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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:

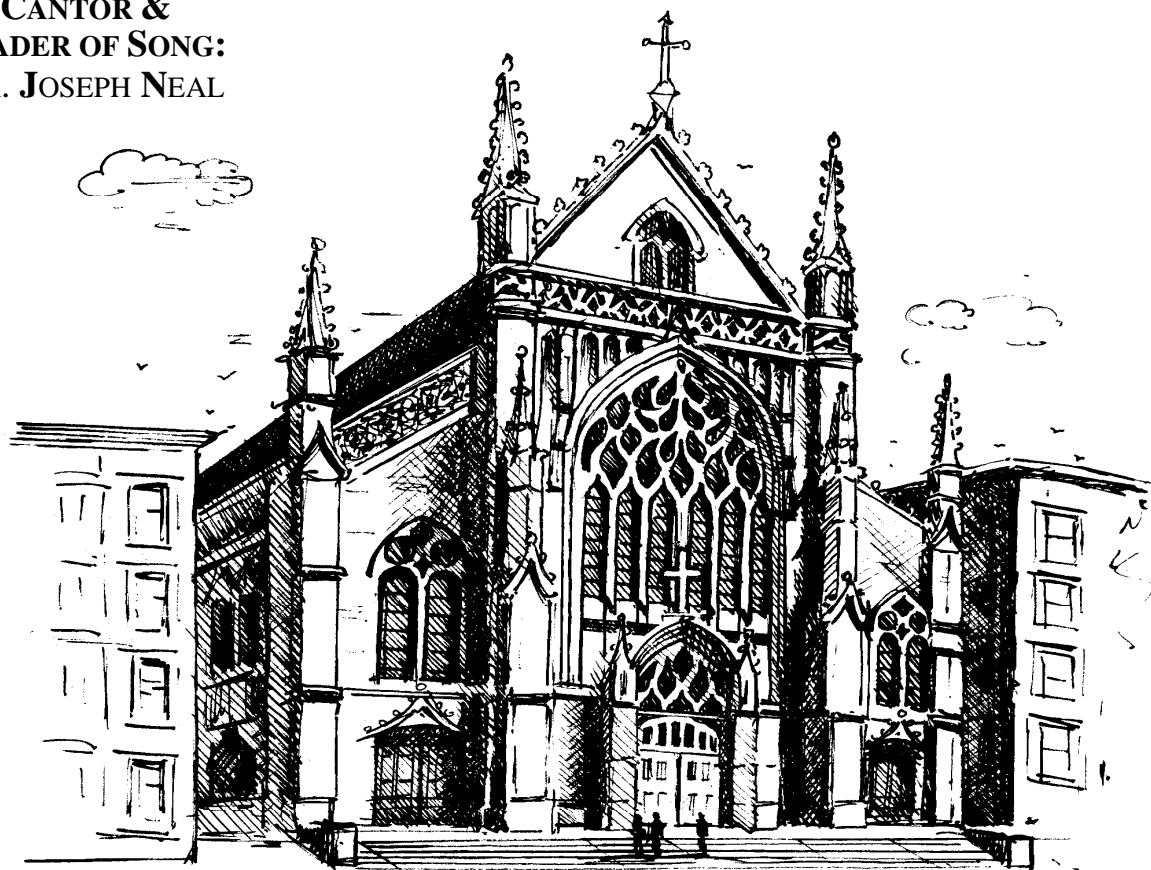
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER  
OF THE PARISH STAFF  
WELL IN ADVANCE.

## SACRAMENT

### OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD  
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS  
AND ANYTIME BY  
APPOINTMENT.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: APRIL 3, 2011**

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When Jesus sees the blind man, he says, “*While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*” Once the blind man is healed, the people ask, “*Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?*” They betray their own blindness: “man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” The blind man answers using words that Christ uses of himself; he says, “*I am.*” Is this a coincidence? The man was born blind “so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” Light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” The Light who is Christ produces a goodness in us by which we come to resemble Christ himself. We beg for the ability to look into the heart of each person we meet and to see reality the way God does.

**TODAY’S READINGS ...**

**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalms** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...**

Monday: Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**SATURDAY: VIGIL**

5:30 Florence Harding

**SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

7:30 May Walsh

9:00 Geraldine Canning Mutarelli

10:30 Dennis Colleran

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**MONDAY: SAINT ISIDORE**

7:30 Dorothy Delgado

9:00

12:00 St. Agata

**TUESDAY: SAINT VINCENT FERRER**

7:30

9:00 Laretta Dowley

12:00 Theresa Smith

**WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 Blanca De Rosales

9:00

12:00 Charles and Marjorie Barrett

**THURSDAY: SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST DE LA SALLE**

7:30

9:00 Walter Ferber

12:00 Andalesia Bachiller

**FRIDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 In Thanksgiving

9:00 Priests of St. Monica

12:00 Olsa Ilqiw

**SATURDAY: WEEKDAY**

9:00 Mary Ann Raymond (living)

