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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:

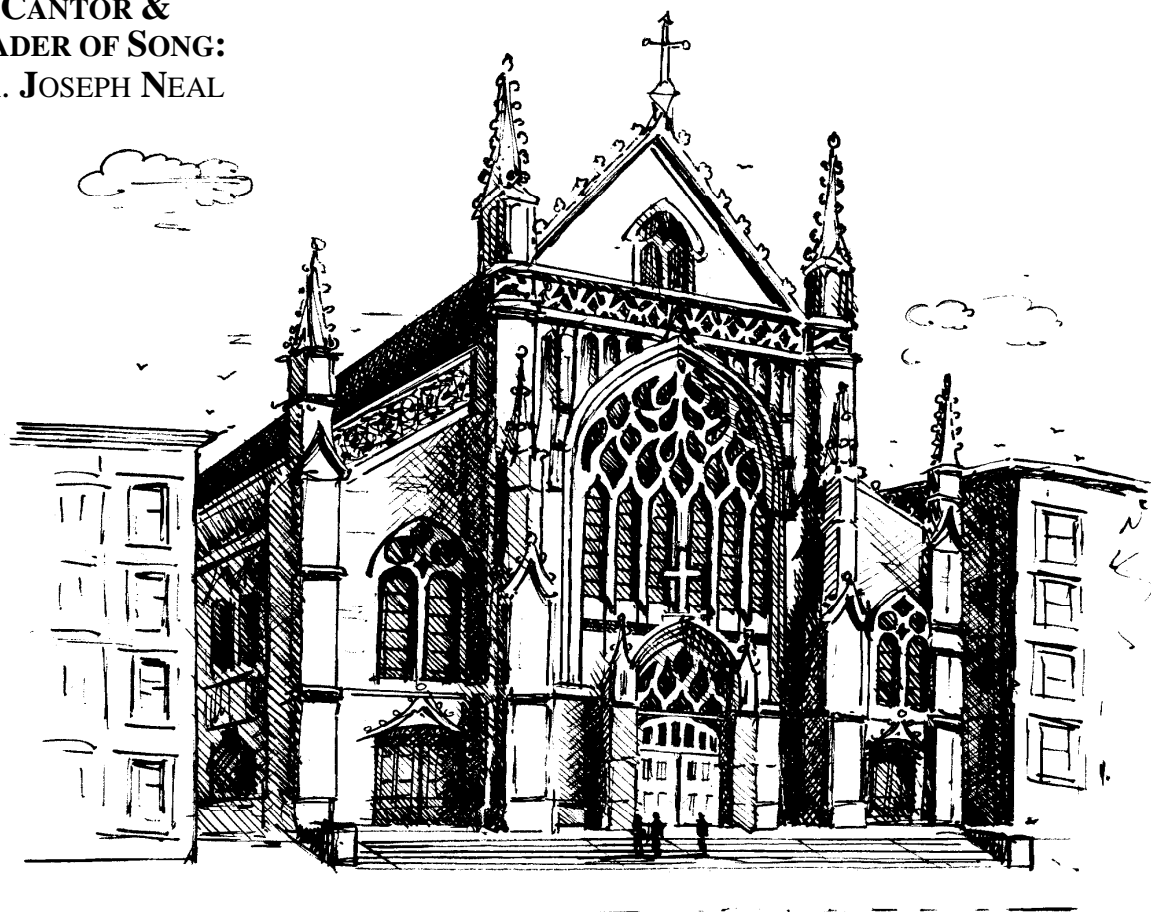
BY APPOINTMENT.

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
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Pope Benedict XVI tells us that *“faith is a liberation of my I from its preoccupation with self ... a breaking out of the isolation that is the malady of my I.”* In order to comply with the apostles’ request *“Increase our faith,”* the Lord begins by correcting their conception of it. Faith increases in those who are truly humble – who acknowledge that, before the Lord, they ever remain *“unprofitable servants.”* Faith increases when we are willing to bear our *“share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God.”* An increase of faith is given to those resolute with the conviction that the vision of faith *“presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint.”* Faith of this intensity, even if only as small as a mustard seed, makes miracles happen.

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Holy Souls

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Cristina Pomareda

9:00 Walter Ferber

10:30 Murray Joseph Friedman

12:00 **In Honor Of St. Monica**

MONDAY: SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

7:30 Priests of St. Monica

9:00 Frances Marzek

12:00 Helen, John Flack and Family

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Thomas J. Downing

9:00 George Politizo

12:00 St. Agata

WEDNESDAY: STS. BRUNO AND MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER

7:30 Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Louise Ronan

12:00 Ann Burns

THURSDAY: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

7:30 Canning and Frazzetta Families

9:00 Dennis Rogers

12:00 Florence Modugno

FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Ginny Kwiatkowski

9:00 Jerry O’Connor III

12:00 Genaro Cabrera (living)

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Ann Burns

FAITH IN ACTION ...

