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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:

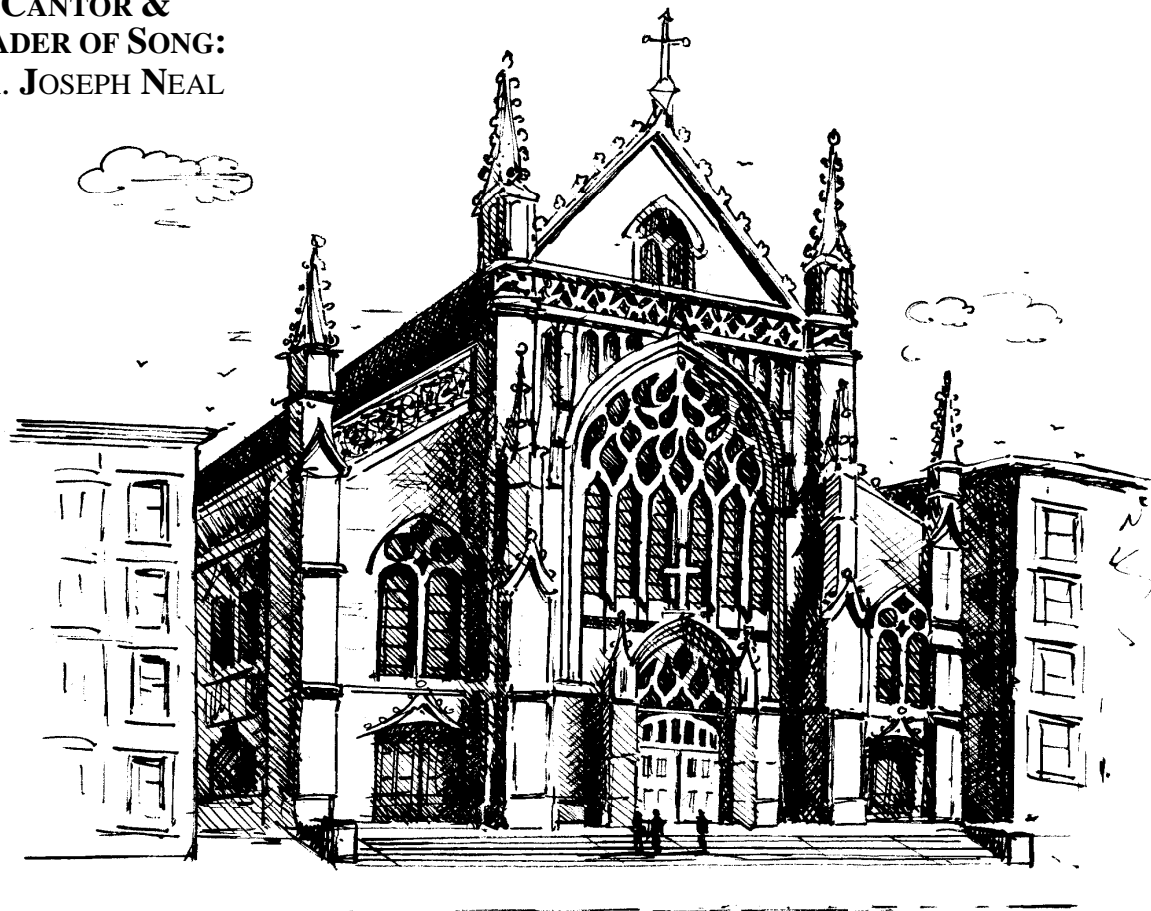
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER
OF THE PARISH STAFF
WELL IN ADVANCE.

SACRAMENT

OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS
AND ANYTIME BY
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“The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star” (Pope Benedict XVI). Our response to the Father’s offer of salvation is that of the Magi: *“To offer gold is to proclaim Christ’s kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his morality”* (Saint Odilo of Cluny). Creation responds as well: *“When the king of heaven was born, the heavens knew that he was God because they immediately sent forth a star; the sea knew him because it allowed him to walk upon it; the earth knew him because it trembled when he died; the sun knew him because it hid the rays of its light”* (Saint Gregory the Great). The manifestation of the Son of God to the world begs belief from us by which we will be led home by another way.

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17


SATURDAY: VIGIL

9:00 St. Monica Parishioners

SUNDAY: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 In Thanksgiving
 9:00 James Quinn
 10:30 John J. Sweet
 12:00 St. Monica Parishioners

MONDAY: MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

7:30 Pedro Antonio Litrenta, Sr.
 9:00 James McBride
 12:00 John Devlin

TUESDAY: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

7:30 Elena Tinghitella
 9:00 Marie McQuillan
 12:00 Alvin, Yuklan, Gloria, Arlene and Edward Dann

WEDNESDAY: SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

7:30 Priests of St. Monica
 9:00 Barbara McCormack and Family
 12:00 Anna Riedl

THURSDAY: BLESSED ANDRÉ BESSETTE

7:30 Louis D’Agostino (living)
 9:00 Susan Hogan
 12:00 Megan Folli

FRIDAY: SAINT RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT

7:30 Holley Family
 9:00 Maureen McMullan and Family (living)
 12:00 Berenice Blain

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Francis Hogan and Family (living)

LIGHT OF THE WORLD ...

