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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:

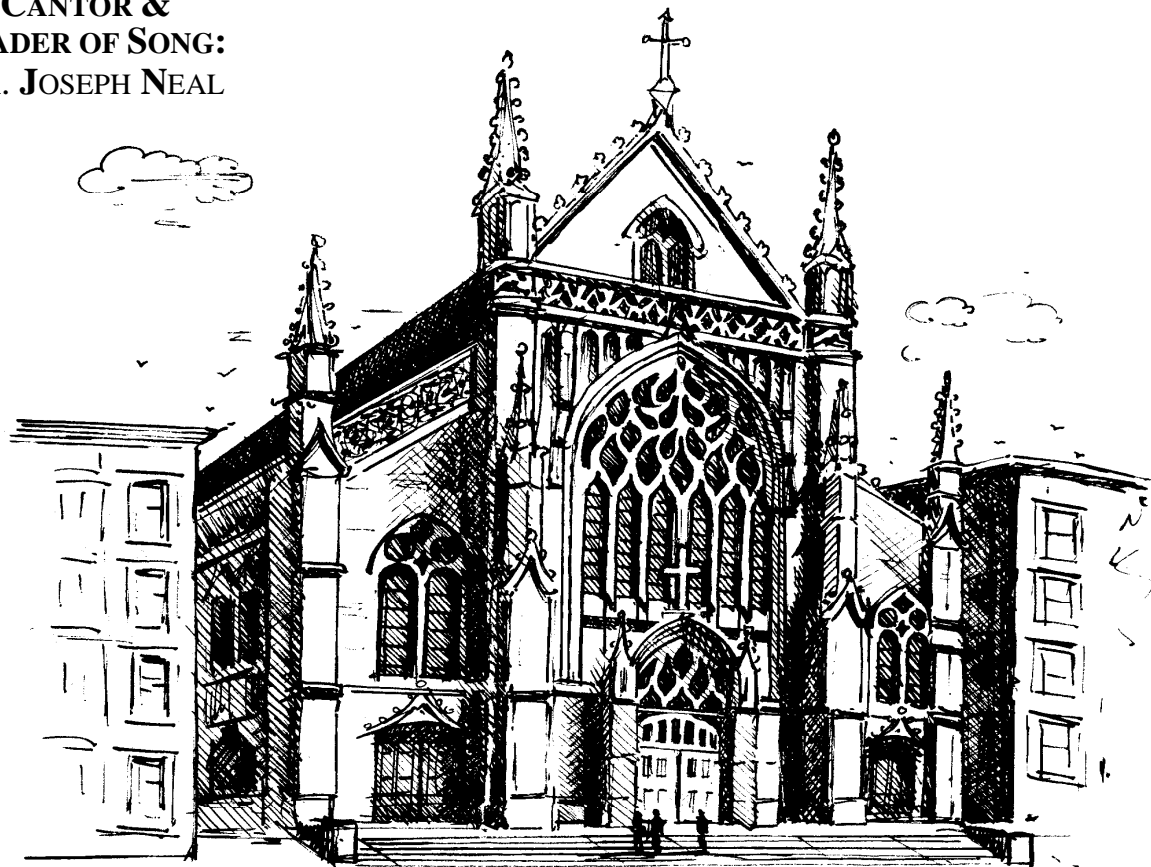
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WELL IN ADVANCE.

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OF RECONCILIATION:

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY:

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By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's paschal mystery was brought to its completion, the Holy Trinity was fully revealed, and the Church was made manifest to the world. Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love.

With the Holy Spirit within us "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage." (*Saint Cyril of Alexandria*).

TODAY'S READINGS ...

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Romans 8:8-17*.

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) *or John 14:15-16, 23b-26*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Jude 17:20b-25; Mk 11:27-33
 Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



MassSchedule

SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 John Henwood

SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30
 9:00 Mae Havelka
 10:30 Msgr, Modugno 44th ann. of Ordination (living)
 12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Josephine and Vincent Napolitano
 9:00 Rafaelita Pons
 12:00 Sabrina Garfield

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30
 9:00 Nikolai Schreiber (living)
 12:00 Virginia Lubrano

WEDNESDAY: SAINT PHILIP NERI

7:30
 9:00 Lorna and Walter Doerschuck
 12:00 Marjorie and Charles Barrett
5:30PM Class of 1966

THURSDAY: SAINT AUGUSTINE CANTERBURY

7:30 All Priests of St. Monica's
 9:00 Ulysses Eznar
 12:00 Monica Beatriz Franco (living)

FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Modugno (living)
 9:00 Maria Encarnacion Litrenta
 12:00 Edward Fredo (3rd ann)

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Diana Livoti

COME, HOLY SPIRIT ...