In today’s Gospel the apostles entreat Jesus: *“Increase our faith”* (Luke 17:5). He responds with two stories about putting faith into action—the surest way to increase one’s faith. The story of *“faith the size of a mustard seed”* (Luke 17:6) shows that even a tiny bit of faith can work wonders when it is put into action. The story of the faithful servants who did *“what [they] were obliged to do”* (Luke 17:10) reminds us that putting the gift of faith into action is essential to the vocation of discipleship. In the reading from the second letter to Timothy we are encouraged to *“stir into flame the gift of God . . . with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us”* (2 Timothy 1:6, 14). Those who put their faith into action will be like *“the just one”* in today’s reading from Habakkuk, who, *“because of his faith, shall live”* (Habakkuk 2:4). © *Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.*

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
(PARISH FEAST OF ST. MONICA)**

Welcome to St. Monica's!

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

Entrance Hymn **373**
Here I Am, Lord

Penitential Rite **112**

Gloria **160***

Responsorial Psalm **658**
*If today you hear his voice, harden not your
hearts.*

Gospel Acclamation **168**

Offertory Hymn **378**
*Lord, When You Came to the
Seashore/Pescador de Hombres*

**at noon: Te Deum (D. Schaefer first performance
sung by Emily Wright, Michael Padgett, and
the choir**

Sanctus **103***
Memorial Acclamation **104***
Great Amen **105***

The Lord's Prayer **120**

Lamb of God **188***

Communion Hymn **449**
I Am the Bread of Life

**at noon: Laudate Dominum (W.A. Mozart)
sung by Debbi Burdett and the choir**

Recessional Hymn **309**
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

STEWARDSHIP ...

Stewards answer Jesus' call to "Follow me". To do this, stewards live each day "as if" – as if Jesus were walking beside us, pointing out acts of compassion for us to perform, and asking us to help those in need. In this way, we act in Jesus' name. Every day, we manifest what we profess in our creed.

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, of the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been give.

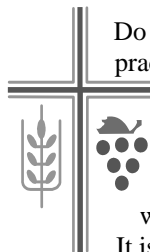
Are we aware of how generous God has been to us? Or are we like the sons in today's Gospel, unaware of their father's generosity?

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,945.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 4,881.00

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ...

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Do you have questions about Catholic beliefs and practices? If so, the RCIA might be for you. The

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who seeks to come into full communion with the faith community.

It is especially tailored to those who:

- have never been baptized,
- have been baptized Catholic, but have never received the sacraments of the Eucharist or Confirmation,
- are baptized members of other Christian denominations who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church

A group will meet here starting in January to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments. For more information about this process, and to register please call the rectory at (212) 288-6251.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH ...

Preach always; if necessary, use words. —*Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- *Romans 14*

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

IN MEMORY OF ...

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. Please call the rectory (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

**The Burning of the Sanctuary Light
during the month of
OCTOBER**

In Memory of the Armetta Family
Requested by Adam Armetta

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

In loving Memory of Edward L. Hendrickson
Requested by Kathleen Hendrickson

PRAY THE ROSARY ...



Pray the Rosary with Archbishop Timothy Dolan for peace, for the family, for the Church, for America, our parishes, our communities, for all of our personal intentions. Mary will be with us in prayer to

gaze on the Face of Jesus. This special produced Rosary CD includes all 4 sets of mysteries, with scripture readings and reflections by Archbishop Dolan. Each set of mysteries is 28 minutes in length. Wonderful for people of all ages, a portion of every Rosary CD sale will be donated to St. Joseph Seminary in Dunwoodie in New York.

For more info contact the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate at (414) 570-4389 or email them at info@rosaryea.org

**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)
OCTOBER 4 ...**

When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disobeyed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it. —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*******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 role Debbi Burdett!

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. Come enjoy the laughs and beautiful voices! Don't miss it!

OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...

Starting **October 13, 2010** at the Film Forum, 209 W Houston Street, NYC for two weeks only the film 'Vision' will be shown at 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:40pm, 7:50pm and 10:00pm featuring the life of Hildegard Von Bingen who was truly ahead of her time.

A visionary in every sense of the word, this famed 12th century Benedictine nun was a Christian mystic, composer, philosopher, playwright, poet, naturalist, scientist, physician, herbalist and ecological activist.

For more information call (212) 72-8110.

CARDINAL COOKE GUILD ...

Will host the **27th Anniversary Mass of Remembrance** this Wednesday, October 6 at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Celebrant is the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan.

THEOLOGY ON TAP ...

A young adult apostolate for those in their (20's, 30's, and early 40's) presents "**There Really Is Something About Mary!**" on **October 4, 2010** at Slattery's Midtown Pub, 8 East 36th Street between Madison and 5th Avenue at 7pm-9pm.

Fr. Joe Tyrrell, Master of Ceremonies at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, will talk about the importance of the Blessed Virgin, and why some, particularly non-Catholics, have misconceptions about her.

More information visit www.totnyc.org

CSPYA – presents "**The Gospel in Art-Rembrandt's Prodigal Son**" on **October 21, 2010** at the Cathedral Parish House, 14 East 51 Street, between Madison & 5th Ave. from 7-9pm. Brother Eric Wander, LC will lead the discussion and reflection on the beautiful Rembrandt masterpiece, "**the Prodigal Son.**" Please rsvp to info@cspya.org

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



While in this world, Monica lived in Christ; the goodness
Of her life was so evident that the name of the Lord
Was praised in her faith and in her works.

Parish Feast of St. Monica

12:00 Noon Mass
October 3, 2010



Msgr. Ferdinando Berardi (Homilist)