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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:

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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: JUNE 5, 2011

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It is after the Ascension. The remaining apostles “*have kept the Father’s word*”; “*they have believed that the Father sent Jesus.*”

They witness to the Father’s glory by enacting their own sort of “triumphal” entry into Jerusalem redolent of Christ’s on Palm Sunday. It was triumphant “when they entered the city” because the Eleven were deeply united in faith and charity, resolved to do the will of the Father. It is not a coincidence they way that their actions mimic those of the Savior: they go to the upper room and there devote themselves to prayer with one accord. As a result of this conviction, persecution is soon to follow, but they will rejoice to the extent that they share in the sufferings of Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

Psalm — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

Gospel — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-13; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Olga Ilkiw

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Domzet Gilay

9:00 Walter Feber

10:30 Julio & Adelina Mosquera

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Paula & Bill Nelson (living)

9:00 For all the clergy

12:00 Holy Souls

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Greg Gebbia OFM (living)

9:00 Lauretta Dowley

12:00 Joan Savino

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Robert Sandoz (living)

9:00 Patrick Cunningham

12:00 Bridget McCarthy - Pastusak

THURSDAY: ST. EPHREM

7:30

9:00 Danny Alvarez

12:00 George Stuart Mendenhall (living)

FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Special Intention

9:00 All deceased members of St. Monica Parish

12:00 Dec. Members of the Beamish Family

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Eulogio R.Yasana

DEVOTED TO PRAYER ...

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, “Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me” (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John’s Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don’t endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)****Welcome to St. Monica's!***

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

Entrance Hymn 346
Be Not Afraid

Penitential Rite 112

Gloria 160*

Responsorial Psalm 566
*I believe that I shall see the good things
of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn 357
You Are Mine

*at noon: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)
sung by the choir*

Sanctus 103*
Memorial Acclamation 104*
Great Amen 105*

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God 188*

Communion Hymn 392
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*at noon: Fly Like a Bird (Canedo/Schaefer)
sung by Joseph Neal and the choir*

Recessional Hymn 264
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

STEWARDSHIP ...

Catholics frequently want to know what stewardship is – precisely. They hear the word, but can't get past a vague and nebulous notion of stewardship. And because the spirituality of stewardship is so expansive and inclusive, a definition can be difficult to nail down. Christian stewardship is passing on God's love – understanding God's love as manifest in every breath, birth to death, and everything sandwiched in between: all of creation, our families, our aptitudes, our talents, our treasures temporal and spiritual, everything.

Think of stewardship somewhat literally – as a ship, a seaworthy vessel that will carry us stewards to blessed new shores. In ancient times, iconographers used the ship to symbolize pilgrimage. Stewardship is just that: a pilgrimage. Fully lived, stewardship leads us along a journey with stops in holy places we might never have imagined. Like every pilgrimage, the travels change us alter our very core in ways mysterious and gratifying. And like any pilgrimage, stewardship begins with but a single step.

*"In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labor, and enjoy their fruits."
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2402*

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,508.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 3,975.00

INFORMATION ...

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, OP 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

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

MERCY AND JUSTICE ...

Being all fashioned of the self-same dust,
Let us be merciful as well as just.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

BIG MOUTHS ...

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths. —Anonymous

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*

PARISH NEWS ...

Seminarian Stuart Reynolds will be with us through July, while taking his Clinical Pastoral Semester at the New York V.A. Hospital.

Stuart is a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Glasgow, Scotland. He will be ordained a Deacon 2012 and his ordination to sacred priesthood 2013.

Let us all give him a hearty St. Monica welcome!

BOOMERS AND BEYOND ...

Please join them for a special inter-parish liturgy, followed by a reception, to celebrate the group's third birthday!

On Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00pm, at Saint Joseph's church of Yorkville, 404 East 87th Street, NYC.

Please rsvp by June 13 to:

boomersandbeyod.eastside@gmail.com or (646) 241-1332.

This is a social and community-service organization for single Catholics who are over 50 years of age.

FEAST OF FAITH ...

Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the "preparation." What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!" We have brought forward our gifts, our offering to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours—the gifts that we give are God's gift to us. It is "through your goodness" that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." Bread and wine are both God's work, and ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God's divine plan.

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

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 offer these memorials on a **weekly** basis.

The offering is \$35.00 per dedication. Please stop by or call the rectory.



MARRIAGE BANNS II

Eveline Baseggio and Roberto Omiccioli

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.

We have available dates for announced Masses for the remainder of this year. Please stop by the rectory.

FATHER'S DAY ...



Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th what better way for us to show those who are dear to us how much we love them.

Spiritual Bouquet Mass cards are available with intention offering envelopes. The envelopes can be put in the offering box and

then they will be placed at St. Joseph's Altar for the month of June.

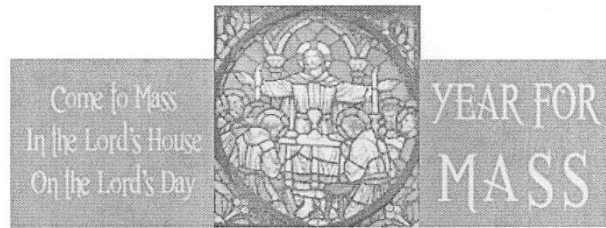
We celebrate all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, nephews, fathers to be and clergy.

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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WHY A NEW ROMAN MISSAL?

What is the Roman Missal? The Roman Missal is the book containing the prayers of the Mass: the prayers prayed by the celebrant and deacon as well as the prayers prayed by the people. Formerly called the Sacramentary, it is used by the priest at the altar and the chair and by the deacon in celebrations which he leads. In the Roman Missal may be found

- the **Order of Mass**, those prayers which, apart from some options such as the choice among several Eucharistic Prayers or among the three forms of the Penitential Rite, remain the same in every Mass;
- the **Proper of the Seasons**, the prayers proper to (hence the name) the Seasons of the Lord in the Liturgical Year, for example the prayers for the Season of Lent, the Sacred Triduum, the Easter Season, Ordinary Time, etc.;
- the **Proper of the Saints**, the prayers for the celebrations of the Blessed Mother, the saints and certain events commemorated by the Church, arranged by date according to the liturgical calendar
- the **Common of the Saints**, prayers which may be used for a particular category of celebration, for example, for the celebration of an apostle or martyr, or the anniversary of a dedication of a church. The existence of Commons prevents having to repeat a given prayer text many times in different celebrations which belong to the same category.
- **Ritual Masses**, prayers used for the celebration of the sacraments when they are joined with Mass, for example, for the baptism of infants, or for marriage;
- a wide variety of prayers which may be used in **Masses for special needs or occasions**, for example, in Masses of thanksgiving; in Masses for peace and justice; in times of war, for refugees and exiles, and many more.
- **sung settings for the Eucharistic Prayers**

Why a new Roman Missal? There are two principal answers to this question:

Benefiting from Experience The Latin edition of the Roman Missal was published in 1970 and a second, slightly revised edition in 1985. The preparation for the 1985 edition involved world-wide consultation with bishops, diocesan personnel and local parishes in order that the work of revision might benefit from experience with the 1970 edition. In the end, the 1985 revision was much less extensive than originally planned, largely because it became clear that the revision required was more complex than originally anticipated and a great deal of work needed to be done on translation before a satisfactory comprehensive version could be completed. The preparation of the new Roman Missal has benefited both from the work done in preparation for the 1985 edition, and the experience of the almost twenty years since that edition was promulgated.

New Saints in the Liturgical Calendar: Another reason which motivates the preparation of the new Roman Missal involves changes in the liturgical calendar. Since the first revised Roman Calendar was issued in 1970 and updated in 1985 second edition of the Missal, many new saints have been added to the liturgical calendar. While some of the prayers for the celebrations of these saints can be taken from the Commons, all have at least an Opening Prayer which is reflective of their life and call to holiness. The prayers for these saints, having been presented in Latin, must also be translated into the vernacular and those on the Universal Calendar incorporated into the new Roman Missal. This whole process enriches the Church with many new models in the faith, but it also takes time and effort, and is one of the reasons that the preparation of the Missal has taken so long.