12:00 St. Monica Parishioners

SUNDAY: HOLY FAMILY

7:30 Antonina Guttilla (living)
9:00 Nicholas Fredo
10:30 Ann Burns
12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: SAINT JOHN

7:30 Jeffrey Gettings
9:00 Rose and Stephen Stack
12:00 Mary Cecelia Reddington

TUESDAY: THE HOLY INNOCENTS

7:30 In Thanksgiving
9:00 Robert McNally and Family (living)
12:00 Alex Bujaki Jr.

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE...

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life. The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share – within our families, parish families, and the wider human family – the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

WEDNESDAY: SAINT THOMAS BECKET

7:30 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Thomas McNally and Family (living)
12:00 Albert Walsh (living)

THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Dominic Corvi
9:00 Joseph McNally and Family (living)
12:00 May Wademan

FRIDAY: SAINT SYLVESTER I

7:30 Juan, Rosalia, Yepsi, and David Lopez
9:00 Christine Wantola (living)
12:00 Billy Nelson (living)
5:30 Liv. and dec. members of Armetta Family

SATURDAY: NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00 St. Monica Parishioners

HOLY FAMILY (A)

Welcome to St. Monica's!

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

Entrance Hymn	209
<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	160
Responsorial Psalm	493
<i>Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	114
<i>May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.</i>	
Offertory Hymn	214
<i>Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow</i>	
Sanctus	103
Memorial Acclamation	104
Great Amen	105
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	188
Communion Hymn	217
<i>Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming</i>	
Recessional Hymn	215
<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	

STEWARDSHIP ...

Thinking beyond time, talent, and treasure, we also can consider offering up our suffering for the Church. On one level or another, we all suffer. Whether your particular pain is physical, mental, or spiritual, make an offering of your suffering on behalf of the good of the Church. Remembering the Catholic belief that suffering has redemptive value, we can find new meaning in what sometimes feels like senseless pain. And the Church can, in turn, benefit from such an act of faith, hope, and love.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY ...

Once again, we would like to remind our parishioners that 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 Spring 2011 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. For a full listing of the programs offered throughout the year (914) 367-8280 or (914) 367-8281. Also, the spring brochure can be found on the website of the Archdiocese at www.archny.org

HOLY FAMILY ...

The feast of the Holy Family does not call us to return to the past. It bids us to create and savor the aroma of holiness in our homes and in our families today. It invites us to keep journeying together until the day when we open the door of our heavenly home and recognize an unmistakable aroma. Then we will say, once and for all eternity, "Smells like home."

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES ...



The Sanctuary Light and the 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.

Because of the popularity of this privilege, **beginning January 2011** we will offer these memorials on a **weekly** basis. The offering will remain the same at \$35.00 per dedication.

Please stop by the rectory or call (212) 288-6251.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ...

'THANK YOU' for your wonderful support of our Christmas Concert this year...it was a very special evening!

If you have any photos or videos that you would like to share, please contact our Associate Cantor, Debbi Burdett, at (212)595-8406, schaebur@aol.com; or you can please drop off copies at the rectory during office hours.

MASS OPENINGS ...



We have available dates for announced Masses for 2010. 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 rectory.

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. You may drop it off at the rectory.

CALLED TO SERVE ...

We invite our parishioners to consider the possibility of assisting in one of the liturgical ministries of our parish community. The church is most the church when we unite in prayer and praise.

The number and variety of ministries in our liturgical assemblies – greeter, usher, choir member, acolyte, reader, and Communion minister – enhance the experience for all of us and express the fact that we are called to serve each other and the world around us in the name of the Lord Jesus. Christian service begins in our gathering as God's people: think about becoming involved in a liturgical ministry. Visit our web site @ www.churchofstmonica.org to fill out a form or please call the rectory (212) 288-6251.

GLAD TIDINGS ...

We are grateful to all of you for your presence, cooperation and most of all your support during the year. This New Year brings hope. Wishing all our parishioners, neighbors and friends a blessed, healthy and happy New Year.

2011 CHURCH CALENDARS...

We are grateful to John Krtil Funeral Home for their donation of calendars for the year 2011. The calendars are available in the rear of the church.

FEAST OF FAITH ...

Processions...

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY ...

Lord, Heavenly Father, hear our Christmas prayer for family life.

Enlighten our minds to see clearly that we are all brother and sister in You.

Make us more sensitive to each other's pains and needs and more aware that wherever suffering exists – at home or in far-off countries – we cannot be indifferent.

Increase our faith and enable us to touch each other's lives with understanding and hope.

Help us to be true members of Your family, saved by Your infinite love and determined to share that love by being instruments of joy and peace to the world.

Give us the courage to accomplish Your Will as we celebrated the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The rite of Christian initiation is intended for adults. They hear the preaching of the mystery of Christ, the Holy Spirit opens their hearts, and they freely and knowingly seek the living God and enter the path of faith and conversion. By God's help, they will be strengthened spiritually in their preparation, and at the proper time they will receive the sacraments fruitfully.

This rite includes not only the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, but also the rites of the Catechumenate. Approved by the ancient practice of the Church and adapted to contemporary missionary work throughout the world.

JANUARY

- 12th Msgr. Modugno
- 19th Msgr. Modugno
- 26th Fr. Joe Francis



FEBRUARY

- 2nd Fr. Joe Francis
- 9th Fr. Joe Francis
- 16th Fr. Thomas
- 23rd Fr. Thomas

**Meeting Wednesdays in Rectory
413 East 79th Street @ 7:30pm**

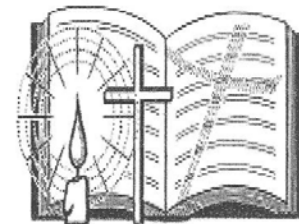
MARCH

- 2nd Fr. Thomas
- 9th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 13th **Rite of Election for those to be Baptized**
- 16th **Verification of documents – Msgr. Modugno**
- 20th **Rite of Continuing Education for those making Profession of Faith and Confirmation**
- 23rd Mr. Joseph Morandi
- 26th **First Scrutiny at 5:30pm mass**
- 30th Mr. Joseph Morandi

**To Register Please Call Rectory
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APRIL

- 3rd **Second Scrutiny at 10:30am mass**
- 6th Mr. Joseph Morandi
- 10th **Third Scrutiny at Noon mass**
- 13th **Verification of documents – Msgr. Modugno**
- HOLY WEEK**
- 17th **PALM SUNDAY**
- 19th **ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - MASS OF CHRISM at 5:30pm**
- 20th **PENANCE SERVICE at 7:30pm**
- 21st **HOLY THURSDAY Mass at 8:00pm**
- 22nd **GOOD FRIDAY**
 - Tenebrae at 10:00am
 - Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon
 - Lord's Passion at 3:00pm
 - Stations of the Cross at 8:00pm
- 23rd **EASTER VIGIL – Rehearsal at 10:00am, Vigil Mass at 8:00pm**
- 24th **EASTER SUNDAY**



SCHEDULE 2011