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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:

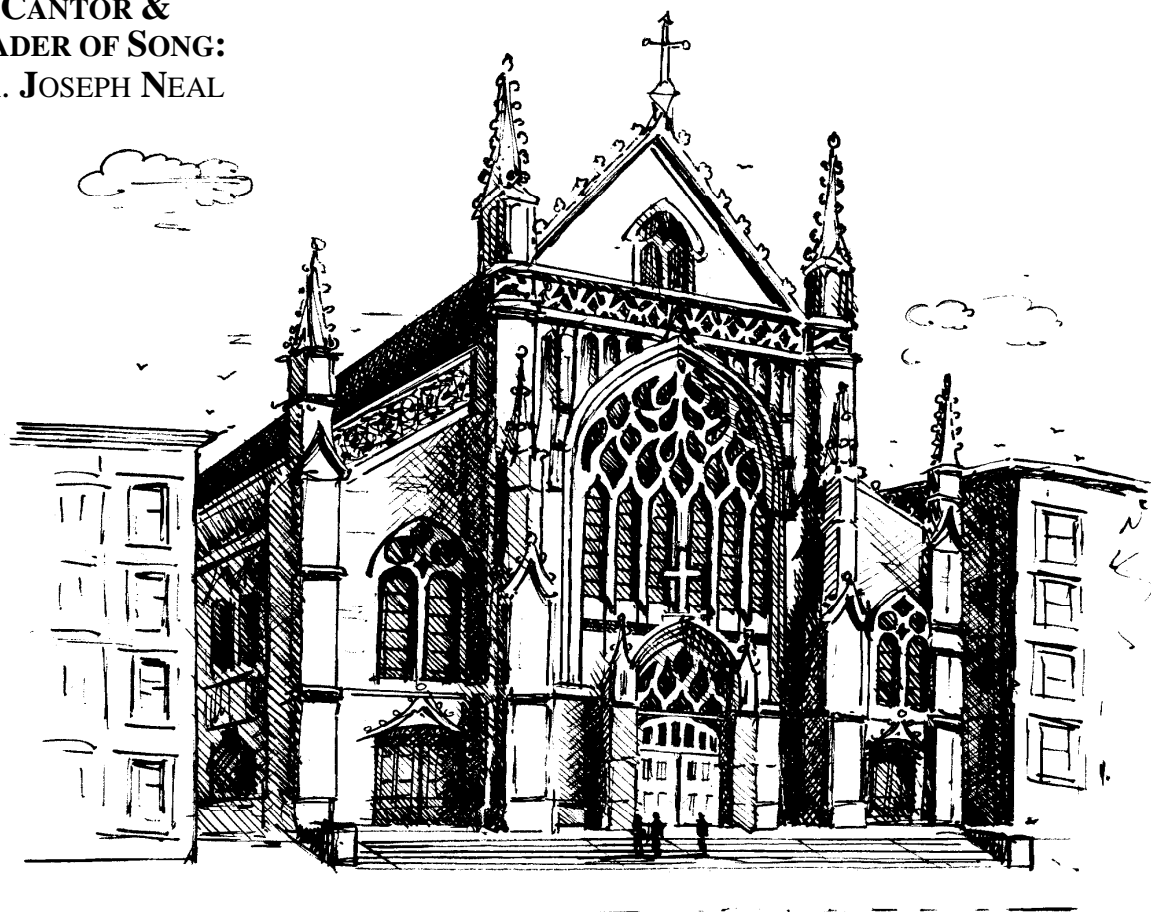
BY APPOINTMENT.

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 29, 2011

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When Philip “*proclaimed the Christ*” to the crowds, “*with one accord*” they “*paid attention to what was said.*” Their full acceptance of the word of God provoked Peter and John to go to them and lay hands on them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. This fulfills what Jesus promised us the night before he died: “*The Father will give you the Spirit of truth. He will be in you.*” The “*reason for our hope*” in our hearts and whose commandments we keep. Just as the crowds today are transfixed by the attraction of Philip, so we are captivated by the One who has loved us and revealed himself to us. It is the source of “*great joy.*”

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) *or* 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) *or* John 17:1-11a.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Edward Fredo (4th ann)

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Mary McMahon

9:00 Paul Deak

10:30 Earl Seitz

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: MEMORIAL DAY

9:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**TUESDAY: VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:30 JoAnn M Freer (living)

9:00 Zacarias Inocencio

12:00 Ann Burns

**WEDNESDAY: SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR**

7:30 Antonia and Antonio Napolitano

9:00 Priests of St. Monica

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

THURSDAY: ASCENSION of the LORD

7:30 Rev. Joe A. Francis (living)

9:00 Liv. and dec. Members of Armetta Family

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

FRIDAY: SAINT CHARLES LWANGA and COMPANIONS

7:30 Flice Napolitano

9:00 In Thanksgiving

12:00 Frances Barrafato

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Florence Modugno

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE ...

