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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.



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 7, 2011**

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Pope Benedict XVI makes the point that the essence of faith is that something meets us that is greater than anything we can think of for ourselves. That is literally what happens to the disciples as they see Jesus walking on the water. Jesus summons them to faith – a way of approaching reality that entails leaving behind our old way of measuring things and seeing all according to this Something Greater that meets us. We should not be surprised that Christ often will come in ways that we least expect, as Elijah found out that tiny whispering sound. And when such faith takes hold of us, we want everyone we know to share in it, as Saint Paul testifies today.

**TODAY'S READINGS ...**

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by” (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

**Gospel** — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified. But at once Jesus said to them, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:22-33).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...**

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15  
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28


**SATURDAY: VIGIL**

5:30 Frank Brown

**SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 Henry and Mary Glasson  
 9:00 Special Intentions  
 10:30 Leonard Cotugno  
 12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**MONDAY: ST. DOMINIC**

7:30 Margaret Flood  
 9:00 Helen Van Leuwen  
 12:00 Germaine Leydier

**TUESDAY: ST. TERESA BENEDICATA**

7:30 Liv. and Dec. Mem. Ford Family  
 9:00 Holy Souls  
 12:00 Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY: ST. LAWRENCE**

7:30 Mary H. Brown  
 9:00 St. Joseph  
 12:00 Francis Ferrier (living)

**THURSDAY: SAINT CLARE**

7:30 Liv. and Dec. Mem. Morris Family  
 9:00 Germaine Leydier  
 12:00 Souls In Purgatory

**FRIDAY: SAINT FRANCES deCHANTAL**

7:30 Cecilia Dennett (living)  
 9:00 Virgilio Lim  
 12:00 Dann Family

**SATURDAY: WEEKDAY**

9:00 Lars Mattson

**THE PRESENCE OF GOD ...**

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*19th 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:*

|  |            |
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| <b>Entrance Hymn</b><br><i>City of God</i>   | <b>371</b> |
| <b>Penitential Rite</b>  | <b>112</b> |
| <b>Gloria</b>  | <b>113</b> |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>Lord, let us see your kindness,<br/>and grant us your salvation.</i> | <b>632</b> |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b><br><i>I wait for the Lord;<br/>my soul waits for his word.</i>             | <b>114</b> |
| <b>Offertory Hymn</b><br><i>Fly Like A Bird (K. Canedo)<br/>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><br><i>Taste and See</i>  | <b>435</b> |
| <b>Recessional Hymn</b><br><i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>                                       | <b>343</b> |

**STEWARDSHIP ...**

Do we have a reverence for the earth as God's creation or do we think of it as a planet to be exploited? Do we use the earth's resources to serve others or only for our own comforts? These questions of stewardship define how we are honoring God. Stewardship is not just use of our time, talents, and treasure for our parish, but good stewardship is how we care for all of God's world and people. I thank you for being here this morning, as we gather to thank God for God's creation.

*"The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither: not the gift, but the giver: not your money, but you ... for God."*

**Last Week's Collection: \$4,230.00**

**Last Year's Collection: \$ 4,405.00**

**FEAST OF FAITH ...*****Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus: Song of Heaven***

The words of the Sanctus are rooted in the scriptures. They recall the song of the seraphim in the prophet Isaiah's vision of God in majesty: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!' they cried one to the other. 'All the earth is filled with his glory!' " (Isaiah 6:2-3). They recall the Gospel accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). Yet the liturgy adds something new to these ancient texts. The seraphim sang, "the earth is filled with his glory." But the liturgy proclaims, "heaven and earth are full of your glory." In the Eucharist, earth and heaven meet. For a moment in time, we join in the song that the angels sing for all time. The Sanctus raises us to heaven, but does not remove us from the earth. It is the song of the King who took on our human flesh so that we might share in his divine life.

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**JUST A REMINDER ...**

We thank those parishioners who give on a regular basis to the Sunday Offertory. Summer is especially difficult with many of our loyal parishioners and friends leaving the city for travel and a much deserved vacation. Our attendance drops and so does the collection. We ask when and if it is possible to make up the week(s) that were missed.

We count on these collections for our monthly operating expenses. Thank you for all that you do for our parish.

**PLEASE REMEMBER...**

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

—Romans 14

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

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**The Burning of the Sanctuary Light**  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Jean Hammond  
 Requested by Candace Hammond



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 memorials will be noted in the bulletin each week. The weekly offering:

\$35.00 for the Sanctuary Light  
 \$35.00 for the Bread and Wine

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

**ASSUMPTION OF MARY ...**



On **August 15<sup>th</sup>** Monday, the **Feast of the Assumption**, we will celebrate our regular weekday schedule of Masses, 7:30am, 9:00am, and 12Noon.

