

# CHURCH OF ST. MONICA

413 EAST 79TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10075

RECTORY: 212-288-6250

WEBSITE: [WWW.CHURCHOFSTMONICA.ORG](http://WWW.CHURCHOFSTMONICA.ORG)

## PASTOR:

REV. MSGR. THOMAS A. MODUGNO

## ASSOCIATES:

REV. JOE A. FRANCIS

REV. THOMAS MANKAMTHANATH

## IN RESIDENCE:

REV. APOLINARI J. NGIRWA

## IN SUNDAY SERVICE:

REV. RICHARD AROLD

## ORGANIST &

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MR. DAVID SCHAEFER

## CANTOR &

LEADER OF SONG:

MR. JOSEPH NEAL

## MASSES

### 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.



**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 21, 2011**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      AUGUST 21, 2011

Peter can declare with certainty that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, because of the way his own life had changed since the first day that he met Jesus. The evidence for Peter's bold claim – his creed – is the fact that association with this man had brought about a transformation of everything in his life, especially those things most resistant to change – the ordinary circumstances of life. Only God, with is “*unsearchable ways*,” could effect such a newness. The fact that Christ wants to use Peter as an instrument by which the Lord will open heaven to the world is surprising but not shocking. Just as Peter has come to recognize God through the humanity of the man Jesus, God's method of self-communication will continue through the humanity of the apostle Peter.

### TODAY'S READINGS ...

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51  
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30  
 Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

## MassSchedule

### SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Holy Souls

### SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Colby Porter  
 9:00 RoseAnn & Michael Murphy (living)  
 10:30 Tom & Nicholas Goray  
 12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

### MONDAY: QUEENSHIP of the BLESSED VIRGIN

7:30 Msgr. Rev. Jose Bantolo (living)  
 9:00 Wilma Saavedra (month's mind)  
 12:00 Elizabeth Goonan

### TUESDAY: ST. ROSE OF LIMA

7:30 Ellen DiGiovani  
 9:00 Mary O'Connell  
 12:00 Mary Skrapits

### WEDNESDAY: BARTOLOMEW

7:30 Cynthia Dacanoy  
 9:00 St. Joseph  
 12:00 Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY: SAINT LOUIS OF FRANCE

7:30 Saint Monica  
 9:00 Katherine Alfano  
 12:00 Zofia Romanchuk

### FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Quintana & John Dunne  
 9:00 Chris Van Leuwen (living)  
 12:00 Cecilia Yoon (living)

### SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Rose Marie H Scarpulla

### TRUST ...

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

***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>305</b>
<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>638</b>
<i>Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	
<i>Hymn to Our Lady of Knock sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Great Amen</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Lamb of God</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>88</b>
<i>Come Adore/Tantum Ergo</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>279</b>
<i>O God, Almighty Father</i>	

**STEWARDSHIP ...**

Summer is a time when families gather, reminisce, and share a special meal at a family gathering or reunion. We can hear “*grace before meals*” being recited as families share those special moments. We pray for those who are unable to be with us or for those who have passed on into God’s hands. Our parish community back home is also part of our faith family.

When we prepare for our summer travel, typically, we work up a *To Do List* to “steward” the process of getting away that may include “*taking care of*” the following: Mail, Newspaper, Home, Lawn, Security, Prescriptions, House Sitting, Baby Sitting, Maintenance, Neighbors, Bills and Bill paying.

But what happens with spiritual stewardship during the summer months? Our stewardship contributions of *treasure* throughout the year support the parish financially. Your gifts enable the parish to carry out its Gospel-based mission by providing worship, education, the sacraments, service to the poor and needy and countless blessings to those in need.

*“I come to serve ...not to be served.” -Mark 10:45*

**MASS INTENTIONS ...**

When faced with the mystery of death and sorrow of loss, Catholic people rightly turn to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as our greatest and most powerful prayer. This is especially true at the time that someone dies. Every Catholic should have the benefit of a Funeral Mass offered for the salvation of his or her soul. This should be done for each of us, without question. Afterwards, family and friends should arrange for other Masses to be offered for that person, as signs of friendship; expression of consolation; and, for the most important purpose, helping that person, if his or her soul went to purgatory, to more swiftly be released from there and welcomed into heaven.

Thanks to God’s mercy as revealed in the Scriptures, faithful people trying to live their lives with Christ need not worry that they are going to hell, where souls will never see God. But, even if we are so fortunate as to be going to heaven, we still need to make up for the consequences of our sins.

