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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:

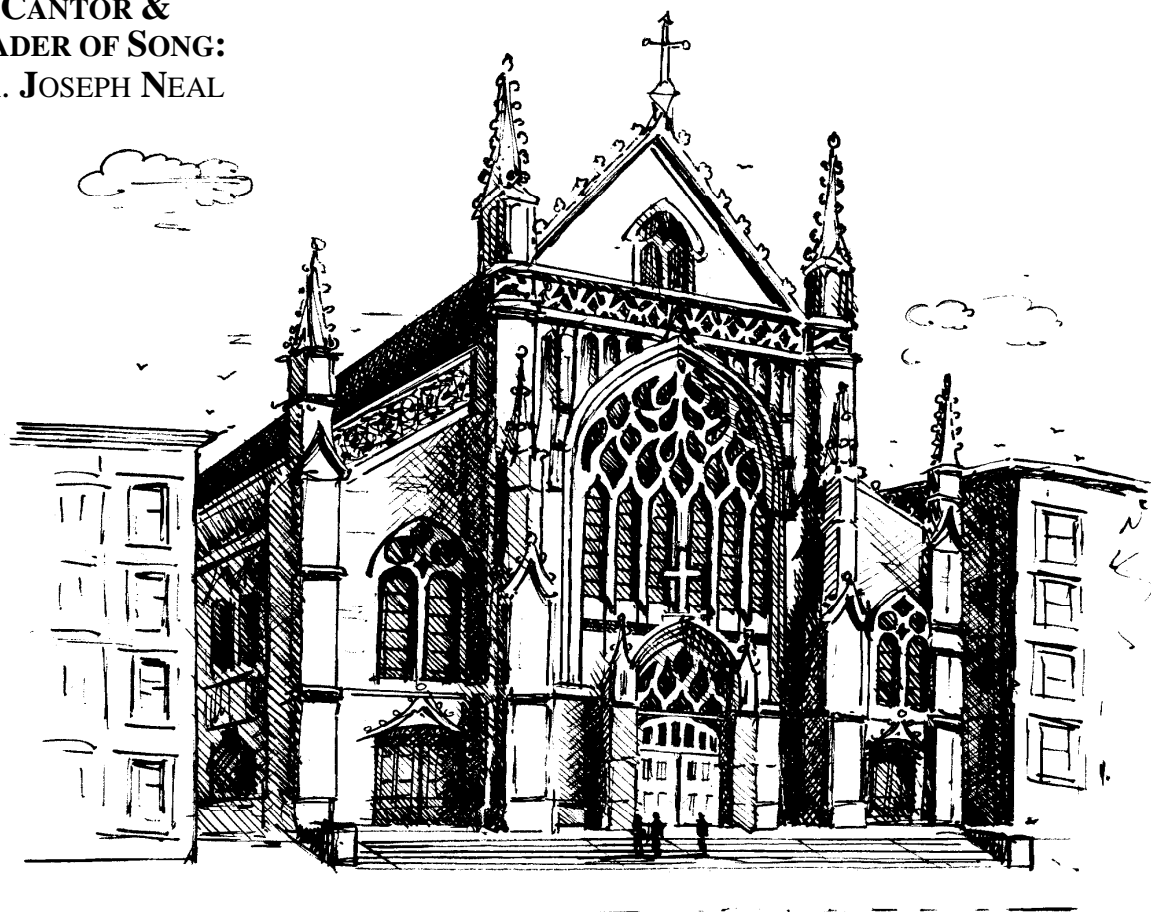
BY APPOINTMENT.

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.



EASTER SUNDAY: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: APRIL 24, 2011

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“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. Through Jesus we do know ‘the room where exiled love lays down its victory.’ He himself is this place, and he calls us to be with him and in dependence on him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so that he, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the world... God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Mass/Schedule

SATURDAY: VIGIL

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 St. Monica Parishioners

9:00 St. Monica Parishioners

10:30 St. Monica Parishioners

12:00 St. Monica Parishioners

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Mary Jane and Emil Russo

9:00 Adriano Mantinola Hernandez

12:00 Ann Burns

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Rosalia and Juan Lopez

9:00 Margaret McNally

12:00 Gerda Traber

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Charles Chirchirillo

9:00 Elizabeth and Paul Kosco

12:00 Angela Uddo (4th ann.)

THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Therese Doyle

9:00

12:00 Charles and Marjorie Barrett

FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Tracy and Steven Nowak (living)

9:00 Basilisa Inocencio

12:00 Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Briody

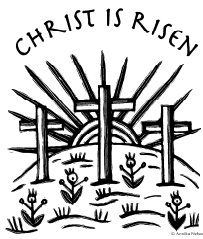
SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 David and Yepsi Lopez

SEEDS OF FAITH...

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter’s speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul’s letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history – the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygma*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection, exactly how these *kerygma* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FROM OUR PASTOR ...



The priests of St. Monica's Parish join me in wishing each and every parishioner, friend and visitor to St. Monica's Church a very Blessed and Joyous Easter!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

St. Monica's Parish is family; it is Jesus Christ's living body.

Many, many **'THANKS'** to all of you who gave so freely and wholeheartedly of your time and talents – the Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Cross Bearers, Thurifers, Lectors, Choir, Musicians, and Ushers – also to those who offer hospitality, and to all who scrubbed, polished, and helped to decorate our church for the Easter celebration.

CHRIST IS HERE ...

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here. —*St. Augustine*

ALLELUIA...

The *Alleluia*, which has been silent for forty days, will now be heard in praise and thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter.

EASTER DONATIONS ...

The Easter collection is an important part of St. Monica's income. We depend on your generosity to support the liturgies and the musical settings. The beauty of the Easter Altar is glorious to behold.

May God bless you for all that you do for our parish.

BLOOD DRIVE ...



We will be hosting our **'Seventh Annual Blood Drive'** at the Church of Saint Monica on **Sunday, May 1st, 2011 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

You **CANNOT** get AIDS or any other disease by giving blood. The materials used for your donation, including the needle, are new, sterile, disposable, and used only once by you for your donation.

Please call the parish office (212) 288-6251 to sign up for this worthy cause and help make this a successful community event! **Photo ID is required.**

VOLUNTEERING ...

Pregnancy Help, Inc. is seeking volunteers to staff its Center at 233 West 14th Street. They need people who are willing to be trained as counselors and support staff for this important work. The joy of knowing you are saving a life and helping a woman in crisis will be your compensation. For further information, please call (212) 243-0970.

STEWARDSHIP ...

To adopt a practice of sacrificial giving, follow these steps:

First, agree to return to the Lord in gratitude a portion of everything he has given you, whether through inheritance, paychecks, investments, unexpected windfalls, an allowance, or a Social Security check.

Second, your return to the Lord must have a certain bite to it. Sacrificial giving means making a sacrifice.

Third, get very specific about the size of your donation. Many consider the biblical norm called a "tithe" (10 percent of one's gross income), meaning the initial 10 pennies of every \$1 earned or received. Of that 10 percent, half will go to the parish Sunday collection and the other half to the people in need. The latter category includes Catholic school tuition, diocesan collections, the missions, local appeals for the needy and our own private pet charities. That second portion can be set aside and used as the situation dictates or as requests arise.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS ...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of over 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a religious service without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the people in the world.

If your have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in the dish some place, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody is watching, sing like no one is listening, live like it is Heaven on Earth and ...

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- *Romans 14*

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

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES ...

The weekly Sanctuary Light and the 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 Burning of the Sanctuary Light

For the Intentions of
Wilfredo and Jackeline Nina

Because of the popularity of this privilege, we will offer these memorials on a **weekly** basis. The offering will remain the same at \$35.00 per dedication. Please stop by or call the rectory.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...

'Rejoice with those who rejoice'

In less than a month, the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church will rejoice in celebrating the beautification of the late Pope, John Paul II.