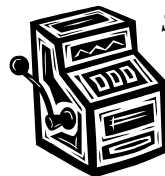
On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely

revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were a few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. (*This entry appears in the print edition of Saint of the Day*) *American Catholic*.



**SHOWBOAT CASINO ...**

On **Thursday, August 18, 2011** a bus will leave from St. Monica's approximately 9:30am and returns around 9:00pm. Cost is \$22.00 (driver tip included). **Casino bonus \$30** (photo id required by

casino). If interested call Frank at (212) 628-8714 - payment required within 48 hours of making reservation. Come join us, everyone is welcome!

**A THANK YOU FROM OUR FRIENDS AT PREGNANCY HELP CENTER ...**

Dear Msgr. Modugno  
*We at the Pregnancy Help, Inc wish to express our deepest appreciation to you, Msgr along with the parishioners of St. Monica's for the overwhelming generosity by donating the baby items for our clients. Special thanks are due to the individuals who personally knitted and crocheted the baby blankets and outfits. Please know that our mothers are also deeply grateful to receive help of any kind for their babies because without such assistance they would experience even further hardships.*

As you know our work to rescue young mothers and their babies continues to be an awesome challenge in today's society. New York City elected officials have recently approved the Jessica Lappin Law which will directly affect our ability to serve young pregnant women who continue to have fewer opportunities to obtain guidance and assistance to help them keep their babies.

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past support and ask that you continuously pray for our center.

Sincerely,  
 Cathy Gonzalez  
 Client Services Coordinator

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...**

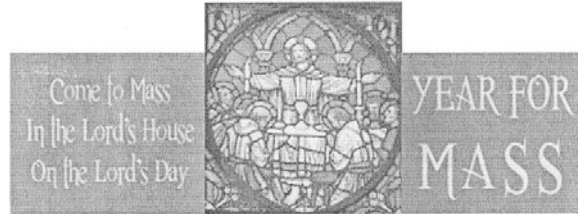
Come join beginners and advanced beginners on Monday evenings from 7:15-8:30pm. at St. Stephen of Hungary, 414 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, NYC., NY for Yoga classes. For information call Betsy O'Neill: (212) 535-4235.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR ...**

It's time to think "**HOLIDAY BAZAAR.**" We need everyone's help, donations to sporting events, (all NYC teams) the theater, weekend getaways, dinners etc. Please remember us while on vacation and browsing through your favorite gift shop. The generous spirit of St. Monica parishioners is always very refreshing.

**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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**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**Origins of the Apostles' Creed:** The Apostles' Creed is the most ancient of the Creeds in the Church. Another word the Church uses for the Creed is the term *symbol*, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the Apostles' Creed is *the ancient baptismal symbol (creed) of the Church of Rome* to which St. Ambrose adds: *It is the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith.* (CCC n.194) In the early Church, Lent was a time of intense preparation for those who were to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. During Lent the candidates, referred to as the *chosen*, were brought together often and taught the beliefs of the Church as outlined in the Creed. When the teaching had been completed, the Creed itself was "handed over" to them so that they might learn it by heart. A week later the *chosen* returned and "handed back" the Creed, each person, in the words of the Creed, professing his or her acceptance of the faith.

**Recent Use of the Apostles' Creed in Liturgy:** For many centuries the Nicene

Creed was the only Profession of Faith used in the Liturgy. Following the Second Vatican Council, however, the Apostles' Creed was permitted in Masses with Children. The current reform of the liturgy has permitted Conferences of Bishops to allow the use of the Apostles' Creed in place of the Nicene Creed provided it is not used to the exclusion of the Nicene Creed. The new edition of the Roman Missal especially encourages its use during Lent and Easter Time because of its close association with the Sacrament of Baptism in the early Church.

**Changes in the Translation of the Apostles' Creed:** There are very few changes in the translation of the Apostles' Creed, and since this Creed has been used for the most part in private prayer rather than in the celebration of Mass, the minor changes will not be very apparent. The changes that have been made were done for the same reason as those in the *Gloria* and the *Nicene Creed*, that is, to provide a more accurate translation of original Latin text.

The new text of the Apostles' Creed reads:

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord

*[At the following words, up to and including : "the Virgin Mary", all bow.]*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen