



# Church of St Monica

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JUNE 14, 2015

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The heart of God aches to “*tear off a tender shoot*” from a mighty cedar and “*plant it on a high and lofty mountain*” so that “*birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it.*” That is, the Lord wants to reveal his glory by taking up our nothingness and our insignificance and turning it into something “*majestic*” by the pure force of his love. For this to happen in us, Jesus asks that we pay the same attention to the little things of life—like mustard seeds—that he does. Christ speaks in parables because “*reality itself is a parable. The parable does not approach our experience of the world from without; on the contrary, it is the parable that gives this experience its proper depth and reveals what is hidden in things themselves.*” (Pope Benedict XVI). When we “*walk by faith, not by sight*” the hidden depths of things become apparent.

**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

### Father's Day

Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day.

Let us show them our love and support by giving them a Mass in their honor.

Cards are on the tables in rear of the church.

## OFFICE HOURS

**WEEKDAYS:**  
9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

**SATURDAYS:**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**OFFICE IS CLOSED ON SUNDAY**

## 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 have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

**Gospel** — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

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

In loving honor  
of all the  
priests of St. Monica Church

In loving Memory of  
Fr. John D. O'Leary  
(former pastor)



# MassSchedule

**SATURDAY (JUNE 13): WEEKDAY**

5:30 PM Maureen Duran and Norah White

**SUNDAY (JUNE 14): ELEVENTH SUNDAY**

7:30 AM Richard Murphy  
9:00 AM William Mitchell (13th anniversary)  
10:30 AM Kathryn Nelson  
12:00 NOON **St Monica's Parishioners**

**MONDAY (JUNE 15): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Anne Spicer  
12:00 NOON Margaret Mc Corry

**TUESDAY (JUNE 16): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Anita Devaney  
12:00 NOON Dorothy Cusato

**WEDNESDAY (JUNE 17): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM The Devaney Family  
12:00 NOON Mr. and Mrs. Oge Bellevue

**THURSDAY (JUNE 18): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Emil Russo  
12:00 NOON Antonio Sacco

**FRIDAY (JUNE 19): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM The Frazzetta Family  
12:00 NOON Thanksgiving to St. Agata

**SATURDAY (JUNE 20): WEEKDAY**

12:00 NOON Patrick Reynolds (8th anniversary)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Warren Duffield, Dina Connallon,  
Stan Tice, Barry Kimmel, Bud Wertheim

and those wounded in Military Action.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

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

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Kenneth Brown,  
Leonada Hernandez  
Pauline Bedard

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

11th 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:

Entrance Hymn	295
<i>We Are the Light of the World</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	*
Responsorial Psalm	609
<i>Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn	378
<i>Lord, When You Came to the Seashore/ Pescador de hombres</i>	
Sanctus	*
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	*
Communion Hymn	338
<i>How Can I Keep From Singing?</i>	
Recessional Hymn	375
<i>The Summons</i>	

*\*from the Mass for New Era  
for texts, see pew card*

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

I watch most of the children in my three brothers' families growing into what is called "*emerging adulthood*." It must be very difficult at times for parents, only being able to watch, hope, and pray as their children start to move away from home and begin to make their own way into the world. Will they be safe, make the right choices, be happy? Making use of images from nature, scripture reminds us that God gives the growth, whether it is to mighty cedars springing from small shoots, ripened grain sprouting from the blade, or a fully grown mustard plant emerging from the tiniest of seeds to offer its large branches as housing for the birds. Such poetic language calls us to reflect on the mystery of the kingdom of God, whose seeds were found in the various covenants extended to Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, and then fully enfleshed in Jesus so many millennia ago.

This kingdom continues to sprout in our day, often where least expected. Sometimes it breaks through like a mighty cedar, but more often it is a quieter blossoming, suddenly emerging like stalks of grain, or the first signs of life carried in a mother's body.

I am sure God has worried for all the children of every age who have filled the earth.

The kingdom of life won by Christ continues to have the power to carry all God's sons and daughters into the loving arms of the God Jesus taught us to call Father.

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

God of all life, we thank you for the many ways life continues to flourish in our world and in our land.

Bless the life you have entrusted to our care. Guide us in raising it to harvest. Remove any obstacles we place in its way.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

## Treasures From Our Tradition

A wedding celebrated in the Eastern Church has a form that was fixed a thousand years ago. In the West, our story is more complicated by constant change and variation. As the world's structures tottered in the ninth century, bishops and priests stepped into the void left by collapsing civil structures. For the first time, marriage was referred to as a sacrament, and wedding ceremonies were to be in public (assuring the free consent of the bride) after an investigation of the couple by a priest.

The custom of the blessing of the bridal room diminished, and was finally forbidden in 1012 by the Council of Rouen, although it continued for centuries.

In the diocese of Perigueux in France, a ritual from 1827 had the parish priest clad in surplice and stole sprinkling the bridal couple as they stood modestly in their pajamas by the wedding bed. Next the bed and all those present were sprinkled, too!

That's a tradition that few Americans, either the betrothed or the clergy, are ready to revive!

## BIBLE SUMMIT

The 2015 New York Catholic Bible Summit :

*Hear the Word of God with Reverence,  
I Proclaim it with Faith.*

*On Saturday, June 20th, 2015 at the New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56th Street . For those interested in learning more about the Holy Scriptures and ways of promoting its use with the Catholic community.*

*Co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and American Bible Society. For more information, visit [nyfaithformation.org](http://nyfaithformation.org) or call (646) 794-2692.*

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Education Tax Credit—As part of the proposed Parental Choice in Education Agenda bill, Governor Andrew Cuomo has proposed a \$500 tax credit for every child a parent has enrolled in a Catholic or other private school.

For more information, visit [www.investined.org](http://www.investined.org)

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

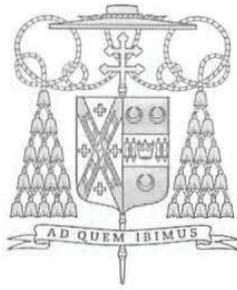
The weekend of **June 20-21**—HAPPY Fathers Day to all the fathers in the parish. Wives, give your husbands the greatest gift of all, the gift of your love on a *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend*.

For more information go to: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: (877) NYS-WWME ext 3

*“He gave strict orders that no one should know this...”* Grow closer to your spouse in full privacy on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, on **June 27/28th, 2015**. For more information go to: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: (877) NYS-WWME ext 3

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW...

Pray for people you know who are sick, mentally ill, or in the grip of an addiction, that God will give them the healing they need in body, mind, or spirit.



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June 3, 2015  
Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Year of Consecrated Life

The Reverend Peter Colapietro, Pastor  
St. Monica Parish  
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Dear Father Colapietro,

Congratulations to you and St. Monica Parish on surpassing your *2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* goal! Please know that I am deeply grateful for your commitment to this important endeavor. We are indeed once again on track to reach our \$20 million target. You and your faithful parishioners answered the call to serve our brothers and sisters in need, as Jesus asked us to do.

You helped ensure that our archdiocese can continue providing essential services which keep our parishes strong and guarantee a solid foundation for our future. Keep up the good work!

With renewed gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York