On **Sunday, May 1, 2011** at 7 pm, at **St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue**, they will have a special program which will include a recitation of the Pope's poetry, an organ concert and some Polish-American

The 2nd annual Healing Mass – including the communal right of anointing the sick – and devotion to St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer, will be held on the Main Altar, **Monday, May 2, 2011** at 7 pm in **St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, NYC**.

One World, One Mother – Marian Mass and Procession: On **May 7, 2011** we will honor Mary, Our Mother, with a Mass and Procession of 53 iconic images of Our Lady from 53 countries. Archbishop Francis Chullikatt, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, will be the main celebrant. Mass is at 4 pm at the **Church of the Holy Innocents, 128 West 37th Street, between 7th and Broadway**. After Mass, the Rosary Procession will begin from the church to Duffy Square/West 47th Street, and then back to the church. Visit www.oneworldonemother.com for more information.

Our Lady of Good Counsel's, 125th Anniversary Year Begins! – **May 7, 2011** at 4 pm will begin with Saturday Mass early at 4 pm (instead of 5:30pm) Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski will come from the Vatican to celebrate Mass, give Confirmation to the children, join a short procession in the neighborhood, bless the new church elevator, chapel sacristy and refurbished chapel. A reception will follow in the church hall. **Our Lady of Good Counsel, 230 East 90th Street or call (212) 289-1742**.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish – Fourth Annual Watson House History Symposium will take place on **May 7, 2011** from 10 am to 3 pm at 7 State Street (South Ferry @ the Battery).

This event is free and open to the public, registration required, limited seating. Call (212) 269-6865 or email setonshrine05@netscape.com

MASS FOR COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS ...

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary anytime during 2011 are invited to attend the annual **Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday May 22, 2011 at 2 pm**. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory at (212) 288-6251 to register.

Closing date is May 5th, 2011. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ...

On **May 8, 2011** we will have a parish collection for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that happened in Japan on March 11, 2011.

The monies collected will be directed to Catholic relief Services and they will distribute it to the Bishops in Japan. Thank you for all that you do!

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL...

Many thanks to all the wonderful parishioners and visitors who helped us reach the parish assessed goal for this Appeal. We have not yet received the final official figures. God Bless you and thank you for all that you do!

EXCITING NEWS ...

St. Monica is proud to present the first album release, "A Journey to Joy" by our beloved cantor Joseph Neal, a very gifted singer that has been with St. Monica for over 25 years. CDs will be available in the back of the church on May 1, 2011 for purchase.

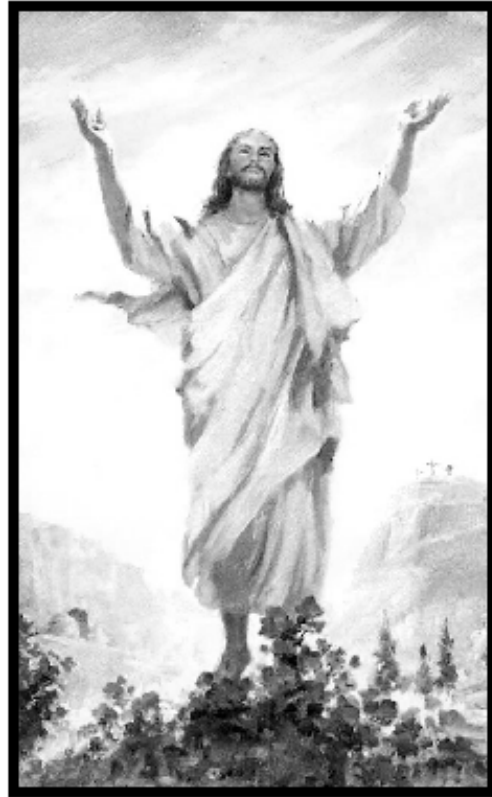
SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

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



JESUS CHRIST IS
RISEN TODAY
TRULY - HE IS RISEN