



# Church of St Monica

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

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 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 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.

### PASTOR:

Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

### ASSOCIATES:

Rev. Joe A. Francis

Rev. Joby Mathew

### 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)

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

**Saturdays:** 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy  
Saint Patrick's  
Day!

Tuesday,  
March 17th

## OFFICE HOURS

### WEEKDAYS:

9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

### SATURDAYS:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### SUNDAYS:

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

### Rosary

Weekdays after the Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 12:00 NOON mass

### Holy Hour

First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

### Devotions

Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers:

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Dina Connallon, Elaine Smulling,  
Diane Broschart

and those wounded in Military Action

Remember your loved ones  
by dedicating in their honor this week's  
Bread & Wine

*Happy Birthday Mary Ann Byrne*

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Requested by:  
The Coakley Family



# MassSchedule

**SATURDAY (MARCH 14): LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
5:30 PM Teri Slater

**SUNDAY (MARCH 15): 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
7:30 AM Neil Schreiner (Living)  
9:00 AM Christine Aimone  
10:30 AM Connie & Anthony Molesphini  
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

**MONDAY (MARCH 16): LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Mary Ann Baranco-Byrne  
12:00 NOON John A. Hrivnak  
6:00 PM Maria Alvarez

**TUESDAY (MARCH 17): ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
7:30 AM Vitrude De Spain  
12:00 NOON William & Mary Mitchell  
6:00 PM Catherine Dillon

**WEDNESDAY (MARCH 18) LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Stella Darling  
12:00 NOON Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kirwan  
6:00 PM Anna Bellevue

**THURSDAY (MARCH 19): LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Anita Devaney  
12:00 NOON Stanley Mergl  
6:00 PM Nora Stack

**FRIDAY (MARCH 20): LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM The Devaney Family  
12:00 NOON Gerda Traber  
6:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Agata

**SATURDAY (MARCH 21): LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
12:00 NOON Bill Milne

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*"I've gone to prepare a place for you."*

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Edward Cardinal Egan, Fred Janek, Eddie Smiley, Jr.  
Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

**SPECIAL INTENTION**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Teddy Moore, grand nephew of our former pastor, Monsignor Thomas A. Modugno. Teddy lost his battle to cancer on Sunday, March 8th at the age of 4. Thank you to all the parishioners for your prayers and thoughts this last year and half as Teddy underwent treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Please continue to keep the Moore and Modugno families in your prayers.

*"To You, O Lord, we humbly entrust this child, so precious in Your sight. Take him into Your arms and welcome him into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. AMEN."*

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (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>229</b>
<i>Hear Us Almighty Lord/Attende Domine</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>512</b>
<i>Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>114</b>
<i>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!</i>	
<i>God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life.</i>	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>359</b>
<i>Blest Are They</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	*
<b>Great Amen</b>	*
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Lamb of God</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>88</b>
<i>Come Adore/Tantum Ergo</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>238</b>
<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	

*\*for texts, see pew card*

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Andrea had done everything her parents had warned her against and had lied to cover it up. But it's impossible to keep a secret in a small town, so she stopped talking to them. When they continued "nagging" her she moved out "forever," telling her parents she "didn't have a family" anymore. Eight months later, broke and lonely, she chanced to see her father on the street. Certain he would condemn her, she turned way—too late. "Hello, Andrea. How have you been?" Andrea could not contain her tears when she heard the words, "Sweetheart, your mom and I would love for you to come home."

What must it have been like for the Israelites to learn that they were free to go home from their exile? No questions asked. All debts forgiven. A new beginning. If we can imagine their joy and gratitude perhaps we can understand more deeply the tremendous gift we have been given in baptism—God's mercy gives us the courage to leave our self-imposed exiles and come home.

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

We don't always "come toward the light" (John 3:20). Sometimes we prefer the darkness. We might fear being condemned if our deeds are brought to light or we may simply be unable to find our way in the dark. We need the light of Christ to help us believe once more in God's merciful love.

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

**Reconciliation Monday will be on March 30th  
from 4—8 PM inside the church.**

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

Last month, registered parishioners should have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the 2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. As you know, the Cardinal's Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the archdiocese, as well as in our own parish. Please show your support for the Appeal by making your pledge today. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$84,000. You can find out more information on the Cardinal's Appeal website at: [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

**TAX NOTES**

Those parishioners wishing to receive a printed record of your contributions for the year 2014 **MUST** notify the Parish Office. Statements are mailed by request **ONLY**.

Please contact Joe Rodriguez at the Parish Office at (212) 288-6250 to request your contribution record.

**BIBLE STUDY****WITH FATHER JOE**

Join Father Joe Francis each Tuesday during Lent (March 17th and 24th) from 7 to 8 PM inside the church for Bible Study! The topic will be Holy Week and Liturgical Lessons. All are welcome to attend.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Starting on Thursday, February 19th, and continuing through Lent until Wednesday, April 1st, there will be a 6:00 PM mass every **WEEKDAY**.

**RCIA PROGRAM MEETING**

The next RCIA Program meeting will be held

**Thursday, March 19th**  
from  
**7:30pm—8:30pm**

in the church rectory.

**THE DWELLING PLACE**

The sisters from The Dwelling Place Shelter for homeless women will be speaking at all Masses next weekend (Mar 21-22). They will take up a collection at the doors after Mass to help support their ministry. Last year our parishioners were very generous to this worthy cause, so please be generous again this year. Thank you.



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**CARDINAL'S**  
 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts* 2015

**THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!**

Please prayerfully consider making your 2015 *Appeal* gift before you leave Mass today.

Envelopes can be found in your pew.



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*Cardinal Dolan*

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 May God bless you for your generosity.

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