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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:

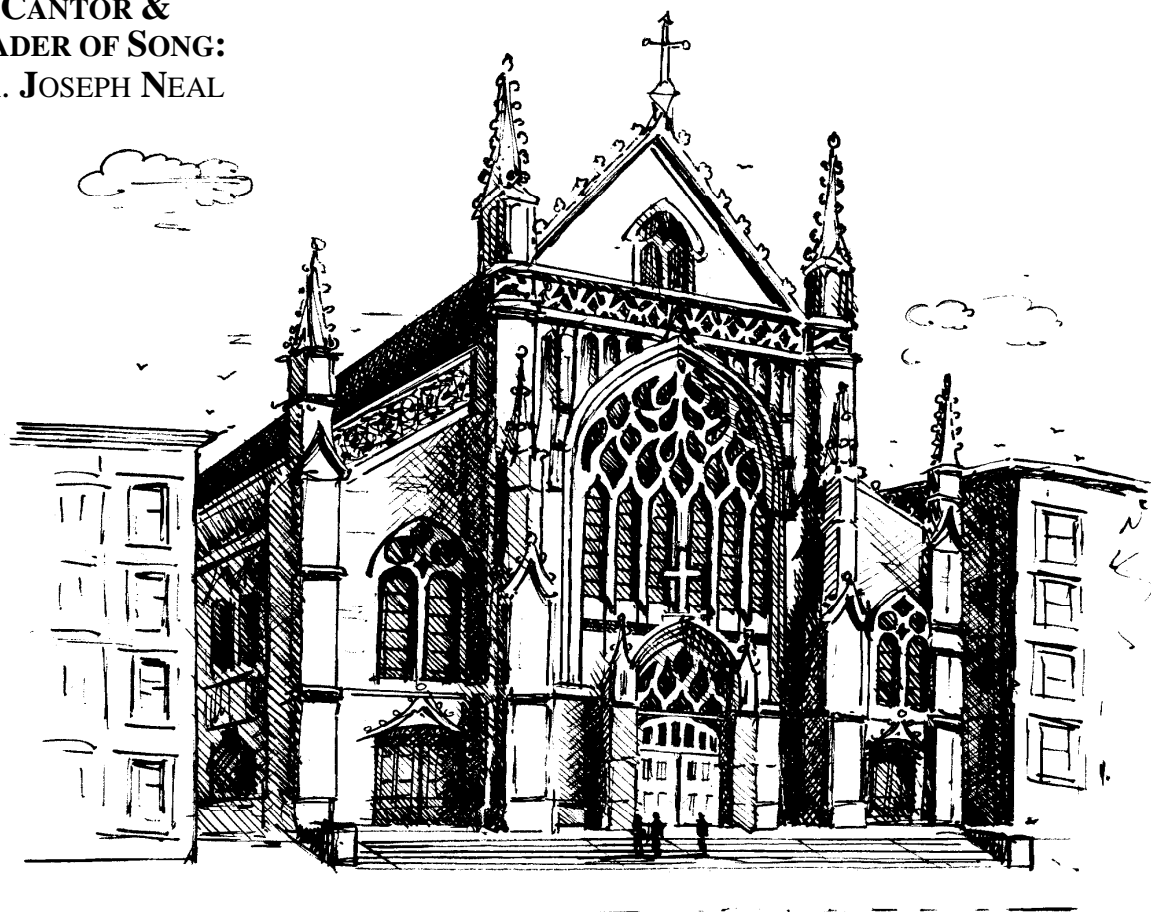
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER
OF THE PARISH STAFF
WELL IN ADVANCE.

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OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS
AND ANYTIME BY
APPOINTMENT.



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 27, 2011

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Four times in today's Gospel Jesus tells us not to worry. He begs us to believe that our "heavenly Father knows" what we need. God's attention to our needs surpasses even the solicitude of a mother toward her baby: "*Can a mother forget her infant?... Even should she forget, I will never forget you*" We forget that we will never be forgotten. We give in to anxiety. Yet, worrying will not "add a single moment to your life-span." What does add length, and depth, and richness to our life is serving our true Master. He "will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts." And in the knowledge of our darkness and doubt, the Father will "much more provide for you."

TODAY'S READINGS ...**First Reading** — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)**Psalm** — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).**Second Reading** — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).**Gospel** — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...**

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12c-20; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Rita Grady

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Marion P. Flinn

9:00 Edward Hogan

10:30 Deceased Members of the Doherty Family

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners****MONDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 James Canning

9:00 Pat Iavarrone

12:00 Nick Guerrini

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 In Thanksgiving

9:00 Joseph Neste

12:00 Laurent Gros (living)

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Francis Ferguson (living)

9:00 Priests of St. Monica

12:00 Janet Gans

THURSDAY: SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

7:30 Michael Murphy, Jr. (living)

9:00 William Hogan

12:00

FRIDAY: SAINT CASIMIR

7:30 Erin Wolfe (living)

9:00 Kathleen Hogan

12:00 Armando Modugno

SATURDAY: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 Walter Ferber

DON'T BE ANXIOUS...

