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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 EASTER: MAY 8, 2011

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The disciples on the road to Emmaus hear the Scriptures interpreted in a way that had never occurred to them before. It causes their hearts to burn within them; it is what they have been waiting to hear all their lives. It moves them to beg the Stranger, “*Stay with us.*” Our hearts burn as we hear Peter interpret Psalm 16 with the same striking authority. It is as if the words that speak of Christ’s resurrection – “*You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence*” – have totally revived Peter’s own life. The Word, the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, the companionship of other followers are what make us realize how truly we have been “*ransomed from all our futile conduct.*”

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Jacquelyn Marzek

SUNDAY: MOTHER’S DAY

7:30 Mother’s Day Remembrances

9:00 Mother’s Day Remembrances

10:30 Mother’s Day Remembrances

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Salvacion Casco

9:00 Leo Clemente Jr. (living)

12:00 St. Agata

TUESDAY: SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH

7:30 Special Intention

9:00 Walter Ferber

12:00 Molra Guiney (living)

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Michael Licalzi

9:00 Helen Quinn

12:00 Lawrence Hickey

THURSDAY: STS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS, and PANCRAS

7:30 All Priests of St. Monica

9:00 Daniel Schrader

12:00 Camella Guarino

FRIDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

7:30 Leon Lake

9:00 Charles Herman

12:00 Clara Fleischer and family

SATURDAY: SAINT MATTHIAS

9:00 Anthony Leyba

GOD’S PLAN...

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God’s plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God. Today’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don’t recognize Jesus, who tells them what he heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God’s plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him – in the breaking of the bread. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co

Third 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 **260**
O Sons and Daughters

Penitential Rite **112**

Gloria **160**

Responsorial Psalm **553**
Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation **168**

Offertory Hymn **291**
How Great Thou Art
(verses 1, 3, 4)

Sanctus **103**
Memorial Acclamation **104**
Great Amen **105**

The Lord's Prayer **120**

Lamb of God **188**

Communion Hymn **447**
Shepherd of Souls

Recessional Hymn **266**
The Strife is O'er

STEWARDSHIP ...

We all are stewards of the Church. As “to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit” (I Cor 12:7), so stewardship in an ecclesial setting means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one’s own gifts to serve the community of faith.

-Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Have you ever given a gift so wonderful that you wanted to keep it for yourself? And have you experienced the joy stirred in the person to whom you gave such a fitting gift? Conversely, have you every given a gift you knew wasn’t appropriate?

Recall a time when you went above and beyond the call of duty in giving a gift. Then remember a time when you, for whatever reason, failed to rise to the occasion. Anything less than thoughtfulness, anything tinged with stinginess, will not make us feel good. Our grand gestures of generosity, on the other hand, allow us to stand tall before God.

The path of authentic Christian stewardship is not without demands, sacrifices and challenges, but has its rewards, which the bishops emphasized in their pastoral letter: “The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter is charged with intense joy.”

To live as a joyful Christian steward, we first must understand the concept; and to understand the concept, we need a definition. Stewardship is the “employment or use of one’s time, talents, and possessions,” the standard dictionary would state.

A steward, meanwhile, “is one who is entrusted with the management of property, finances, or other affairs not his or her own.” This clarifies the concept of stewardship for us, suggesting that our time, talents, and possessions are not really ours, but rather on loan to us to manage.

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 7,004.00

Last Year’s Collection: \$ 6,896.00

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

EFFECTS

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. —*Pope Saint Leo the Great*

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, in honor of someone or for any other special need. The memorials will be noted in the bulletin each week. The weekly offering:

\$35.00 for the Sanctuary Light
\$35.00 for the Bread and Wine

Please call the rectory at (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

The Bread and Wine for the Celebration of the Eucharist
In Loving Memory of
Fr. Richard's twin brother
Leroy 1934 – 1952
The Burning of the Sanctuary Light
In Loving Memory of
Charles Herman

MARY'S MONTH ...



During this month of May, let us especially remember the Blessed Virgin Mary. When we honor the mother of God, we honor Him because every event of her life is linked to the mysteries of His birth, life, death and Resurrection. She actively cooperated with God in the work of salvation.

FEAST OF FAITH... The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God. The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I". In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar. — *Corinna Laughlin*, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

MOTHER'S DAY ...

On behalf of the clergy and staff at St. Monica's we wish all the mothers, grandmothers mother in-laws, aunts, godmothers, and mother's to-be a 'Very Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!'

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.**

Please remember to drop off your **new** unwrapped gifts, and place them in front of the St. Joseph Altar. We will be collecting these items **through May 31st, 2011.** May God continue to bless you for all that you do!

OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS ...

The Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30 am to 7:00 am each Sunday morning, in addition to all of our channels that continue to bring our Mass to you. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City. Too early for you? Tape it or Tivo it! For more information consult the website at: www.TheSundayMass.org.

PRAYER, REFLECTION AND SHARING ...

The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary Invite Young Women to an Afternoon of Prayer, Reflections and Sharing, May 21, 2011 from 1:00pm 4:00pm. Marymount School – 84th Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC. Please RSVP each: call Shirley at (914) 631-8872 or email: shirelys@rshmeap.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM ...

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program is seeking married couples and priests to help engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The commitment is flexible, training is provided, and the experience is very rewarding. For more information please call (845) 621-0230 or (845) 729-3555 to reach Lisa Dunleavy-Jennings, Assistant Coordinator for Marriage Preparation for the Archdioceses of New York.

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



For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.

For Mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.