

# Church of St Monica

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MAY 17, 2015

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

The Gospel of John contains no record of Jesus teaching the Lord's Prayer. But if we read closely chapter 17 of John, several elements of the Our Father appear. The unity integral to that prayer compels Peter today to seek out someone to "*become with us a witness to his resurrection.*" The night before he dies, Jesus begs his Father, "*Keep them in your name.*" And the Psalmist proclaims, "*All my being, bless his holy name.*" We can do the same thanks to our belonging to the company Christ has given us in his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

**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

Our Annual Baby Shower will continue thru to the end of the month.

Please bring a **NEW** unwrapped gift and place them at the altar of St. Joseph.

## 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**—May another take his office (Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26).

**Pslam**—The Lord has set his throne in heaven (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading**—If we love one another, God remains in us. (1 John 4:11-16).

**Gospel**—As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world (John 17: 11b-19).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68: 10-11, 20-21; Jn 17: 1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68: 29-30. 33-36ab; Jn 17: 11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30: 23: 6-11:  
Ps 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-11:  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25: 13b-21; Ps 103:1-2,11 -12,19-20ab:  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31:  
Ps 11:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11: Ps 104:1,24  
29-31, 34: 1 Cor 12:3b-7,  
12-13 or Gal 5: 16-25:  
Jn 20:-19-23 or Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

**Remember your loved ones  
by dedicating in their honor this week's**

Bread and Wine  
dedicated in loving memory of  
Rose, Sonny and deceased family  
members  
Requested by Joe and JoAnn Freer



# MassSchedule

**SATURDAY (MAY 16): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
5:30 PM The Canning Family

**SUNDAY (MAY 17): 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
7:30 AM Mother's Day Intention  
9:00 AM The Devaney Family  
10:30 AM Helen D. Flack and Edward Pranckitas  
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

**MONDAY (MAY 18): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Ragen Ryan (Living)  
12:00 NOON Mother's Day Intention

**TUESDAY (MAY 19): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Stella Darling (Living)  
12:00 NOON Bob Burke

**WEDNESDAY (MAY 20): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Anita Devaney (Living)  
12:00 NOON Leo Grant

**THURSDAY (MAY 21): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM The Devaney Family  
12:00 NOON Rose, Sonny Freer and Family

**FRIDAY (MAY 22): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Mary Louise Kelly  
12:00 NOON Michael McGovern

**SATURDAY (MAY 23): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
12:00 NOON James, Patrick and Teresa Mooney

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Dina Connallon, Kathleen Reddington,  
Stan Tice, John McArdle and  
Loretta Ponticello

and those wounded in Military Action.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

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

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Karla Leyden, Laura Northup,  
Dr Sulyok Dezso (50th Anniv)  
PO Benjamin Deen  
PO Liquori Tate

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.*

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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>425</b>
<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	*
<b>Gloria</b>	*
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>567</b>
<i>The Lord has set his throne in heaven.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	
<i>Ave Maria (D. Schaefer)</i> <i>sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
<i>At noon: Ave Maria (F. Schubert)</i> <i>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>359</b>
<i>Blest Are They</i>	
<i>at noon: God So Loved the World (J. Stainer)</i> <i>sung by the choir</i>	
<i>His Eye is On the Sparrow (Martin Gabriel)</i> <i>sung by Sonnyia Stephens</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>375</b>
<i>The Summons</i>	
<i>*from the Mass for New Era</i> <i>(at noon: from the Mass of Celebration)</i> <i>for texts, see pew card</i>	

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

My friend the storyteller, Bob Wilhelm shared an “artful” variation on the story of the choice of Matthias. Both Matthias and Barsabbas were artists, so St. Peter decided on a contest. He divided the upper room where the community gathered for worship with a curtain, giving half to each man to decorate as he saw fit. The community would declare the winner and Judas’ successor. Barsabbas, a painter, sent for his brushes and a rich assortment of paints. All week long he painted lovely scenes of Jesus preaching, teaching, healing, casting out demons. His brush captured the parables, illuminating them. Matthias, a stonecutter and polisher, also toiled all week behind his curtain. People could hear only his humming and soft singing. The day came and the people entered Barsabbas’ half of the church. They broke into applause at his artistry.

