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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:

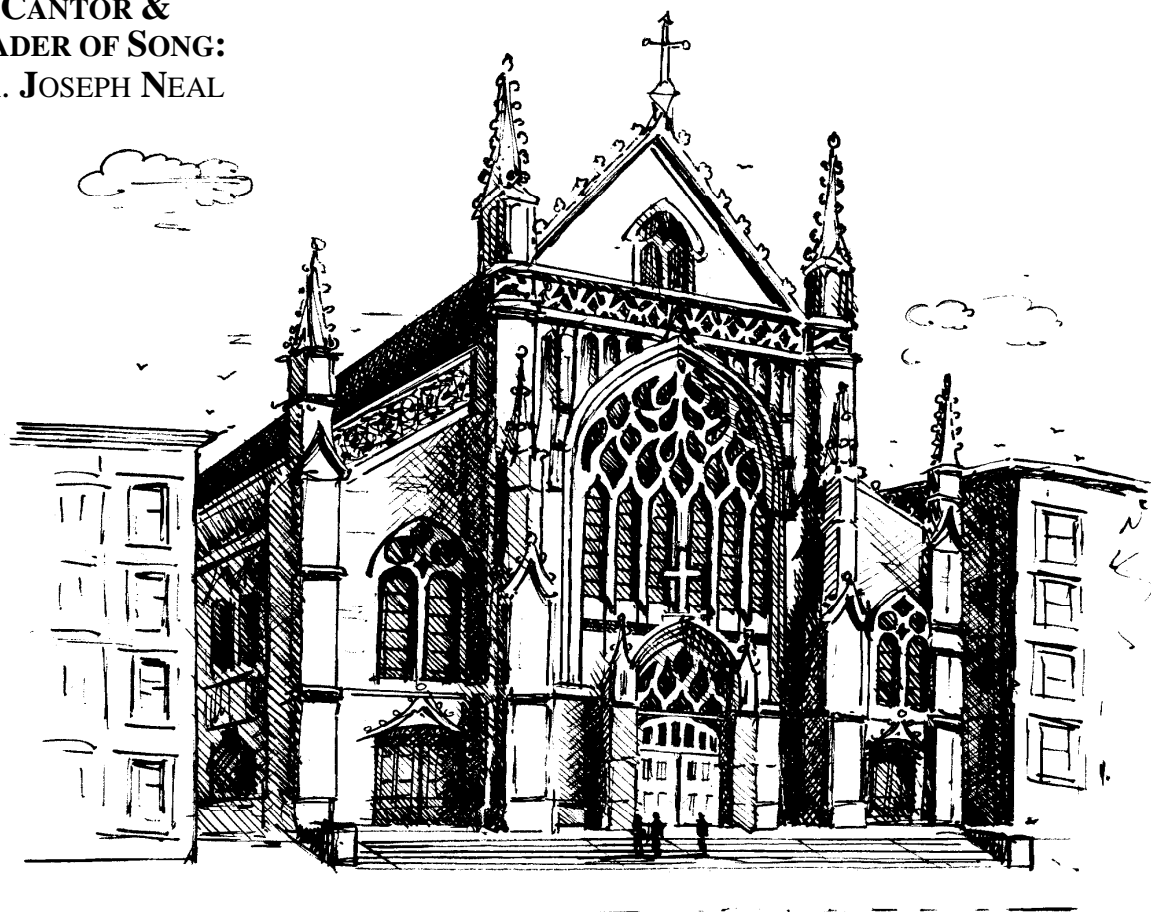
BY APPOINTMENT.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 27, 2011

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What was the Samaritan woman looking for in those six men? Pope Benedict XVI writes that “the woman is made aware of what in actuality she has always known but to which she has not always adverted: that thirsts for life itself and that all the assuaging that she seeks and finds cannot slake this living, elemental thirst ... There comes to light the real dilemma, *the deepseated waywardness, of her existence; she is brought face to face with herself.*” What brings this about in an encounter with Jesus? Pontius Pilate will declare: “Behold the man! From our own living and elemental thirst, like the woman at the well, we do just that, giving ourselves to this man who in his thirst (“*I thirst!*”) asks us for a drink. We are certain that at last we will “have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Our “*hope does not disappoint.*” We will not die in our thirst. The Lord is in our midst. Finally satisfaction can happen.

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 David Yago

SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 William Riley

9:00 Patrick McNally

10:30 Miriam Mattera

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Barbara Hennessy

9:00 Patrick McNally

12:00 Isaac Essuman (living)

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Msgr. Richard Albert (living)

9:00 Fr. Thomas Roberts (living)

12:00 Mary O’Halloran

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Brandon Canning (living)

9:00 Alan Bauscher

12:00 Camille Steele

THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Bernard Coutu

9:00 Anthony Valentino

12:00

FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Anna Maihieri

9:00 Lucille Telesco (living)

12:00 Fr. Thomas Mulvanerty

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Al and Rita Schneider (living)

FEAST OF FAITH ...The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Welcome to St. Monica's!

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

Entrance Hymn 238

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Penitential Rite 112

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Responsorial Psalm 508

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation 114

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

*Lord, you are truly the savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

Offertory Hymn

Here I Am, Lord 373

*at 10:30 & noon: Stabat Mater (T. Dubois)
Michael Padgett, Emily Wright,
& Vincent Ricciardi, soloists*

Sanctus 185

Memorial Acclamation 173

Great Amen 177

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God 187

Communion Hymn 355

Eye Has Not Seen

Recessional Hymn 239

The Glory of These Forty Days

STEWARDSHIP ...