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on important things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear. Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Eighth 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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STEWARDSHIP ...

True stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that we have and all that we are – our time, talents, and treasure,

Why is it so important to share our treasure?

Money and all of the things that we possess (our treasure) are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and the good of others.

It is important for us to share our money and all of our material possessions for two reasons; first, because all the good things that God has made (including money) are meant to be shared, and second because each of us has a need to give.

Why do we give? We need to give our money to individuals and families in need, to the Church, and to other worthwhile charitable organizations because giving money is good for the soul and because we need to return thanks to a loving God or all of the many blessings each of us has received.

One of the most frequently asked questions in any stewardship educational program is “*How much do I have to give?*” The answer (from a stewardship perspective is nothing. We don’t *have* to give anything. “*How much do we want to give?*” is the question that stewardship asks.

Stewardship is not minimum giving. It is maximum giving. That means giving as much as we can, as often as we can, from the heart as a faith response because we are generous stewards who want to share our time, talent, and treasure with others.

Last Week’s Collection: \$5, 674.00

Last Year’s Collection: \$6, 617.00

IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Today is the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Your prayers are requested for the members of our parish, their loved ones, and friends who are ill, lonely, troubled, or grieving.

Please pray for their physical, emotional, spiritual and mental well –being. If you know of a parishioner who is home bound and would like to receive a pastoral visit, please call the rectory (212) 288-6250.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

***At the noon mass, from the Mass for St. Monica**

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.

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.

FEAST OF FAITH... Postures of the Mass ...

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body. —*Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.*

2011 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ...

It is an important time here at our parish and across the Archdiocese of New York as we have started the annual Stewardship Appeal. There are many reasons why the Appeal is important not only to those in need in the Archdiocese but also to our own parish community. Your support of the Appeal helps countless individuals as it sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocesan goal for the 2011 Appeal is \$18,000,000.

Our individual parish goal is \$ 62,500 (an increase from last year's goal of \$59,500).

If you have not already, you will be receiving, a letter from Archbishop Timothy Dolan asking for your support.

Please give prayerful consideration of your gift, fill out your pledge card and mail it in.

You can also make your gift online at www.stewardshipappeal.org

FYI ...

In 1871, the American Museum & Natural History records indicate a donation made to the Museum by 13-year old Teddy Roosevelt consisting of one bat, twelve mice, a turtle, the skull of a red squirrel, and four bird eggs.

WELLNESS SEMINAR ...

Learn how to enhance your physical, financial and emotional well being!

Help yourself ... to a **FREE Wellness Seminar** at St. Monica's Church on **March 3rd, and March 10th at 7:00 pm.** All are welcome to attend.

BOOK FAIR ...

A book exhibit will be held here at **St. Monica's Church on March 12-13, 2011.**

The Priests and Brothers of the Society of St. Paul will bring a large selection of religious books that serve children and adult religious interests. They will also have a selection of religious articles.

BOOMERS AND BEYOND ...

All single and married Boomers over 50 are welcome to this special event, *Boomers and Beyond - Mardi Gras* revels **Tuesday March 8, 2011 from 7:00 - 9:00pm. at Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola, 84th Street and Park Avenue.** Open bar, hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, good company, and the sounds of New Orleans.

Help raise funds for Lantern Light, which provides direct services to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and last year's oil spill.

For more info: boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com

FROM THE YORKVILLE COMMON PANTRY ...

Dear Msgr.

Thank you for your generous gift of 710 lbs of food donated for the 'Thanksgiving Drive.'

This year is our 30th year of operation, the YCP expects to provide 2.2 million meals to low-income and struggling New York families. Our program helps **1,600 to 1,800 families every week** to put food on the table for all the members of their household. As you can imagine, the number of clients we serve is growing every day. But, YCP is not just about feeding the hungry of the community. We also provide a variety of services that help our clients maintain a level of dignity. We provide showers, haircuts by our long serving Mennonite volunteers, laundry services, and assistance enrolling in a range of benefits and entitlements.

In these difficult economic times, the work we do at YCP is more critical than ever. Thank you for your support which allows us to continue providing the quantity and quality of services we do.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Grimaldi

Executive Director

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

MARDI GRAS PRAYER



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
For it is from your goodness that we have this day
to celebrate

on the threshold of the Season of Lent.
Tomorrow we will fast and abstain from meat.

Today we feast.

We thank you for the abundance of gifts you
shower upon us.

We thank you especially for one another.

As we share these wonderful gifts together,
we commit ourselves to greater generosity towards those
who need our support.

Prepare us for tomorrow.

Let us experience some hunger tomorrow.

May our fasting make us more alert and may it heighten our consciousness
so that we might be ready to hear your Word and respond to your call.

As our feasting fills us with gratitude
so may our fasting and abstinence heighten our
attentiveness

to hear the cry of the poor.

May our self-denial turn our hearts to you
and generous service to others.

We ask you this
with our hearts full of delight
and with stirring readiness for the journey
ahead.



AMEN.