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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:

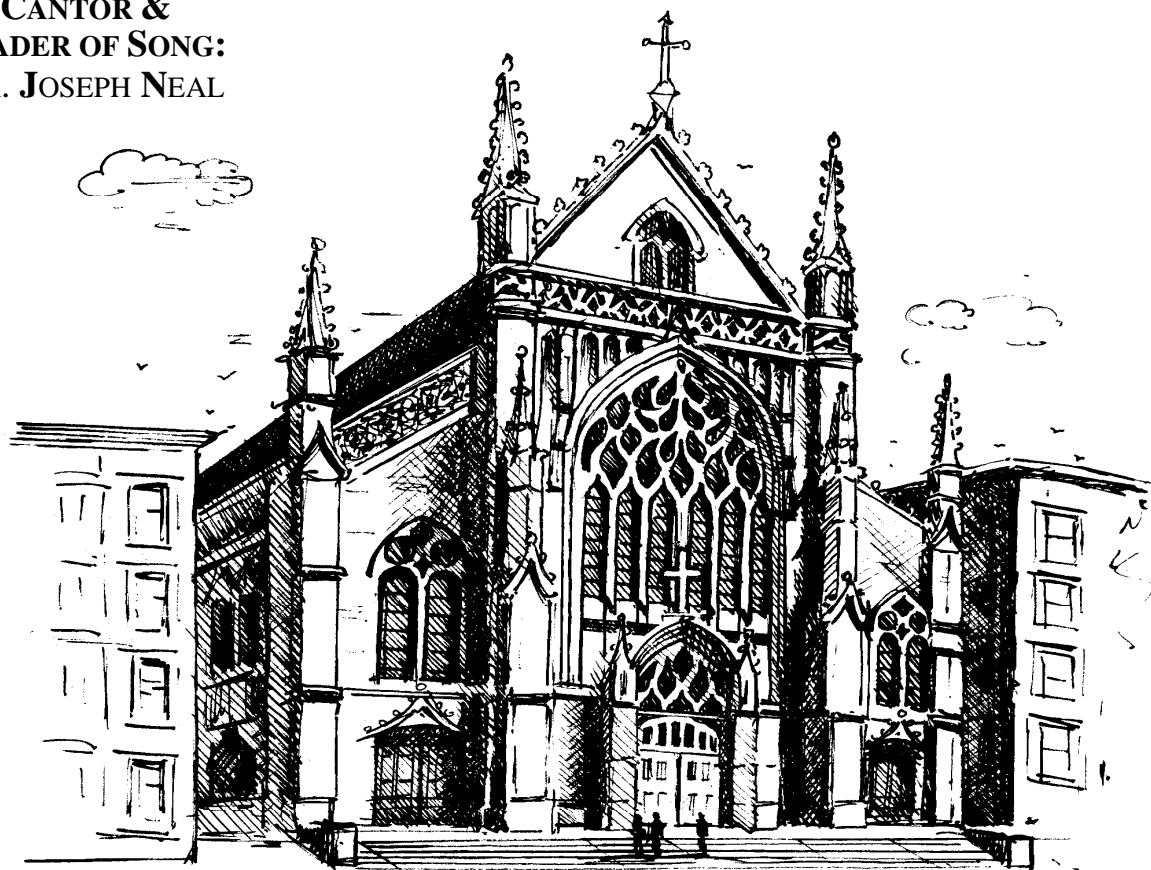
BY APPOINTMENT.

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 9, 2010

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Christ's promise at the Last Supper – "*Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father and I will make our dwelling with him*" – is all that we need to be happy in life. Barnabas and Paul "*dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" in order to keep and to identify with Christ's word in every dimension of their lives. God acknowledges such dedication by ordaining that the twelve names of the twelve apostles be inscribed on the wall of the heavenly Jerusalem. The same is offered to us who refuse to let our hearts be troubled, but who cling to the name of Christ instead.

TODAY'S READINGS ...

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.*

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) *or John 17:20-26.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension) or Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension)

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SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Caroline Armetta

SUNDAY: MOTHER'S DAY

7:30 Mother's Day Remembrance

9:00 Mother's Day Remembrance

10:30 Mother's Day Remembrance

12:00 Mother's Day Remembrance

MONDAY: BLESSED DAMIEN deVEUSTER

7:30 John and Frances McNally (living)

9:00 Walter Ferber

12:00 William P. Mullin

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Noreen Lent and family (living)

9:00 Ann Schifaudo

12:00 In honor of St. Agata

WEDNESDAY: STS. NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS

7:30 Rita Hogan and family (living)

9:00 Janet Lucey - Stone

12:00 Mario Costa

5:30PM Lucille Ellig

THURSDAY: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

7:30 Helen and Christian Van Leuwen

9:00 Liv. and Dec. Members of the Aremtta Family

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

FRIDAY: SAINT MATTHIAS

7:30 Rev. James R. Thoman

9:00 Benny Cailo

12:00 Bert Thorbecke

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Lindsey Jones

THE WORKINGS OF THE SPIRIT ...

There's a good chance that you're reading this bulletin article because you went to church for Sunday Mass. With any luck (even if it's the Saturday Mass of anticipation), the sun is shining outside. If it's early Sunday morning, perhaps you still saw the moon in the sky as you were on your way to celebrate the Eucharist. Church, sun, moon. Stable and staple parts of our lives. But today we hear of a place, the place of our Christian destiny—the new and heavenly Jerusalem—where there is no temple, no sun, no moon. All of these will be replaced by the Lamb of God: Jesus Christ crucified, dead, buried, and risen from the dead!