Who of us with humility and common sense feels worthy to see the face of God right now if we should die suddenly? We know we are sinners and need to make up for those sins. Therefore, we want our family and community to pray for us at Mass when we die. And in the months and years that follow, we want them to offer Masses for our souls, so that if any stain continues or barrier exists, we may be swiftly cleansed and cross that divide into paradise through the merits of Christ’s Sacrifice on the Cross, which is renewed for us at each Mass. **The Mass book for 2012 is now open. Please stop by the rectory.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER...**

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

*- Romans 14*

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

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ...**



Is a process that adults wishing to convert to Catholicism or wishing to complete their Christian Initiation can learn about the Catholic faith, receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and enter into full communion with the Church.

Any adult wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith or to share their faith with others is welcomed to participate.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?  
Were you baptized, received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Penance, but never confirmed?  
Are you at a point in your life that you feel the need to deepen your faith and answer the call to be a Catholic?

If you answered yes to any of the questions or have similar inquiries, then you may want to consider participating in the R.C.I.A. process here at St. Monica's which will begin early next year. Please call the rectory (212) 288-6251 and leave your name, address and telephone number.

### **FEAST OF FAITH**

***Come, Spirit! ...***

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

—Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



### **SAINT MONICA (332-387)**

**August 27**

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew,

inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

**We encourage your attendance to honor St. Monica our Patron of this parish on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have music and venerate her relic at the 9:00 am Mass.**

### **PRAYER TO ST. MONICA ...**

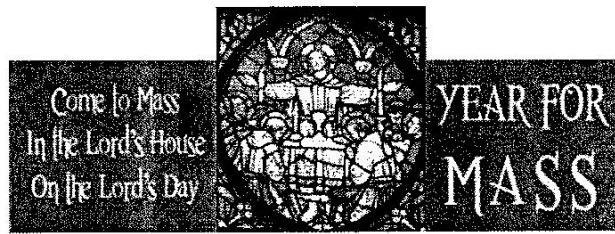
In your mercy, Lord,  
You received the tears of St. Monica  
as she wept for her son.  
At the intercession of both mother and son,  
give us grace to weep for sin  
and to obtain your forgiveness. - **AMEN**

### **OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...**

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8<sup>th</sup> grades and their parents, to occur on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-8:30pm. For additional information, please write, e-mail or call: Eric De Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC., NY 10028 – (212) 288-1100 or [edimiche@regis-nyc.org](mailto:edimiche@regis-nyc.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



*Archdiocese of New York + 2011*

**THE PRAYERS OF DEPOSITION**

**WHAT are the Prayers of Deposition??** The term *Prayers of Deposition* refers to the prayers prayed over the bread and over the wine as each of these elements is placed on the altar in the Rite of the Preparation of the Gifts. The gifts are, in effect, “deposited” on the altar.

**Significance of the Deposition Ritual:** “Deposition” is a practical term for an action which has profound meaning. Our celebration of the Eucharist originated in, the celebration of Passover Meal of the Jews, for the Last Supper took place in the context of the Passover Meal. At that meal, it was the custom for the head of the household to take from among the many foods on the table, the symbolic bread and cup, offering a prayer of praise and raising the elements slightly to direct the attention of those present to these two significant symbols. This very simple action of taking and blessing was the action of Jesus at the Last Supper and throughout the history of the early Church marked the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

As numbers of Christians grew, and ritual developed, the procession with the gifts became a part of this rite. The bread and wine for the Eucharist were brought forth by the faithful, received from them by the priest and were then placed upon the altar with a prayer of blessing. This deliberate action of placing the gifts on the altar in the context of a blessing prayer was the designation of these offerings of the people as the material substance of the Sacrifice to be offered. In a very real sense, these ritual actions highlight the role of the people in the Eucharistic action. The people provide the bread and the wine that will be the substance of the Eucharistic Meal. But their gifts of bread and wine, and food

for the poor (today, more often, money offerings), have a symbolic nature in themselves, for they represent the substance of those who give them. The self-giving that will ultimately be made as they offer themselves with Jesus to the Father in the Eucharistic Prayer, is prepared for and foreshadowed by this simple ritual action. Finally, as the offerings of the people provide the material for the Eucharist, their gifts for the poor point to the further truth that to celebrate the Eucharist worthily, we must live the Eucharist in our daily lives by our care for others.

**The Prayers of Deposition:** The term “preparation” of the gifts is an accurate description, for this rite truly does prepare for the great action of the Eucharist. It is important that the presentation of the gifts at this moment in the Mass be distinguished from the principle offering of the Mass which is made in the Eucharistic Prayer. The prayers prayed by the priest at the Preparation of the Gifts bless God who is the source of what we have to offer, and at the same time, make clear that these gifts involve the work of human beings.

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands:  
it will become for us the bread of life.*

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands:  
it will become for us the spiritual drink.*

These theological statements having been made, the community can move on to the Eucharistic Prayer.