

Church of St Monica

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

We regard the ocean as a force so fierce that no human might can contain it. But Jesus chooses, the sea as the place to exhibit his supreme authority. *“They who sailed the sea in ships...saw the works of the Lord.”* Just as *“the Lord addressed Job out of the storm,”* today Christ commands the *“violent squall.”* *“He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze,”* and *“shut within doors the sea.”* The *“awe”* formerly had for the furious sea the disciples now show to Jesus. Faith reveals that *“whoever is in Christ is a new creation...new things have come”* greater than the laws of nature.

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

We will celebrate the Fourth of July holiday on

Monday, July 6th
One Mass Only at
12NOON

The office will be closed

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

SATURDAYS:

9:00 AM - 4:00 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 Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: Wis1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Remember your loved ones by dedicating in their honor the Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated in loving memory of

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Fr. Russell Abata, C.Ss.R.



SATURDAY (JUNE 20): WEEKDAY

5:30 AM Nicholas Goray

SUNDAY (JUNE 21):

7:30 AM Father's Day Intentions
9:00 AM Marisa Vellucci-Pontecorvo
10:30 AM Jimmy Migliore
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (JUNE 22): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Father's Day Intentions
12:00 NOON Anna & Hans Schoroettle

TUESDAY (JUNE 23): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Mary Leahy
12:00 NOON Father's Day Intentions

WEDNESDAY (JUNE 24): BIRTH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST

7:30 AM Father's Day Intentions
12:00 NOON John Pellegrino

THURSDAY (JUNE 25): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Father's Day Intentions
12:00 NOON Nora, Phil & Bernard Shields

FRIDAY (JUNE 26): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Antonio Sacco
12:00 NOON Father's Day Intentions

SATURDAY (JUNE 27): WEEKDAY

12:00 NOON Father's Day Intentions

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:
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Dina Connallon, Warren Duffield,
Lorrie Hamilton, and Stan Tice

and those wounded in Military Action.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."
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Adam Armetta, and John Gutowski, Jr.

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

12th 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:*

Entrance Hymn 279
O God, Almighty Father

Penitential Rite 112

Gloria (*recited: sung at noon*) *

Responsorial Psalm 612
Give thanks to the Lord' his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn
*Ava Maria (D. Schaefer)
sung by Joseph Neal*

Sanctus *

Memorial Acclamation *

Great Amen *

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God *

Communion Hymn 331
Faith of Our Fathers (A Living Faith)

Recessional Hymn 375
The Summons

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

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

In today's Gospel, Mark says that the invitation to journey to a new and different shore comes from Jesus. He is the one who suggests, "*Let us cross to the other side*" (Mark 4:35).

Yet that invitation comes as evening draws on, as so often happens in life. It comes amid the shadows of life where clarity of action is seldom sharp or distinct. Then to step into the boat is indeed an act of faith. Who would ever choose a crossing at such a time? Yet it was "*as evening drew on*" that Jesus said to his disciples, "*Let us cross to the other side.*" And so they go.

It is at this point that they take Jesus into their boat, which is always what is expected of the disciple—that the Lord be invited on the journey, and that the journey to the other side be made together. The Jesus story ends in calm and stillness, but that is not its promise.

What is assured is that faith can bring one to the other side, which is also the assurance given to Job out of the storm—that it is God who made the thick darkness and put limits on the sea, all along knowing its ability to burst forth.

It is God who knows creation and its in control, it is Jesus who knows the human journey and accompanies us, and it is faith that sustains us in the midst of storms.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

When we find ourselves being brought to a new place in life, we often presume that the new destination will be clear before us and without turmoil. Yet crossing to the other side of anything is always unsettling. In the end faith does not just calm our insides for the duration of the journey.

Faith is the strength and wisdom we have knowing that Christ is in our boat.

