

# Church of St Monica

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*INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF ST MONICA, ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY AND  
ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY*

## 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

### TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.

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#### PASTOR:

Rev. Donald C. Baker

#### ASSOCIATES:

Rev. Joe A. Francis

Rev. Joseph (Vincent) Gnarackatt

#### IN SUNDAY SERVICE:

Rev. Richard Arold

#### ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mr. David Schaefer

#### CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:

Mr. Joseph Neal

#### BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

By Appointment only.

Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

5:00 PM on Saturdays

Anytime by appointment

#### COMMUNION FOR THE

#### HOMEBOUND:

Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

### MASSES

**Sundays:** 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM &

12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 PM

**Weekdays:** 7:30 AM & 12 NOON

**Saturdays:** 12 NOON

St Stephen of Hungary: Sundays 11:30 AM (until further notice)

October 4th, 2015

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr Bakers' Installation  
Mass

Sunday, October 11th  
2 PM

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday 9 AM to 7 PM

Wednesday 9 AM to 7 PM

Thursday 9 AM to 7 PM

Friday 9 AM to 2 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

The Rectory Office is  
closed on Sundays

Rectory Office will be  
closed for lunch daily from  
1 PM to 2 PM

### SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

#### Rosary

Weekdays after the 7:30 AM  
and Noon Masses and on  
Saturday after the 12:00  
Noon mass

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday after the Noon  
Mass to 3 PM, with  
Benediction following the  
Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Devotions

Miraculous Medal on  
Mondays after each Mass

#### Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is  
prayed each weekday  
afternoon at 3 PM

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’ ” (Genesis 2:18-24).

**Psalm** — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Jon 1:1- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: Simhat Torah (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
- Tuesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
- Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Friday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Banns of Marriage**



- II Raymond Gonzales**  
**Marcy Lopez**
- III Jason Pastoriza**  
**Rachel Shea**

**Mass Schedule**

**SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3): VIGIL**

5:30 PM Raymond Colao((19th Anniv)

**SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4): 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM Julia Reily  
 9:00 AM Frances, Jacky & Gladys Marzek  
 10:30 AM Deceased Memebers of the Brown Family  
 12 NOON Parishoners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary and St, Elizabeth of Hungary

**MONDAY (OCTOBER 5): WEEKDAY**

7:30 A M In Thanksgiving  
 12 NOON Virgilio Valdez

**TUESDAY (OCTOBER 6):**

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory  
 12 NOON Vivian & Jimmy Migliore

**WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 7): OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

7:30 AM Priests of St Monica  
 12 NOON Sharon Kavanaugh

**THURSDAY (OCTOBER 1): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Lori Kramer  
 12 NOON Helen Bablonkay & Family

**FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Joan Cupo/ Jennifer Cupo  
 12 NOON Sylvia Landis

**SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3)WEEKDAY**

12 NOON The Canning Family

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Kathleen Reddington, Stan Tice, Caroline Ferrier  
 and  
 those wounded in Military Action

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**MARY CASEY**

*“I’ve gone to prepare a place for you.”*

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

*If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250. or e*

**Remember your loved ones  
 by dedicating, in their honor, the  
 weekly  
 Bread & Wine, or Sanctuary Light**

## TODAY'S HYMNS

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

***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>346</b>
<i>Be Not Afraid</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	*
<b>Gloria</b>	*
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>657</b>
<i>May the Lord bless and protect us all the days of our lives.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>392</b>
<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	
<i>at noon: Canticle of the Sun sung by the choir</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	*
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	*
<b>Great Amen</b>	*
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Lamb of God</b>	*
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>461</b>
<i>When Love Is Found</i>	
<i>at noon: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach) sung by the choir</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>279</b>
<b><i>O God, Almighty Father</i></b>	
<i>*from the Mass for a New Era (at noon: from the Mass of Celebration) for texts, see pew card</i>	

# Just a word

## From Your Pastor

As I finish up my second month here at St. Monica's St. Stephen's and St. Elizabeth's, Things are still new, but I feel like I am finally beginning to get my bearings. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me in the parish, at the school and to your homes.

