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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:

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.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 24, 2010

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The tax collector, completely aware of the enormity of his sin, and therefore of his unworthiness, beats his breast and prays, “*O God, be merciful to me a sinner.*” Where does he get the confidence to do this? His experience of limitation and failure has led him to despair, but to depend. He remains certain that there is something beyond, “*every evil threat*” and that the Lord will rescue him. Maybe it was his sin that jogged his memory of the promise of Sirach: “*The Lord hears the cry of the oppressed. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.*” This is why the formerly unspeakably sinful Paul can say without boasting: “*From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me.*” For “*whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*”

TODAY'S READINGS ...

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 [2a, 25-33]; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10



SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Rosalia and Juan Lopez

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Lillian Cotugno

9:00 Walter Farley (32nd Anniversary)

10:30 Marion Bozeman

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Jerry O'Connor

9:00 Margaret Egan

12:00 Jennie Cianchetti

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Helen Van Leuwen (12th Anniversary)

9:00 Francisco Nelson Lopez

12:00 Margaret Carroll (8th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Paul Deak

9:00 Patrick O'Connor

12:00 Joan Fitzgerald

THURSDAY: SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE

7:30 Kerryanne Wolfe (living)

9:00 Antoinette Guerrini

12:00 Florence Frerichs

FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Gaetana Nicolo

12:00 Ann Hines

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Lee Friedlander, Jr. (living)

FOR THOSE WHO PERSEVERE ...

There is a slight but real shift in scriptural focus for the last few weeks of the liturgical year. For many weeks we have been hearing what it means to be a faithful disciple. Now we will focus on the reward that awaits those who persevere on the long journey of faith. This Sunday we hear that impartial justice will be done in the courts of our eternal judge.

First, Sirach teaches us that the “*God of justice . . . hears the cry of the oppressed*” and “*the one who serves God willingly*” (Sirach 35:12, 13, 16). Then we hear Paul echo what the psalmist proclaims, “*When the just cry out, the Lord hears them . . . and those who are crushed in spirit he saves*” (Psalm 34:18, 19). Finally, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector who went to the temple to pray affirms that God will exalt all who cry out for mercy.

*30th 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:*

Entrance Hymn <i>Gather Us In</i>	403
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	160*
Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i>	667
Gospel Acclamation <i>God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation.</i>	168
Offertory Hymn <i>How Great Thou Art</i>	291
Sanctus	103*
Memorial Acclamation	104*
Great Amen	105*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	188*
Communion Hymn <i>Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All</i>	282
Recessional Hymn <i>To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King</i>	287

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

STEWARDSHIP ...

We pride ourselves, in a good way, by taking care of loved ones, children, grandchildren, dependents, the ill, elderly as well as neighbors. WE visit people. We comfort them and see to their needs.

Our property and homes are maintained as part of our broader and practical sense of Stewardship. When we're away, we ask family, friends and neighbors to "watch over" our homes, water the lawn and check on things in general. It is out of a sense of *taking good care* as well as a sense of responsibility that we watch over things. We work hard to be *good stewards*.

We also work hard year round to provide for family, children, church and charity. Vacation time is that special time of year when we are rewarded for sacrifice, endurance and hard work. It can also be a time to enjoy family, relax and travel. We may leave for several weeks with a good feeling and sense that we will return restored and renewed – another example of being good stewards.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...

Catholicism and Democracy: A Talk by William R. Cook, Ph.D. Thursday, October 28th at 7:00pm in Wallace Hall St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, NYC, free and open to the public.

Concerts at Holy Family will present The Phantom of the opera, a 1925 silent film starring Lon Chaney. Live organ accompaniment will be improvised by Robert Ridgell, organist at Trinity Church-Wall Street. The film will be shown on **Saturday, October 30th at 8:00pm** at the Church of the Holy Family, 315 East 47th Street. Admission is free, children are invited to dress in Halloween costumes, call (212) 753-3401 x 18.