When we hear "Come, Holy Spirit" we think of today's story from Acts. But the truth is that today's scene is but one moment from the Spirit's long presence in salvation. The spirit of God (*ruach*) is present at the dawn of creation, blowing over the chaotic waters as God commands light to be. That same spirit of God filled the prophets of Israel. "The spirit of the Lord came upon me" fills their witness, as they guided Israel in their quest to be faithful to the loving, merciful God of their covenant. We hear that the Spirit overshadowed Mary's womb so that the very Word of God would take on our human flesh. And Jesus begins his ministry in Luke's Gospel by saying the Spirit is upon him. On the cross, according to John, he gives up his spirit. Today Paul tells us that this Holy Spirit is from God, who raised Christ from the dead. We also hear John's account of the Spirit as the very breath of the risen Christ on his disciples.

That same Spirit of all these biblical accounts was there at our baptism and continues to live in us. We are temples of that Spirit, witnesses to the Spirit's grace. And it is in the Holy Spirit that we will continue to live in the gospel's light, and to pursue our life of eternal glory in Christ. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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

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

Introit	273
<i>Veni Creator Spiritus</i> <i>sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
Opening Hymn	373
<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	160*
Responsorial Psalm	570
<i>Lord, send out your spirit</i> <i>and renew the face of the earth,</i>	
<i>The Pentecost sequence follows the 2nd reading.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn	297
<i>I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light</i>	
<i>at noon: Hymn to the Holy Spirit (D. Schaefer)</i> <i>sung by the choir</i>	
Sanctus	103*
Memorial Acclamation	104*
Great Amen	105*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb Of God	188*
Communion Hymn	
<i>Fly Like A Bird (Canedo/Schaefer)</i> <i>sung by Joseph Neal and the choir</i>	
Recessional Hymn	309
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i>	

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

STEWARDSHIP ...

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. (Acts 4: 32:35).

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,369.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 3,206.00

A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT ...

Spirit of Jesus,
poured out in flames of fire upon your
disciples on the day of Pentecost,
we pray to you:

Set afire the hearts of your faithful
so that they will announce in all the languages of the world
the wonders of the salvation of God.

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SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595) ...**May 26**

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, "They're a very somber order who've left the Church. I recognize them." "By their long robes?" an American asked. "Many in Rome wear robes," replied the shopkeeper. "It's their long faces!" When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter's steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an "Apostle of Joy," drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His "Oratory," a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving the Church and the world by changing ourselves with unflinching joy.

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**BANNS OF
MARRIAGE
III**

Tara McConkey and Patrick Sheridan

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

—Romans 14

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

YEAR FOR PRIESTS CELEBRATION



By our prayers, may all priests
"be for the world in our time heralds of hope,
reconciliation and peace." (Benedict XVI)
And a voice came from heaven:
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am
well pleased." Luke 3:22

United with Jesus Christ the Great High Priest, we pray:
*Father of all, may the living waters of Baptism flow
through our priests. By this sacramental grace may they
generate the life of the Spirit in others.*

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 19, 2009 to June 19,
2010, to be the **Year for Priests**.
As parishioners of St. Monica's, we would like to take this
opportunity to recognize the many blessings that priests
have brought to us and our parish through their dedicated
service over the years.

Please join us on **Sunday, June 6th 2010** at the **12NOON
Mass as we honor and celebrate all priests.**
**A light reception will immediately follow in the lower
church hall.**

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...
RELIGIOUS STUDIES ...**

The Institute of Religious Studies, at St. Joseph's
Seminary in Yonkers, is offering a graduate-level program
in theology, sacred scripture and liturgy to those in the
Archdiocese interested in gaining a deeper understanding
the fundamentals of our Faith. The summer 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. For more information call
(914) 367-8280 or by fax (914) 966-1490.
In addition, the summer 2010 brochure can be found on the
website of the Archdiocese at www.archny.org

SCHOOL OF RELIGION ...

Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion has
summer credit and continuing education institutes in
spirituality, parish leadership, counseling, religious
education and ministry in Manhattan, the Bronx,
Westchester and on-line. For more information please visit
them at www.fordham.edu/gre or call (718) 817-4800 for
further information and our summer booklet.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP ...