**LIGHT...**

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ – the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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*Fourth 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:*

<b>Entrance Hymn</b>	<b>295</b>
<i>We Are the Light of the World</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112</b>
<i>Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison</i>	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>511</b>
<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!</b>	
<i>I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.</i>	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	
<i>Increase Our Faith sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>185</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>187</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>282</b>
<i>Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All</i>	
<i>at 10:30 &amp; noon:</i>	
<i>For He Has Regarded (J.S. Bach) sung by Vivien E. Lewis</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>375</b>
<i>The Summons</i>	

**STEWARDSHIP ...**

To adopt a practice of sacrificial giving, follow these steps:  
**First**, agree to return to the Lord in gratitude a portion of everything he has given you, whether through inheritance, paychecks, investments, unexpected windfalls, an allowance, or a Social Security check.

**Second**, your return to the Lord must have a certain bite to it. Sacrificial giving means making a sacrifice.

**Third**, get very specific about the size of your donation. Many consider the biblical norm called a "tithe" (10 percent of one's gross income), meaning the initial 10 pennies of every \$1 earned or received. Of that 10 percent, half will go to the parish Sunday collection and the other half to the people in need. The latter category includes Catholic school tuition, diocesan collections, the missions, local appeals for the needy and our own private pet charities. That second portion can be set aside and used as the situation dictates or as requests arise.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 6, 616.00**

**Last Year's Collection: \$ 6, 211.00**

***COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS ...***

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of over 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a religious service without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the people in the world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in the dish some place, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

**Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody is watching, sing like no one is listening, live like it is Heaven on Earth and ...**

***COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!***

***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.

***PLEASE REMEMBER...***

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

*- Romans 14*

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

**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 or for any other special need.

**The Bread and Wine for the  
Celebration of the Eucharist**  
In Loving Memory of  
Vanes Bellevue  
Requested by Rita Bellevue

**MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES ...**

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.

**FEAST OF FAITH...The Second Reading**

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel and the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation – "A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where – or when – we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us. —*Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.*

**BLOOD DRIVE ...**



We will be hosting our '**Seventh Annual Blood Drive**' at our church on **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

There is no substitute for human blood.

One in three people will need blood sometime during their lives. Blood lasts only 42 days. Your donations are critically important. **SAVE THE DATE** and give us **ONE** hour of your time for such a worthy cause. More details will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

**PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION ...**

We will have a parish collection on **May 8, 2011** for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that happened in **Japan on March 11, 2011.**

The monies collected will be directed to Catholic Relief Services and they will distribute it to the Bishops in Japan. Thank you for all that you do!

**'A JOURNEY TO JOY' ...**

*Exciting news!*

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



**from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at San Martin Restaurant, located at 143 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City, NY.**

This CD has been many months in the making and promises to provide an eclectic 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!

**COMPUTER AND CELL PHONE RECYCLING EVENT ...**

**When:** Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 12 noon to 5:00pm

**Where:** West 77<sup>th</sup> Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, in the PS 87 playground near Amsterdam on the north side of the street. Items that will be accepted: working and non-working computers (laptops, desktops, servers) monitors, printers, keyboards, cables, etc.

cell phones stereo equipment, TV's, VCR, DVD players, faxes, scanners, all flash light type batteries Textiles (clothing, shoes, blankets, sheets, towels etc) wearable and un wearable

For more information please contact: Council Member Gale A. Brewer (212) 873-0282 or Upper West Side Recycling: [jtwine@synerjy.org](mailto:jtwine@synerjy.org)

**BOOMERS & BEYOND ...**

Relax at Boomers & Beyond's Brunch: have a drink, choose from full delicious menu, coffee/tea; \$19.75 all incl. Sat, 4/9, noon, Uptown Restaurant and Lounge, 1576 Third Ave (88-89Sts).

RSVP by 4/7, please send your check to Boomers & Beyond, c/o Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Ave, New York, NY10028 or register on line: [www.boomersandbeyonddnyc.com](http://www.boomersandbeyonddnyc.com). More info: email [boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com](mailto:boomersandbeyond.eastside@gmail.com) (preferred) or call 646-241-1332.

**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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**STEWARDSHIP  
APPEAL 2011**  
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The Stewardship Appeal is an essential source of funding for Archdiocesan activities that our diverse parish communities greatly and directly benefit from. Your gift affects the lives of many! Through your generosity, we:

- † Support liturgical and spiritual activities in our parishes.
- † Provide for our retired priests and religious.
- † Assist the children in our Catholic schools and catechetical programs.
- † Enable our youth to become leaders and Christian witnesses.
- † Strengthen the ministry of our permanent diaconate.
- † Serve special communities outside traditional parishes.



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