Day by day, week by week, we will still have, and we need, the sun and moon, and the Lord's house on earth to offer our worship. But even while we enjoy the celestial luminaries and offer our praise to the Lamb, we keep our gaze focused on that time and place when all light will be eclipsed by the light of Christ's eternal glory, and we will join the angels and saints in the temple that is God, as we continue to sing our ceaseless praise in the power of the Spirit.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)
(Mother's Day)*

Welcome to St. Monica's!

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

Entrance Hymn 419
Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above

Penitential Rite 112

Gloria 160*

Responsorial Psalm 564
O God, let all the nations praise you.

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn
*AVE MARIA (F. Schubert)
sung by Joseph Neal*

*at noon: O Sanctissima (traditional)
sung by the choir*

Sanctus 103*
Memorial Acclamation 104*
Great Amen 105*

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb Of God 188*

Communion Hymn
*I Know That My Redeemer Lives (H. Hughes)
sung by Joseph Neal
at noon: Ivan Barenboim, recorder*

Recessional Hymn 421
Immaculate Mary

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

STEWARDSHIP ...

We all are stewards of the Church. As "to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (I Cor 12:7), so stewardship in an ecclesial setting means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith.

-Stewardship : A Disciple's Response U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Have you ever given a gift so wonderful that you wanted to keep it for yourself? And have you experienced the joy stirred in the person to whom you gave such a fitting gift? Conversely, have you every given a gift you knew wasn't appropriate? Recall a time when you went above and beyond the call of duty in giving a gift. Then remember a time when you, for whatever reason, failed to rise to the occasion. Anything less than thoughtfulness, anything tinged with stinginess, will not make us feel good. Our grand gestures of generosity, on the other hand, allow us to stand tall before God.

The path of authentic Christian stewardship is not without demands, sacrifices and challenges, but has its rewards, which the bishops emphasized in their pastoral letter: "The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter is charged with intense joy."

To live as a joyful Christian steward, we first must understand the concept; and to understand the concept, we need a definition. Stewardship is the "employment or use of one's time, talents, and possessions," the standard dictionary would state. A steward, meanwhile, "is one who is entrusted with the management of property, finances, or other affairs not his or her own." This clarifies the concept of stewardship for us, suggesting that our time, talents, and possessions are not really ours, but rather on loan to us to manage.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,932.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 4,687.00

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ...

Through the generosity of the parishioners and friends of St. Monica's, we have finally reached our assessed goal for the Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal! A very special 'thank you' to all those who helped make this possible.

Our economy is struggling and we are experiencing difficult times but once again the parishioners have come through.

God bless you for all that you do

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

ASCENSION THURSDAY...

The Ascension completes Christ's earthly ministry. Entrusting His work to the disciples, Christ continues to work through them, even though he has physically left them. As Christians on earth we still have work to do. The great hope that Christ has shared with us must lead to action. We are called to be apostles. During our proclamation of faith at Mass, we recall that Christ will come again. Meanwhile, our responsibility as members of Christ's Mystical Body is to be part of His ongoing work for others.

The Mass schedule for the Holy Day, May 13th will be as follows: 7:30am, 9:00am and 12 Noon.

MARY'S MONTH ...



During this month of May, let us especially remember the Blessed Virgin Mary. When we honor the mother of God, we honor Him because every event of her life is linked to the mysteries of His birth, life, death and Resurrection. She actively cooperated with God in the work of salvation. Remember to pray the rosary daily in her honor.

MOTHER'S DAY ...

On behalf of the clergy and staff at St. Monica's we wish all the mothers, grandmothers mother in-laws, , aunts, godmothers, and mother's-to-be a *'Very Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!'*

YEAR OF THE PRIEST ...

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus"

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God.
Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God: but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament let us open our heart: our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us, the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from One to the other"
-quote of St. John Vianney



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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Tara McConkey and Patrick Sheridan

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.

EVENTS ...

Crown Community Care of Yorkville, Wellness Program Schedule – May 2010
St. Stephen of Hungary, 414 East 82nd Street, NYC., NY.
Exercise – Tuesday, May 11th, 18th, 25th at 10:00am
Tai Chi – Thursday, May 13th, 20th & 27th at 10:00am
Home Care Instead – May 14th at 10:00am
Chair Yoga - Friday, May 14th, 21st and 28th at 11:00am
Minimal class fee, to register or for more information call (212) 861-8500 or email www.mariannekroski@aol.com

SPIRIT IN ACTION ...

Spirit in Action is a group sponsored by St. John the Baptist Church in NYC. It is a club for mature (over 45) single Catholics who are interested in getting together for spiritual, service and social activities. Members receive newsletters concerning upcoming events. If you are interested in joining, please call our Hotline (212) 560-2366 and leave a message after the beep.

YWCA ...

Computer training: Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00pm to 8:30pm (8wks) and on Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm (16wks). These **FREE** classes offer instruction and self-guided tutorials on Microsoft Office programs. Call to register (212) 937-8700.

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

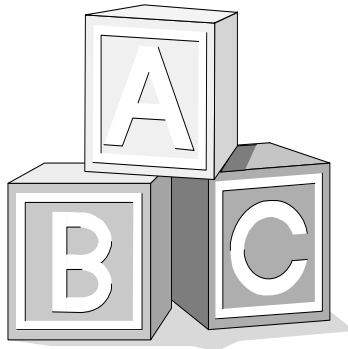


St. Monica's Annual

BABY SHOWER

MAY 1st

MAY 31st



**Participate & Support Mothers in Need
At Pregnancy Help Center, Yorkville
Common Pantry and Catholic Home
Bureau**