Lord Jesus, you came to tell us that the meaning of life consists in giving. You told us that those who cling too tightly to what they have – without thought for you or others – end up losing everything. You gave us new values by which to measure the worth of a person's life.

Help us to realize it is not temporal success or riches or fame that gives life meaning. Rather, it is the service rendered to you and others that brings fulfillment and makes our lives worthwhile.

May all our activity help to build God's kingdom:

our obedience bring true freedom,
our generosity increase love,
our sacrifice bear generous fruit,
our death lead to eternal life.

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A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Gracious, merciful Lord,

Be my guide always.

Draw me closer to You.

Help me to suffer as I ought.

You are the Great Comforter.

Be with me, Lord, as I pray and fast.

Teach me to pray and fast so I may join You
and all the saints.

Guide me to be ever mindful of You and the greater
purpose You have in mind for me. AMEN

BIBLE STUDY ...



To help prepare us for Lent we will be having a 'Bible Study' with Fr. Joe Francis, in the church from 7:00pm -8:00pm on **Tuesdays March, 29 April 5, and 12th.**

All are welcome to attend. Bring your Bible and a friend!

LENTEN 'POOR BOX' OFFERING ...



During the **forty days of Lent**, it has become our custom to give our Lenten support to help a charitable organization.

This year we will be supporting the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to help with schooling for the young children in

Palestine. Your prayers and generosity will be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

**The Bread and Wine for the
Celebration of the Eucharist**
In Loving Memory of
William Riley
Requested by Chris Van Leuwen

The Burning of the Sanctuary Light
has been donated
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EASTER REMEMBRANCE...

A Spiritual Bouquet card is a lovely way to have your loved ones remembered at the Easter Masses. Just complete the Spiritual Bouquet envelope and place it into the collection basket. Your intention envelope will then be placed on the altar during the Easter Season. You will find the Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards and envelopes on the tables near the church entrance.

EASTER FLOWERS ...



As we prepare for the Great Easter Miracle, let St. Monica's come alive with many beautiful flowers and the glory of the Resurrection. Help us to decorate the altar by using your Flower Contribution envelope. We have many visitors and friends at Easter time who marvel at the beauty of our church. **Thank you for all that you do!**

CABRINI CENTER ...

Are you caring for an elderly loved one? You are not alone. Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation's Sr. Josephine Tsuei Senior Day Services offers individuals in need of medical, nursing and rehabilitative services clinical care in a warm and nurturing environment. The program runs 5 days a week from 8:00am to 4:00pm, with extended hours available. Registrants receive transportation to and from the program, medical care, nutritional meals and recreational activities. For more information and to book your **FREE trial day**, please call (212) 233-8402. The center is located at 542 East 5th Street in Manhattan.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS...

Immediately following the **12Noon Mass on Fridays during Lent**, we will have Stations of the Cross. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these solemn remembrances of the Lord's Passion.

PRAY THE ROSARY ...

Please join us on Saturday mornings immediately following the 9:00am Mass as we pray the rosary.



'A JOURNEY TO JOY' ...

Exciting new!

St. Monica's cantor Joseph Neal will be releasing his first CD called 'A Journey to Joy' on Sunday, April 10th

from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at San Martin's Restaurant, located at 143 East 49th Street, New York City, NY.

This CD has been many months in the making and promises to provide an electric group of songs, many of which are near and dear to our hearts.

Please save the date and join us as we celebrate with Joe this momentous occasion!

OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...

The YWCA of NYC's Family Resource Center is embarking on an exciting training opportunity. They are offering a free- six week Computer and Career Development Certificate Program for displaced homemakers, evenings and Saturday computer classes and other Workshops and Events. Please feel free to contact Aliyah Triggs-Farmer (212) 937-8700 or by email at atriggs-farmer@ywcanyc.org

TROUBLED MARRIAGE?...

See www.helpourmarriage.com or www.Retrouvaille.org to find a Catholic based program open to people of all faiths. The next NJ?NY weekend is April 15-17 at the Madison Hotel, Morristown, NJ. For registration please call (732)457-0959

ICONS – A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ...

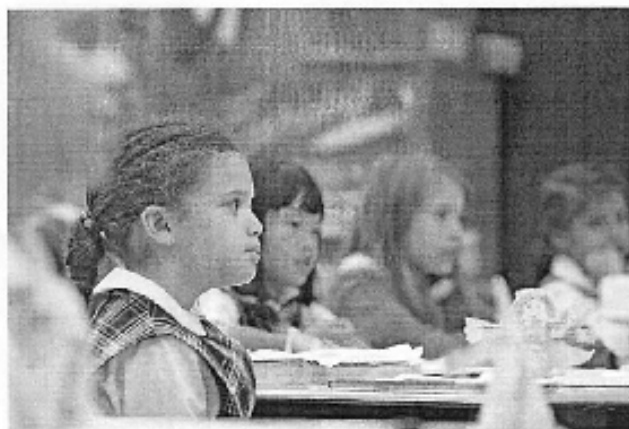
Icons, sometimes mistaken for primitive painting, are actually a code whose subject, composition and color are carefully chosen to deliver a specific spiritual message. **Join us at 1:30pm, on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at St. John the Martyr**, for a lecture on the tradition of icons by renowned icon artist Tatians Berestova. The lecture will be accompanied by slides and other visuals. Cake and coffee will be served. The lecture will take place in the church hall, 250 East 72nd Street. A \$5 offering is suggested.

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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