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*Sixth 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	397
<i>They'll Know We Are Christians</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	160*
Responsorial Psalm	562
<i>Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn	291
<i>How Great Thou Art</i> <i>(verses 1, 3, 4)</i>	
Sanctus	103*
Memorial Acclamation	104*
Great Amen	105*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	188*
Communion Hymn	437
<i>Taste and See</i>	
Recessional Hymn	266
<i>The Strife is O'er</i>	

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

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 build God's kingdom, our obedience bring true freedom, our generosity increase love, our sacrifice bear generous fruit, our dead lead to eternal life. AMEN

Last Week's Collection: \$5,977.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 6,390.00

Dearest Lord,

Teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost;

to fight, and not to heed the wounds;

to labor, and not to seek to rest;

to give of myself and not to ask for reward,

except the reward of knowing that I am doing

your will. - *St. Ignatius Loyola*

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and TALENT ...**PREGNANCY HELP ...**

Can you spare 4 hours/week to help us help others? We reach out to pregnant women in crisis. We need volunteer-counselors (we will train you) as well as people with writing or computer skills to help produce our newsletters. Please call Elizabeth or Cathy: (212) 243-0970.

They are located at **233 West 14th Street, NYC.**

BOOMERS AND BEYOND ...

Join us for a special inter-parish liturgy, followed by reception, to celebrate Boomers & Beyond 3rd Birthday! Wed, Jun 15th, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street (bet 1st/York). Please rsvp by June 13: boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com.

Boomers & Beyond is a inter-parish social and community service organization for single Catholics who are over 50 years of age.

SPIRIT IN ACTION ...

Is a group sponsored by St. John the Baptist Church in NYC. It is a club for mature (over 45) single Catholics who are interested in getting together for spiritual, service and social activities. Members receive newsletters concerning upcoming events. If you are interested in joining, please call our Hotline (212) 560-2366 and leave a message.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- *Romans 14*

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

PARISH NEWS ...



Dear Msgr. Modugno:

Just a few words of congratulations from all of us on your 45th anniversary to the priesthood. This has got to be one of the most important days in your life, as it is for us also!

'Thank you' seems to fall flat but if you look between all the words, you'll hear that we love you and are grateful for the many things, large and small that you've done for all of us at one time or another.

May God be with you and protect you always.

With warmest regards

Your staff

BABY SHOWER...

Please remember to support our annual baby shower. This is our **eleventh year** and because of your generosity, we



have become so successful that we now contribute to; **Pregnancy Help Inc., Catholic Home Bureau (Maternity Birth Care Program) and Yorkville Common Pantry.**

All new unwrapped gifts, can be placed in front of the St. Joseph Altar.

This wonderful community outreach will end on **TUESDAY, May 31st, 2011.**

May God continue to bless you for all that you do!

PRAYER FOR A BABY TO BE BORN ...

Heavenly Father, from the moment this child was conceived, you knew her name.

In the silent first hours of her life,

as cells divided and her living flesh quickened, you love breathed deep within

and she began to grow in your image and likeness.

Hear our prayers for this tiny child.

And give us the wisdom and endurance to keep her safe.

May our prayers be accompanied by choirs of angels as we await her birth.

We ask this through your child who was formed in the Virgin's womb and who lived and died for us, Lord, forever and ever. AMEN

MASS INTENTIONS ...



We have many available dates for announced Masses for the remainder of this year. What better way for us to show our loved ones both living and deceased just how much they mean to us. Please stop by the parish house.



MARRIAGE BANNS I

Eveline Baseggio and Roberto Omiccioli

MEMORIAL DAY ...

This day should be more than just another day off. It should be more than just the beginning of summer. On Memorial Day we honor the men and women who have died in defense of our country. We should make a special effort to remember all those who have sacrificed themselves to ensure freedom for ourselves and our children.

On **Monday, May 30th Memorial Day**, we will have one Mass at **9:00 am** for the intention of all living and deceased parishioners of St. Monica's.

Remember freedom is not *'free*

MEMORIAL DAY ...

They fell, but o'er their glorious grave

Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.

—Francis Marion Crawford

FEAST OF FAITH ...

The Collection: A Privilege

As the altar is prepared for the celebration of the Eucharist, the collection is taken up. In the early church, this part of the Mass must have been something to behold, as the people suddenly began to move, bringing forward to the deacons and priests freshly-baked bread and fine wine. Then, after the Eucharistic Prayer, that same community came forward again in the Communion procession, and they received back the very gifts they had given, now transformed into something infinitely more precious than bread and wine: the very Body and Blood of Christ.

Beginning around the eleventh century, it became the custom for people to present money instead of bread and wine, and the procession of the faithful gradually disappeared (it survives in the liturgy of Holy Thursday). But the meaning is the same. We continue to bring the fruit of our labors and to offer them freely to God. And God continues to transform them into Christ. It is through our generous sharing of time, talent, and treasure that our parishes can preach the gospel, reach out to the sick and the imprisoned, and celebrate the sacraments.