St. Jean Baptiste, 184 East 76th Street, founded in 1982 this
Play Group is a cooperative run by parents and caregivers
with guidance from a member of the church staff at St.
Jean's. There are two age groups:
the under 2's (18months - 2 years)
the over 2's (2-3 years old)
Average group size is 12 15. Call 472-2853.

BUS TRIP ...



On **Thursday, June 17, 2010** we will have a
Bus Trip to Atlantic City "*Showboat Casino*".
The bus will leave promptly after the **9:00am
Mass**, cost is \$22.00, Casino bonus is \$30.00
(valid ID is required by Casino).
Bus will return to St. Monica's approximately
9:00 pm. If interested call Frank at (212) 628-8714.
Payment required with 48 hrs of making reservation.

PRAYER FOR A BABY TO BE BORN ...

Heavenly Father, from the moment this child was
conceived, you knew her name. In the silent first hours of
her life, as cells divided and her living flesh quickened,
you love breathed deep within and she began to grow in
your image and likeness. Hear our prayers for this tiny
child. And give us the wisdom and endurance to keep her
safe. May our prayers be accompanied by choirs of angels
as we await her birth.
We ask this through your child who was formed in the
Virgin's womb and who lived and died for us, Lord,
forever and ever. AMEN

MEMORIAL DAY ...

This day should be more than just another day off. It
should be more than just the beginning of
summer. On Memorial Day we honor the
men and women who have died in defense
of our country. We should make a special
effort to remember all those who have
sacrificed themselves to ensure freedom for ourselves and
our children. Remember freedom is not 'free.'
On **Monday, May 31st Memorial Day**, we will have one
Mass at **9:00 am** for the intention of all living and
deceased parishioners of St. Monica's.



THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH ...

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the
waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to
abandon ship, but to keep her on her course. — *St. Boniface*

MASS INTENTIONS ...

We have 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.



SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

- Rosary:** Weekdays after the Noon Mass
Saturdays after the 9:00am Mass
- Holy Hour:** First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass
- Devotions:** Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

A CATHOLIC CHURCH MAY NOT BE ROMAN (Part II)

(adapted from an article by Julie Greene)

The Polish National Catholic Church, founded in 1897 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, is the only independent church that is currently in formal dialogue with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ("USCCB"), although like Orthodox rites it continues to be separated from Rome.

Roman Catholic leaders fear that in some cases these "catholic" churches are run by people who may not be legitimately ordained clergy but have simply taken legal advantage of their ability to use the word "Catholic" in their title as a way to draw in specific populations who assume that the word "catholic" connects them to the Roman Catholic Church. Independent or schismatic churches often appeal to Catholics who have broken away from the Church for some reason or have misunderstood basic procedures in the Church, such as annulments. These churches describe the Roman Catholic Church as too legalistic and often feed myths; for example, a few of the websites claim that annulments are too expensive.

To further the confusion, these churches sometimes have a photograph of the pope in their vestibule, which gives the impression to strangers coming to the church that they are in communion with Rome. In order for a parish to be validly erected in the Archdiocese, it has to be decreed by our Archbishop. While legally, these churches have the right to use the word "catholic" in their names, there is an important legal distinction that could be made in using the term "Roman Catholic."

All valid parishes for the Archdiocese are listed in the diocesan telephone guide. Included in this list of recognized Catholic churches are those in communion with Rome that fall under the jurisdiction of Eastern Rite bishops in the United States, such as the Maronite, Ukrainian and Byzantine Churches. These Churches are separated from Orthodox rites because they accept the pope of Rome as the head of their Church. In recent years, the Vatican and Orthodox leaders have made some strides toward reunification, but remain divided on several issues.

While many "catholic" churches not in communion with the Vatican articulate openly on their websites about their dissociation with Rome and the Vatican, others are more ambiguous.

Non-Roman Catholic Churches *in communion* with Rome in the U.S.

- Armenian Catholic Church (eparchies in New York for the U.S. & Canada)
- Syrian Catholic Church (eparchy in Newark, NJ)
- The Maronite Catholic Church (eparchies in New York and St. Louis)
- The Chaldean Catholic Church (eparchies in Chicago and San Diego)
- The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (eparchy in Chicago)
- The Melkite Greek Catholic Church (eparchy in Newton, MA)

Non-Roman Catholic churches in the U.S. *not* in communion with Rome

- Traditional Catholic Church
- St. Pius X
- United Catholic Church
- Old Roman
- Reformed Roman Rite
- Free Catholic
- Independent Catholic
- American
- Polish National*

*The Polish National Catholic Church is the only schismatic Catholic Church that is in dialogue with the USCCB.