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the World. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the World was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

EPIPHANY***Welcome to St. Monica's!***

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found
in our hymnal on the following pages.*

Entrance Hymn	227
<i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	160*
Responsorial Psalm	497
<i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn	224
<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	
Sanctus	103*
Memorial Acclamation	104*
Great Amen	105*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb Of God	188*
Communion Hymn	221
<i>What Child Is This?</i>	
Recessional Hymn	223
<i>The First Nowell</i>	

STEWARDSHIP ...

If indeed, our participation at Mass includes a gift, it is an appropriate gesture to use our regular, weekly envelope as a "gift wrapper." Using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner.

Sacrificial Giving and the use of your envelope as a gift wrapper should be a decision that is reflected in regular, consistent giving – not occasional, or just in response to a certain appeal. That consistency is also a part of the practice of our faith and is part of the celebration of the liturgy each and every week. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively.

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE ...

The Christian Stewardship concept also holds that all we are, all that we have are gifts from God and that we have been truly blessed by Him.

The concept of Christian Stewardship suggests that we are given three gifts which can be symbolic of the three gifts presented by the Magi at Christ's birth.

*The First Gift – The Gift of Our Time
The Second Gift – The Gift of Our Unique Talents
The Third Gift – The Gift of Treasure*

"We can not stand idly by, enjoying our riches and freedom if, in any place, the Lazarus of the 21st Century stands at our doors." *Pope John Paul II*

Moving forward in faith is a faith challenge. It is only human nature to think that our own circumstances are unique and therefore it is tempting to exclude ourselves from moving forward in faith. It is tempting to say that our circumstances are unique because we are "facing retirement", "paying tuition", "recently married and just starting off", "just bought a new home" or have "children in college." The only thing we can really fall back on is our faith and knowledge that God in His goodness has always provided for us. Note these words from Scripture:

*"Give and it shall be given to you ...
For the measure your measure with
will be measured back to you."
Luke 6:38*

BOOMERS AND BEOND ...

Join Boomers & Beyond for an intergenerational evening with Gail Sheehy, New York times best-selling author, to discuss her new *Passages in Caregiving: Turning Chaos into Confidence*. **Wednesday, January 12th, 2011 7:00pm** @ St. Ignatius Loyola, (84th Street and Park Ave). RSVP gailsheehy@saintignatiusloyola.org or (212) 288-3588 x 632.

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 noon from the Mass for St. Monica*

IN MEMORY OF ...

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
In Loving Memory of Berenice Blain
Requested by Rita Bellevue

**The Bread and Wine for the
Celebration of the Eucharist**

The Living and Deceased Members of the Litrenta Family
Requested by Dr. Maria M. Litrenta

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES ...

Because of the popularity of this privilege, **beginning January 2011** 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 (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

GLAD TIDINGS ...

We are grateful to all of you for your presence, cooperation and most of all your support during the year. This New Year brings hope.

On behalf of the clergy and staff we wish all our parishioners, neighbors and friends a *Very Blessed, Healthy and Happy New Year!*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ...

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who seeks to come into full communion with the faith community.

On **Wednesday evenings, @ 7:30 pm** a group will meet here to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments. For more information about this process, please call the parish office at (212) 288-6251.

VOLUNTEERS ...

Pregnancy Help, Inc is seeking volunteers to staff its center at 233 West 14th Street. We 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.

FEAST OF FAITH ...

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (*USCCB, Sing to the Lord, 14*).

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CHILD PROTECTION ...

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at (212) 371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon Lawrence O'Toole at (914) 594-4646. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website; <http://ny-archdiocese.org>

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

ANNOUNCEMENT ...

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24 hours per day.

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

As early as the sixth century, the great copiers of sacred texts saw fit to expand on the initial letters of biblical books with intricate miniature painting. At first the “miniator” was charged with tracing in red minium (lead oxide ink) the titles and initials. Later, these ornaments were called “eluminures,” illuminations, or miniatures, a word used since the end of the sixteenth century. Before the reign of Charlemagne, manuscript illumination was the province of Irish monasteries. One of their most famous productions is the ninth-century Evangelium, the Book of Kells. Thanks to the initiative of Charlemagne, schools of miniature painting were formed in the principal monasteries of the empire.

Recently, St. John’s Abbey and University in Collegeville commissioned a new illuminated Bible for the twenty-first century.



Medieval illuminated manuscript from Florence, Italy.