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

SIGN OF THE CROSS ...

SIGN OF THE TRINITY ...

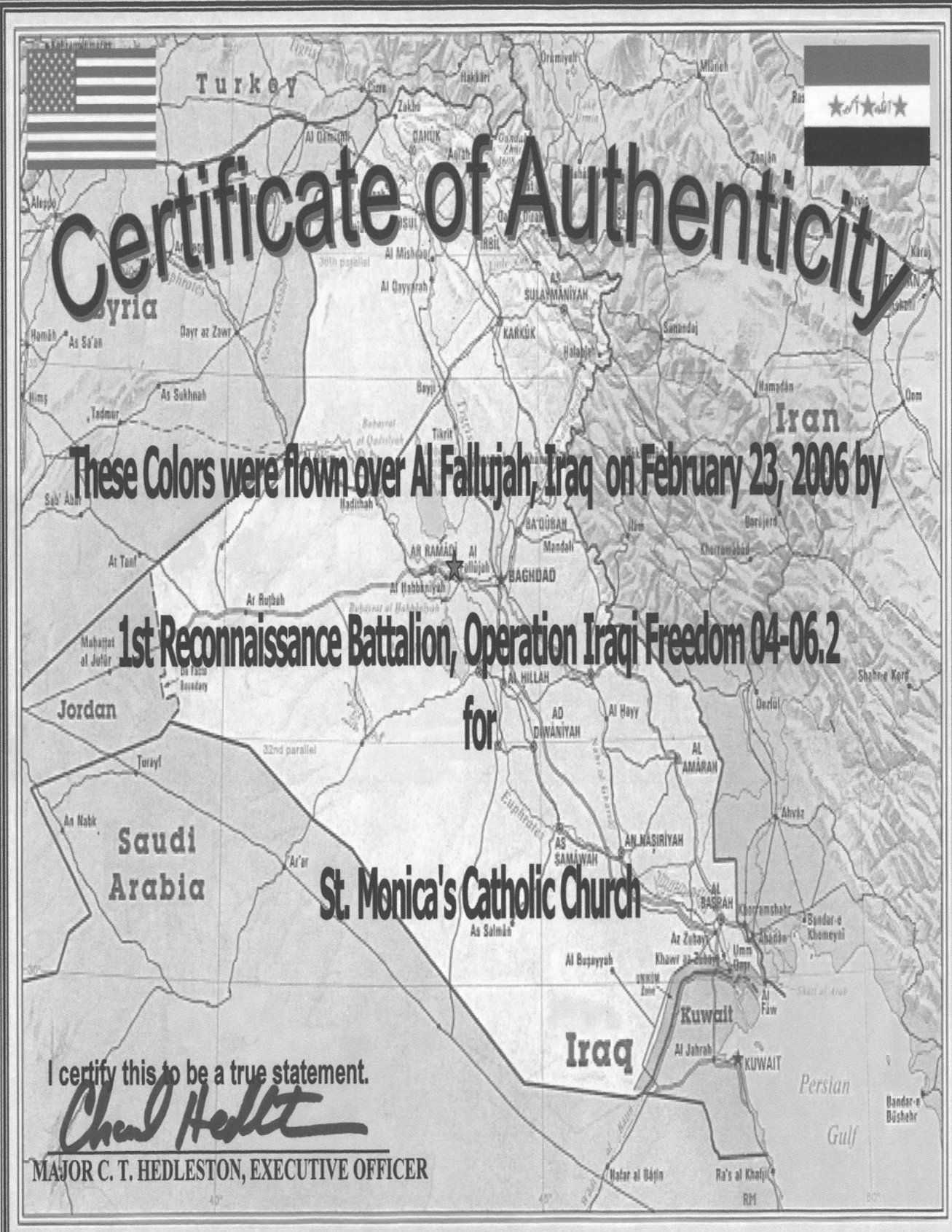
When you make the sign of the cross today, pause to think of the precious and wonderful mystery it signifies. It is at one time a creed and a prayer, a proclamation and a promise to all that we do in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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



The image features a map of Iraq and surrounding regions, including Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. The map is overlaid with large, bold text. In the top left corner is the United States flag, and in the top right corner is the Iraqi flag. The text reads: "Certificate of Authenticity", "These Colors were flown over Al Fallujah, Iraq on February 23, 2006 by", "1st Reconnaissance Battalion, Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06.2", "for", "St. Monica's Catholic Church". At the bottom left, there is a signature and the text: "I certify this to be a true statement.", "MAJOR C. T. HEDLESTON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER". The map shows major cities like Baghdad, Karbala, and Basra, and geographical features like the Persian Gulf and the Euphrates River.

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