It occurs to me however, that things are new for you too. A new pastor brings a new style and new ideas. Many of you have thanked me for this. However, not all changes are positive. The community of St. Elizabeth's not only lost their church, but also the deaf community which moved to St. Thomas More and was such an important part of their parish. The people of St. Stephen's, while their school is still going strong, have also lost their parish community as well as the Hungarians who were the founders of the parish. These communities are still in mourning. Moreover, St. Monica's parishioners are realizing that *Making All Things New* means change for them as well. And it is why I am so thankful to everyone from all three parishes who have been working together. Our first parish council meeting two weeks ago, our first finance committee meeting this past week, and our ministry day yesterday have all brought together people who are willing to support one another, grow together and create something new here in Yorkville.

### **My Installation**

Next Sunday is my Installation at 2PM at St. Monica's. Bishop John O'Hara will be the celebrant. I hope everyone who is in town will be able to attend.

### **Parish Ministries**

As I mentioned above, yesterday we had a meeting of Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers. It was a day of prayer and renewal, but also an opportunity for the ministers of all three parishes to get to know each other, get to know me, delve more deeply into the scriptural and theological roots of our ministries in the parish, and also to set up a series of training sessions, so we can all "be on the same page" when it comes to serving, reading and distributing communion. The ministers from St. Stephen's and St. Elizabeth's have never served here. They need the help of St. Monica's servers to learn how. Many of the ministers from St. Monica's have approached me and asked me to establish some consistent guidelines for serving. I shall. If you were unable to attend on Saturday I ask that you call me or email me so that you can take part in the training sessions.

### **St. Francis Day**

Also Sunday we will be blessing the animals in honor of St. Francis at 2pm in front of the church. This short prayer service will also serve as a reminder of what that "other" Francis has so emphasized: We are stewards of God's creation, which we must care for and love . . . starting with the animals which are closest to us!

**-Fr Baker**

## Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The old world of what we call canonical penance, or the extraordinary one time public repentance of sinners, began to collapse with the conversion of Constantine in the early fourth century. It tottered for a hundred years or so and then virtually disappeared. It served an isolated and persecuted church well, but once people began seeking baptism for economic and political privilege, a real pastoral crisis exploded. There were more lukewarm Christians afoot, and some "barbarians" rampaging through the ruins accepted baptism just because their leaders did.

As the old structures collapsed, people who still sought some sort of public conversion scampered off to the desert to live in monastic isolation. Penance disappeared from the parish scene, and the old bench where hungry penitents used to beg for prayers was empty. Some bishops faced the crisis by inventing alternate means of discipline, all more private than public. A person might be asked to refrain from receiving Communion for a time, or even to accept some sort of corporal punishment (the pedigree of the stocks and scarlet letters of colonial America). This had the effect of separating the sinner from the prayerful intercession of the gathered church, and made an already bad situation worse. Before long, the pastoral system of penance was in a shambles, and sadly irrelevant to ordinary Christians.

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### THANK YOU!

Hand crafting Justice and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd offer their great thanks for your very generous response to our mission. The receipts of the sale, which amounted to \$2934, and donations of \$257 will enable us to continue our support for women and their families in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. If you'd like to learn more about our mission at ([Hancraftingjustice.org](http://Hancraftingjustice.org)) Thank you again for your support.

### DOMINICAN ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

**Catholic, College-Preparatory School For Girls  
Invites all 6th, 7th & 8th graders to attend our  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, October 17th, 2015**

**10:am to 2 PM**

**At**

**Dominican Academy**

**44 East 68th Street**

**New York, NY 10065**

**(212) 744-0195**

**[www.DominicanAcademy.org](http://www.DominicanAcademy.org)**

### FEAST OF ST FRANCIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH



Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a sense of self-importance.

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father (who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor) so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44), he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, he said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior to have his clothes removed when the last hour came and for permission to expire lying