A VERY HAPPY FATHERS DAY

On behalf of the clergy and staff at St. Monica Church we wish all the fathers, grandfathers, fathers to be, uncles, and brothers a very Happy Father's Day!

Enjoy your special day!

TREASURE FROM OUR TRADITION

When you are thinking about traditions in the Church, 1563 is a "watershed" year. The Council of Trent began a reform of the liturgy that put an end to old practices and set many of our present practices in place. For the first time, engaged people were absolutely required to appear before their parish priest, and to exchange consent in his presence along with two witnesses.

To this day, Catholics are obliged to this form, namely: to marry another Catholic in the presence of a priest (or deacon) and two witnesses, unless dispensed from the law. The Council really didn't forbid customs and ceremonies that added life to the celebration, but the mood of the times was dark and somewhat austere.

Practices like the blessing of the marriage bed or using a canopy for the nuptial blessing started to fade away, as did the custom of bringing the presents for the couple to the church and the addition of fiddlers and jugglers to the procession.

The Council of Trent tried to preserve local customs, but the long-term effect was to standardize celebrations everywhere in the world.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

BIRTH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST (JUNE 24)

This solemn feast dates from the fourth century and at one time it was preceded by a day of fasting as well as a Mass for the vigil. In the Middle Ages it was celebrated with three Masses. St. Augustine and some other theologians saw something symbolic in the fact that St. John the Baptist was born in the summer, when the days are beginning to shorten, and Christ was born in the winter, when the days are gradually getting longer.

The revised liturgy has restored the vigil Mass in addition to the Mass for the feast. In many Catholic countries, especially in Spain and Latin America, June 24 is a day of popular celebrations.

THE WIND AND THE SEA

Living along the shores of Lake Superior-the "*big lake*," as the locals call it-you can often hear the advice "*Respect the lake; don't take it for granted.*" People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today's Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.

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SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

June 12, 2015



THE 2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it."

~ Genesis 2:15

Celebrating Successful Appeals: St. John Parish, Revisited

By Amanda Monti, Campaign Manager

A few weeks ago we celebrated the successful in-pew of St. John Parish in Piermont. Now, through the dedication of The parish staff and sacrificial generosity of the parish community, St. John's has reached their 2015 *Cardinal's Appeal* goal!



This is the first time St. John's has reached goal since Father Torok has been the pastor, and he could not be prouder of his parish. Two parish staff members, Isabelle Fenton and May Shoo, are especially committed to the success of the *Appeal* effort at St. John's. They are true advocates of the *Appeal*, conducting all the suggested *Appeal* activities and including all the *Appeal* inserts in their bulletin. They also make sure to speak about the *Appeal* at both the English and Spanish Masses at the parish, and invite everyone to participate and make a gift.

Isabelle and May also make an effort to connect with every parishioner. Each week the parish holds a fellowship gathering after Mass. This is an opportunity for new and current families to meet and get to know each other, and learn about the ministries and programs of the parish. Parishioners also learn more about the *Appeal* and how supporting the *Appeal* is supporting the parish.

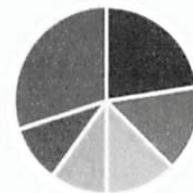
With such a supportive community, it's no surprise that St. John's is already over goal. They are currently at 112% of goal, and are ahead from last year in both dollars and donors!

2015 RESULTS

- Pledged: \$18,996,905
- Paid: \$15,989,444
- Donors: 54,850
- Percent of Goal: 95%



OBJECTIVES for the 2015 APPEAL



- \$6 MILLION ■ Parish Offices and Programs
- \$4.5 MILLION ■ Support for Needy Parishes
- \$3 MILLION ■ The Departments of Education and Religious Education
- \$2.5 MILLION ■ Works of Charity
- \$2 MILLION ■ Retired Priests and Religious
- \$2 MILLION ■ Preparing the Clergy

We would love to hear your success stories! If you have any you'd like to share, please e-mail Melissa at melissa.ahsue@archny.org.