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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.



**NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: MARCH 6, 2011**

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Moses told the people: *“Take these words of mine into your heart and soul.”* Why was it so crucial for people to do this? Because Moses’ words were God’s own. Obedience to them resulted in a life of blessing. However, *“now the righteousness of God has been manifested”* – the Word of God has become flesh. And it is the Word of God himself who declares: *“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man.”* We are *“to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life”* (Pope Benedict XVI).

**TODAY’S READINGS ...**

**First Reading** — Take my words into your heart and soul (Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32).

**Psalm** — Lord, be my rock of safety (Psalm 31).

**Second Reading** — The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law (Romans 3:21-25, 28).

**Gospel** — Only the one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21-27).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...**

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11


**SATURDAY: VIGIL**

5:30 Vincent Wademan

**SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 Myrtle E. Angermeier

9:00 Robert Rommelsbacher

10:30 Fidel Mejia

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**MONDAY: SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY**

7:30 Melba Ruiz

9:00 Marcelle Ferrier (living)

12:00 Vincent Stephens

**TUESDAY: SAINT JOHN OF GOD**

7:30 Anna Napolitano

9:00 Robert Weiser

12:00 Fr. Chioso

**WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:30 Rev. Joseph Ros

9:00 Murray Joseph Friedman

12:00 Nicholas, Nora, and Edward Fredo

**7:30PM** Ann Rowen

**THURSDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 Fr. Earl Bissonett

9:00 Howard Doyle (living)

12:00 Holy Souls

**FRIDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 Gemi Canning

9:00 Fr. Ed Cappelletti

12:00 Edward and Rita Farrell

**SATURDAY: WEEKDAY**

9:00 Mary and Peter Sammut (living)

**SOLID FAITH...**

Today we hear Moses and the Lord Jesus summon their followers to listen attentively to their words. Moses reminds the people that a great blessing awaits those who obey the commandments of the Lord. Jesus tells his followers that those who listen to and act upon his words will be like the wise man who built his house on rock. Saint Paul recalls for us the central truth of our faith: that we have been justified freely by God’s grace through the redemption of Christ. In a society in which we are constantly bombarded with words, let us take the sacred words we hear today to heart. May these words strengthen our faith and make that faith as solid as that house built on rock.

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*Ninth 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>   | <b>306</b>  |
| <i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>                                      |             |
| <b>Penitential Rite</b>  | <b>112</b>  |
| <b>Gloria</b>  | <b>113*</b> |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b>  | <b>602</b>  |
| <i>Lord, be my rock of safety.</i>                                       |             |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b>  | <b>168</b>  |
| <b>Offertory Hymn</b>  | <b>378</b>  |
| <i>Lord, When You Came to the Seashore</i><br><i>Pescador de hombres</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>  | <b>88</b>   |
| <i>Come Adore/Tantum Ergo</i>  |             |
| <b>Recessional Hymn</b>  | <b>167</b>  |
| <i>Alleluia</i>  |             |

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

**STEWARDSHIP ...**

The German poet Goethe claimed: "Whatever is not used is but a load to bear!" God has gifted us with many blessings: the hours of each day, our individual and corporate talents, and some financial resources. When we use these blessings to fulfill the vision and mission of the Gospel a graced joy sweeps through our lives. However, when we refuse to share our gifts, we are weighed down and life becomes ponderous, if not actually depressing. Let us use well the gifts God has given to us and walk lightly and freely in the way of the Lord.

*Most Rev. Robert F. Morneau – Auxiliary Bishop of Green Bay*

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,966.00**

**Last Year's Collection: \$ 4,819.00**

***FEAST OF FAITH... Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent***

This coming Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.). These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

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**DID YOU KNOW ...**

Daylight savings begins **Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>** the first Sunday of Lent. Remember to adjust your clocks !

**REMINDER ...**

Following the **12 Noon Mass** on the **Fridays** during **Lent**, we will have **Stations of the Cross**.

***PLEASE REMEMBER...***

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

— *Romans 14*

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

**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.

**The Burning of the Sanctuary Light**

In Loving Memory of Ann Burns  
Requested by a friend

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

In celebration of life for new baby  
Madeline Kelly Freer

Requested by Nana and Pop

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.

**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 beginning March 15, 22, 29 April 5, and 12th.**

**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.

**LENT ...**

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance, a season for reflection and taking stock of the patterns of sin in our lives. Lent is also a time of preparation. We journey into the desert for forty days to face our temptations and prepare our hearts for a new way of being. Through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we ready ourselves to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

**WELLNESS SEMINAR ...**

*Learn how to enhance your  
'Emotional well being!'*

Help yourself ... to a **FREE Wellness Seminar** at St. Monica's Church.

As this series comes to an end we hope that we have provided useful information to all those who attended.

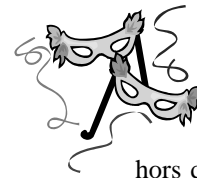
The last seminar on 'emotional well-being' will be on **March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church.**

All are welcome to attend.

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...**

**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, 84<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com)

**VOCATIONS ...**

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Discernment weekend **April 15-17, 2011 at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers for men 18 and up who may be discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood.** If you think this is something you are interested in doing please contact the Office for Vocations at (914) 968-1340 or [vocationsarchny.org](http://vocationsarchny.org) to reserve a spot.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP ...**

The Winter/Spring 2011 season of Theology on Tap-NYC is ready. Please visit the web-site, [www.totnyc.org](http://www.totnyc.org) for their schedule of 6 talks.

Theology on Tap-NYC is a young adult apostolate. All events take place at Connolly's Bar in the Klub 45 room, 121 West 45<sup>th</sup> between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

**PILGRIMAGE OF NEW YORK ...**

Please visit [www.pofnyc.org](http://www.pofnyc.org) to learn more about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pilgrimage of New York.

**You must register in order to participate. It takes place on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (rain date April 16<sup>th</sup>)**

At 9:00am. Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Avenue, NYC., NY and 5:30pm Pilgrim Mass at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, NYC, NY

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ...**

*Feeding the Hungry and Sheltering the Homeless*

In uncertain economic times, homelessness is a real threat for individuals and families who have lost jobs. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York prevents 3,300 families from becoming homeless and provides temporary apartments to 2,000 individuals each year. On any given night, Catholic Charities New York provides shelter for more than 1,500 people.

Learn more: [www.catholiccharitiesNY.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesNY.org)

**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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February 15, 2011

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, receives countless requests for assistance from throughout the world to support Church needs, humanitarian initiatives, and social promotion projects when local (arch)dioceses and authorities alone are not in a position to afford the particular relief needed by their people.

Thus it is that the Holy Father turns to the Church Universal in his personal efforts to provide for needy nations and peoples, and he accomplishes this primarily through an annual collection known as *The Peter's Pence Appeal*.

A few recent examples of what this appeal has enabled the Holy Father to do include providing assistance to seminaries and institutes of Christian formation in many developing countries, supporting a village for HIV/AIDS orphans in Kenya, and the establishment of the Saint Vincent de Paul Hospital in Bosnia.

And yet, so much more needs to be done. *The Peter's Pence Appeal* enables all of us here in the archdiocese to both demonstrate our fidelity and love to the Holy Father and to show our concern for and solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves in all corners of the world as God's family.

With this in mind, I urge you to be as generous as you possibly can be in making this year's *Peter's Pence Appeal*, to be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of March 5 and 6, as great a success as was last year's collection. Together with our Holy Father, you will be doing the work of the Lord. For this, you have my heartfelt gratitude.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York