Theology on Tap – NYC presents "*The New Mass is Coming: What Will It Mean for Your Spiritual Life?*" on **November 1, 2010 at Slattery's Midtown Pub**, 8 East 36th Street between Madison and 5th Avenue from 7:00-9:00pm. Fr. Don Baker, pastor of St. Teresa's Church, will talk about the new changes in the Mass and why they were made. Please visit the website for more information: www.totnyc.org

War vs Peace: That is the Question – You are invited to a showing of excerpts from six films: Shane, Friendly Persuasion, The Mission, Best Years of Our Lives, Paths of Glory and Patton. There will be a panel discussion of US Senator Larry Pressler (ret. of South Dakota), the Rev. Ernest Falardeau, an expert on church unity, and Mark Hallinan, S.J., an expert on social justice. The topic is social justice, program begins at 2:00pm **on Saturday, November 20**, in the great Hall of St. Jean Baptist, 184 East 76th Street.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ...



Our Food Drive will begin this weekend **October 24th** and will continue through to **November 19th, 2010**. As in the past years, we will be collecting items for the Yorkville Common Pantry.

All canned goods, such as soups, canned hams, spaghetti, rice, beans, etc. are needed and greatly appreciated. Containers will be available at the St. Joseph altar.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ...

Please remember to support our *Annual Holiday Bazaar*, **November 20th and 21st** Everyone's help is needed in order to help make this a success. Remember we also accept new or slightly used household items.

'Thank you' but we cannot accept clothing, new or slightly used.

We also need people to help with the set-up, to work the days of the fair, and to help with the cleanup after the event.

Also, we are looking for bakers for our bazaar, cookies, cup cakes, brownies, and pies, for the 'kitchen table' would be a great addition. If you enjoy baking, please contact the rectory (212) 288-6251.



WORLD MISSION ...

Today is *World Mission Sunday*, our second collection today will help support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of Christ and the Gospel – the local priests, religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering in more than 1,150 local churches throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands remote regions of Latin America. Your generosity will help to make a difference.

ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY) ...

This is the feast of the countless unknown and uncelebrated saints who have done the work of God in every age. And this is our feast day too—a celebration of the steward saints God calls us to be. "The saints have no need of honor from us," St. Bernard reminds us, "neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate

their memory, it serves us, not them, I feel myself inflamed by a great yearning...that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share his glory."

And how can that happen? "That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession: This is a holy day but not of obligation, the mass schedule is 7:30am, 9:00am, and the 12noon Mass with music. This feast day is **Monday, November 1st**.



ALL SOULS (SOLEMNITY) ...



This companion feast to the feast of All Saints commemorates all the faithful departed. This celebration emphasized our union with those holy men and women for our benefit – that their merits and prayers might assist us on our journey to the Father.

We look at it the other way around, asking that our prayers may somehow assist those who have gone before us. The theme is resurrection, the triumph of Christ over sin and death, and the hope that all of our departed brothers and sisters will share in his resurrection. We believe in the communion of saints – that we in our time and place are connected with all of those in every time and place who have been baptized into Christ Jesus. In stewardship terms, that means that what we do with the gifts God has given us – gifts of time and abilities, of possessions and relationships—has an effect and significance far beyond ourselves and our immediate circumstances. May we therefore always strive to be good stewards of the gift of faith – "for our good and for the good of all his church." We celebrate this feast day on **Tuesday, November 2nd**.

*******ENTERTAINMENT*******

The Heights Players (26 Willow Place, Brooklyn, NY) are proud to present *The Mikado* by Gilbert and Sullivan.

The entire production team is from **St. Monica's!** Directed by Albert Walsh, musical direction by David Schaefer, choreography by Emily Wright, stage managed by Patrice Miki and in a starring Joe Hunt & Debbi Burdett, with Lilo Adams.

The show runs from **October 8-24**. Performances are Friday and Saturdays at 8:00pm, Sundays at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20. 00.

For reservations, please call (718) 237-2752. Laughs and beautiful voices! Don't miss it!

FALL BEHIND ...

Next **Saturday, October 31st** remember to set your clocks **back one hour**.

NEW YORK CITY MARATHON ...

Remember **Sunday, November 7th** is the *New York City Marathon*. For all those parishioners who are participating we wish them success and cheer them on to the finish line!

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

Church of St Monica Holiday Bazaar 2010

November 20th and 21st
Saturday 11am - 7pm
Sunday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Join the Fun!

**PLUS enjoy the best
home baked goods in town**

Chances to win:

- 37" Panasonic LCD HDTV 1080p
- 12 Piece Ivory Lenox Nativity Set
- Amazon Kindle
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Theatre Tickets
- Dinners
- Hotel Accommodations

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