

# CHURCH OF ST. MONICA

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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.



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Perhaps the most scandalous thing about the parable of the rich man is that the sore-ridden beggar “*lying at his door*” was not some anonymous, faceless stranger, for the first one to speak the name “*poor man*”- “*Lazarus*” – was the rich man! “*woe to the complacent in Zion,*” for their complacency not only deprives the poor of what they need – it goes so far as to deny their very humanity, their personal dignity. To steer clear of this temptation, we “*pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.*” “*The King of kings and Lord of lords*” dwells in unapproachable light – a light that he shares with us so that we will approach the poor who dwell with us.

### TODAY’S READINGS ...

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Victor, Alberto and Edmond Frangie

### SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Lillian Cotugo

9:00 Madeline and Peter Hogan

10:30 Mary Forrestal

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

### MONDAY: SAINT VINCENT DePAUL

7:30 Dr. Maria Marta Litrenta (living)

9:00 Laura Litrenta (living)

12:00 Rose and Stephen Stack

### TUESDAY: ST. WERCESLAUS, ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ, AND HIS COMPANIONS

7:30 Pauline De Carlo

9:00 Souls in Purgatory

12:00 Alvin, Yuklan, Edward, Gloria and Arlene Dann

### WEDNESDAY: ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL AND SAINT RAPHAEL

7:30 Jeanne Ward

9:00 Nevaeh Daniels (living)

12:00 Miguel Simpao

### THURSDAY: ST. JEROME

7:30 Marlene Spaeth

9:00 Lourdes A. Yasana

12:00 In Honor of Mrs. Helena Mahan

### FRIDAY: ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

7:30 Rev. Gerard D’Souza (living)

9:00 In Thanksgiving

12:00 Ann Burns

### SATURDAY: THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

9:00 Minette Ferrier

### AT THE END ...

In the coming weeks, as we draw nearer to the end of the liturgical year, we will often hear references to the end of our lives and the end of time. This week’s scriptures are no exception. The reading from Timothy warns us to live “without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Timothy 6:14), and the psalm says that God “secures justice for the oppressed . . . but the way of the wicked he thwarts” (Psalm 146:7, 9). In the reading from Amos we hear about the “woe” that is in store for the complacent rich, who think nothing of how their self-indulgence oppresses the poor. The Gospel parable about Lazarus and the nameless rich man exemplifies such complacency, as well as the justice that both the wicked and the oppressed will experience beyond the grave. © *Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.*

*26th 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:*

<b>Entrance Hymn</b>	<b>373</b>
<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>160*</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>655</b>
<i>Praise the Lord, my soul, praise the Lord!</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>378</b>
<i>Lord, When You Came to the Seashore/ Pescador de hombres</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>103*</b>
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	<b>104*</b>
<b>Great Amen</b>	<b>105*</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Lamb of God</b>	<b>188*</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>282</b>
<i>Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>309</b>
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i>	

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

### **STEWARDSHIP ...**

Christian stewardship: We know not how it works, only that it does indeed work. We know no more about stewardship's dynamics than we do about other mysteries of our faith. In that respect, stewardship is not in like the Paschal Mystery or the sacred truth that it is in giving we receive.

What we do know is that stewardship is some sort of a divine spark – a flash of the Creator's generous touch that sets our world spinning in the right direction. In fact, in the majority of cases, stewardship works nothing short of miracles - but only when we let of the scarcity mentality that prevents us from seeing beyond our own needs. Desperation need not cloud the sparkle of one who believes, truly believes, that God cares for us, just as He watches over every sparrow that falls to the ground (see Mt. 10:29-31).

Yet, why don't we believe Jesus Christ's instruction that we need not fear anything because God has counted every hair on our heads? Why can't we trust that we're cared for, as Scripture reassures us time and time again?

Well, because banks do foreclose on houses and repossess cars; we have insurance payments, kids to educate: and we haven't even begun to talk about regular expenses such as groceries, gasoline, and clothes.

It's not easy to trust Divine Providence. Yet, it's not impossible, either. And coming into that trust, that reassurance, that confidence in God's will is part and parcel of Christian stewardship.

To know where you stand in regard to stewardship, ask yourself whether you have experienced "a glimpse of the divine grandeur" that may have set you on the path of stewardship. Can you recall a conversion moment that affirmed the virtuousness of stewardship?

### **OPEN HOUSE ...**

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents, to occur on **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 8:30pm.**

For additional information, please write, e-mail or call: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC., NY 10028 or call (212) 288-1100 or [edimiche@regis-nyc.org](mailto:edimiche@regis-nyc.org).

### **PLEASE REMEMBER...**

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

*- Romans 14*

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

## **SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897) ...**

### **October 1**

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Therese proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus "ordinary Catholics," many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

### **OUTSIDE THE PARISH ... THEOLOGY ON TAP ...**

A Young Adult Apostolate presents, "Profile in Courage: How A Catholic Priest Saved My Life" on September 27, 2010 at Slattery's Midtown Pub, 8 East 36<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues at 7pm-9pm.

Joseph Kutrzeba, PhD, author and survivor of WWII, will talk to us tonight about his amazing escape from the Nazi during WWII and how a Catholic priest saved his life from the concentration camps. Please visit the website at [www.totnyc.org](http://www.totnyc.org).

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES ...**

The Archdiocese of New York, 1011 First Avenue, NYC., NY has three job positions available.

a). Security Guard – F/T – a highly motivated individual for a full time position of security guard on the midnight to 8am -shift

b). Data Entry Operator at the Data Center – experience preferred, at least 1 year experience with Development/Fundraising, and Raiser's Edge (or a fundraising software), knowledge of Microsoft word, Excel, Access.

c). Associate Director of Parish Finance – self-starter, possess leadership qualities and have an ability to work independently with minimal supervision. Applicant must be proficient in the use of Microsoft Windows, Word, and Excel systems. Bachelors Degree in Accounting or equivalent work experience needed. Call (212) 371- 1000 for more information.

### **PARISH FEAST ...**

We will celebrate the parish feast of St. Monica on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 12 noon Mass. The Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre and Knights and a Dame of Malta will also attend.

Please join us as we celebrate this special occasion. Light refreshments to follow in the rear of the church.

### **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. The memorials will be noted in the bulletin each month. Please call the rectory (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

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

In loving Memory of the Deceased Members 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

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Because of the popularity of this privilege and in order to accommodate more requests, beginning this **January 2011**, we will offer these memorials on a weekly basis.

The offering will remain the same at \$35.00 per dedication.

### **HEALING RALLY ...**

*'Heal me Lord...Save me' – Jeremiah 17:14*

At the Immaculate Conception (lower church), 29<sup>th</sup> Street corner of Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY 11105 a 'Healing Rally' with Brother Bob Canton, International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services on **Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9:00 am to 5:00pm** sponsored by: Immaculate Conception Prayer Group.

### **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

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**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**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Msgr. Modugno
- 19<sup>th</sup> Msgr. Modugno
- 26<sup>th</sup> Fr. Joe Francis



**FEBRUARY**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Joe Francis
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fr. Joe Francis
- 16<sup>th</sup> Fr. Thomas
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Thomas

**Meeting Wednesdays in Rectory**  
**413 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street @ 7:30pm**

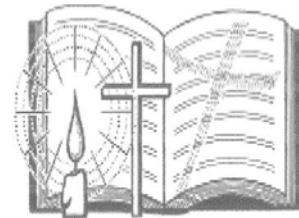
**MARCH**

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

**To Register Please Call Rectory**  
**212-288-6250**

**APRIL**

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



**SCHEDULE 2011**