The uses of color were magnificent. They found themselves depicted in his paintings. They were delighted. Peter became worried. How could Matthias’ work possibly compete with this? But he went over to the curtain and turned it back. Silence filled the room as people turned to see what Matthias had done. His work had been to polish the stone walls of the chapel’s other half, allowing people to see themselves as never before. The walls shone like mirrors and every person was given a sense of the beauty of Christ shining within them, a glimpse of the divine spark each one carried within.

And so Matthias was chosen to replace Judas. He had revealed Christ by revealing Christ’s followers to themselves.

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

Loving God, you have made us in your image and placed your truth within our hearts that we might know, love, and serve you. Consecrate us further with the truth of the gospel and direct our feet in the way you wish us to walk. Let us live in your joy.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "*big moment*" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

"In honor of the centenary of the Daughters of St. Paul, on Saturday, June 6, 2015, please join with them for a day of prayer and reflection on the Pauline spirit. The day will conclude with the Mass of Corpus Christi, at Holy Family Church, Manhattan.

The Daughters of St. Paul celebrate 100 years of evangelization through the media. Come meet the Sisters of the New York community and join us in thanking God for the gift of 100 years of service to the Church. Don't miss this chance to view a special screening of the new movie on our founder, "*Media Apostle: The Father James Alberione Story.*"

Call (212) 754-1110 or email : [manhattan@paulinemediacom](mailto:manhattan@paulinemediacom) .

Registration: \$10.00 (includes lunch).

Please register by June 1st."

It is hoped that prospective participants will experience spiritual renewal and find inspiration for evangelization "*for the glory of God and peace to humanity*" (Pauline motto).

May God bless you abundantly with temporal and spiritual graces now and always through Jesus Divine Master, Way, Truth and Life.

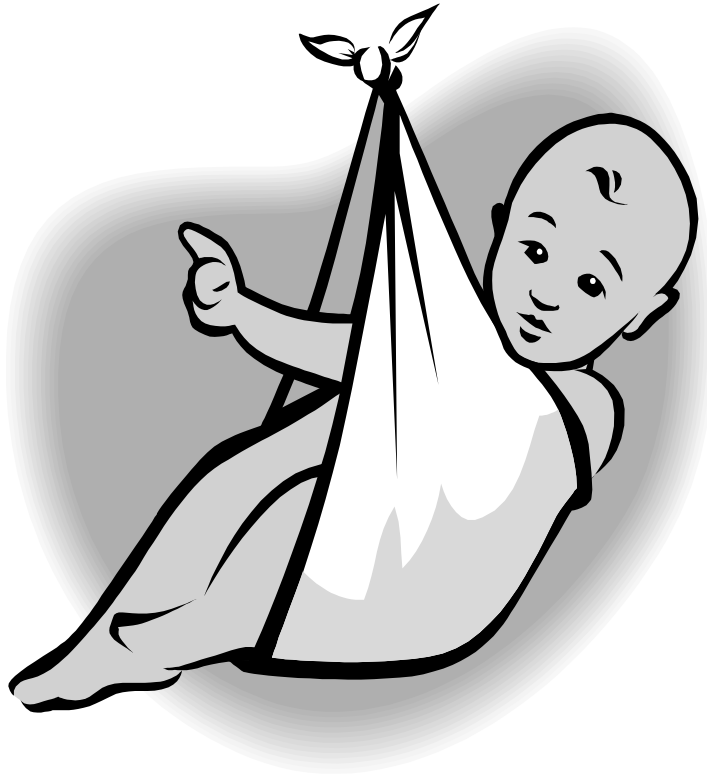
## CELEBRATION

Fr Joby Mathew, a member of the religious order, Society of St Paul, was serving us for the past 3 and half years. During this time he also completed his Masters in Publishing: Print and Digital from the New York University.

Now that he has completed his studies, he will soon be returning to India to take up his new assignment as the Chief Editor of ST PAULS Publishing, India.

Please join us on **May 31st at the 12Noon Mass**, as we say celebrate his graduation and wish him well for his future ministry in India.

## BABY SHOWER



This is our fifteenth 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 the  
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, 2015.**

**May God continue to bless you for all that you do!**



## COVER SHEET

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