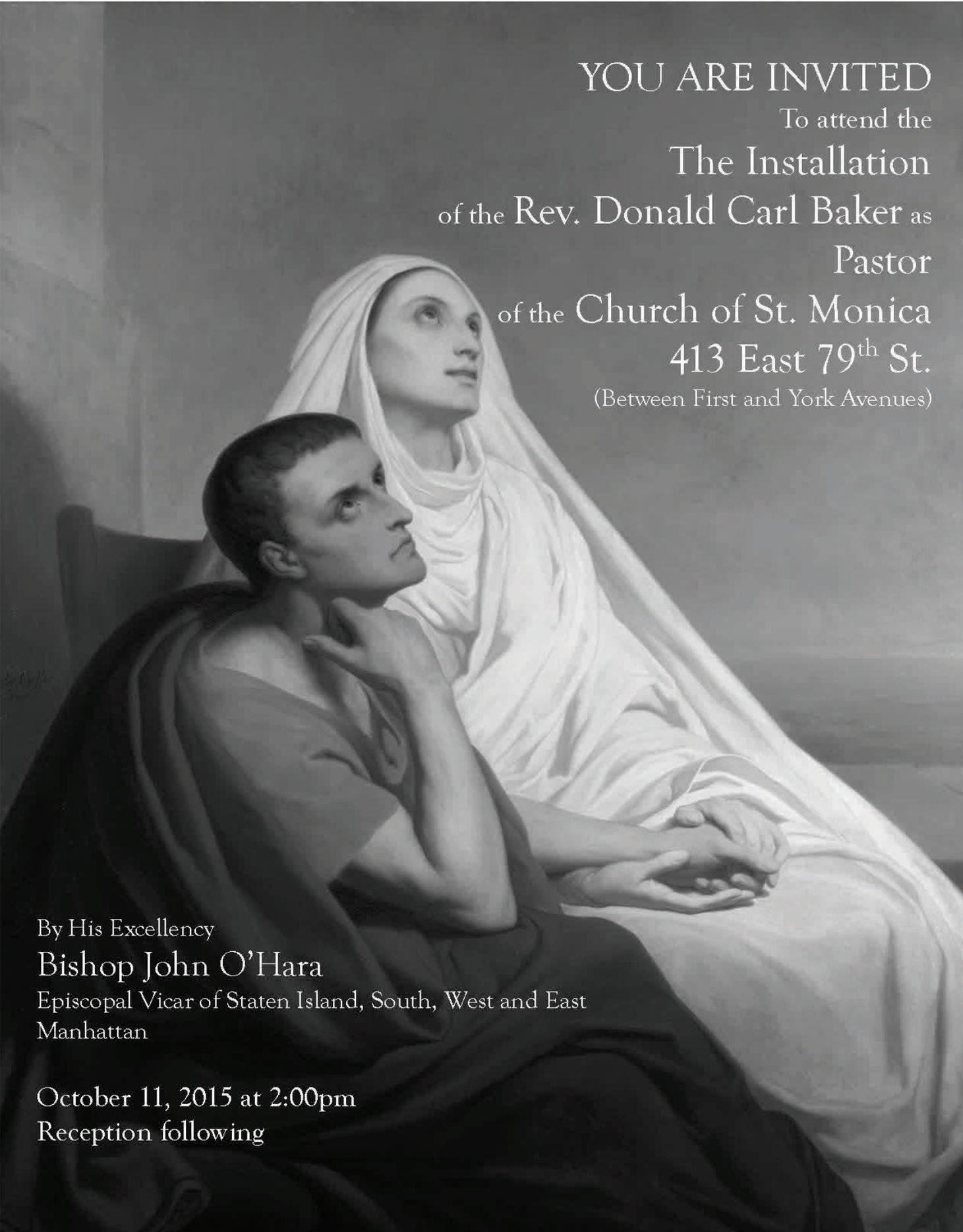
### HELPING OUR POOR AND HOMELESS

Let us listen and follow in the words of Pope Francis, as he encourages us to help those less fortunate.

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House can use our help. With an extremely active Homeless Outreach Advocacy program, providing a food pantry and many other social services, they need your help. From clothing, to laundry detergent and non-perishable food, any donations would be appreciated.

All donations may be left at Jan Hus Church located at 351 East 74th Street (x 1st & 2nd Avenues). For more information, visit their website at

<http://www.janhus.org/homeless-outreach-advocacy-program/>



YOU ARE INVITED  
To attend the  
The Installation  
of the Rev. Donald Carl Baker as  
Pastor  
of the Church of St. Monica  
413 East 79<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Between First and York Avenues)

By His Excellency  
Bishop John O'Hara  
Episcopal Vicar of Staten Island, South, West and East  
Manhattan

October 11, 2015 at 2:00pm  
Reception following