



Church of St Monica

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MARCH 22, 2015

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

From time immemorial God has promised, "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them. Then you shall know that I am the Lord." But this will not happen before Jesus weeps. He weeps in front of doubt: "You want to go back there?" He weeps in front of nihilism: "Could he not have done something?" He weeps in front of fatalism: "Lord, by now there will be a stench." This is the optimum moment for God to have Lazarus rise from his grave, for then the event will teach us just how far we must go in trusting the power of Jesus' love for us. Although "dead because of sin, the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead...will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you."

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

Join Father Joe for the final class in his **Lenten Bible Study.**

Tuesday, March 24th
7 pm—8pm

in the church.

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 — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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

Lita Alonso

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Requested by:

Dr. M. Litrenta



MassSchedule

SATURDAY (MARCH 21): LENTEN WEEKDAY
5:30 PM Thomas Costello

SUNDAY (MARCH 22): 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30 AM The Canning Family (Living & Deceased)
9:00 AM Christine Aimone
10:30 AM Martin & Margaret McBowen
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (MARCH 23): LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Dr. Lita Alonso (Living)
12:00 NOON Mary Crowley (14th Anniversary)
6:00 PM Luis Jose Litrenta (Living)

TUESDAY (MARCH 24): LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Stella Darling (Living)
12:00 NOON Anita Devaney
6:00 PM The Devaney Family

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 25): LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Anna Napolitano
12:00 NOON Helen, John Flack & Family
6:00 PM Patrick Reynolds

THURSDAY (MARCH 26): LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Doris Sullivan
12:00 NOON Patsy Liameno
6:00 PM Thomas Cunningham

FRIDAY (MARCH 27): LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Msgr. Richard Albert (Living)
12:00 NOON Phyllis Hinderstein
6:00 PM Doris Sullivan

SATURDAY (MARCH 28): LENTEN WEEKDAY
12:00 NOON David Yago

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

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Suzie Mariniello, Dina Connallon, Elaine Smulling,
Diane Broschart

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

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Jayne Wooley Ferrara, Teddy Moore

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.*

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 has helped us reach over **\$55,000** already, and more than halfway to our **\$84,000** goal!

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."

**BIBLE STUDY
WITH FATHER JOE**

Join Father Joe Francis Tuesday, March 24th for this Lenten season's final bible study class, from 7 to 8 PM inside the church. 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**.

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.



We at St Monica's Church are proud to be supporters of **The Dwelling Place**, a privately-funded transitional residence for women located in Midtown Manhattan. Since 1977, they've provided shelter, sustenance and support to

thousands of women.

One of their favorite residents summed it up best: *"It's not the food. It's not the shelter. It's the love. There's so much love."* Whether you're there as a donor or volunteer, or as a woman seeking shelter, they hope that The Dwelling Place will find a special place in your heart.

This weekend, *March 21st* and *March 22nd*, The Dwelling Place will be holding a special collection to benefit their wonderful cause. For more information please visit their website:

<http://thedwellingplaceofny.org/>

We live the mission of The Dwelling Place through our daily commitment to:

Be a voice for women who cannot be heard: the homeless, the hungry, the hurting. Welcome each and every woman as a guest: regardless of her race, religion or background. Offer hot meals and shelter from the cold: with love, respect and compassion. Provide the services that support independence: through advocacy, education and collaboration. Create a safe place for women to reenergize, refresh, and renew as they rebuild their lives.

COVER SHEET

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