



# Church of St Monica

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MAY 31 2015

## TRINITY SUNDAY

The Catechism teaches that *“by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange”* (221). *“The complete Trinity dwells in us”* (R.P. Philippon). By worshipping the Trinity we realize the full truth of ourselves. *“In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man’s ‘living area’ is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God”* (Saint John Paul II).

**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

**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 Lord is God in the heavens, above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

**Pslam**—Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading**—You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

**Gospel**—Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8; Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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

The Sanctuary Light  
in  
Honor and Memory  
of all the  
Priests of St. Monica Church



**Mass Schedule**

**SATURDAY (MAY 30): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
5:30 PM David Kinzel

**SUNDAY (MAY 31) : TRINITY SUNDAY**  
7:30 AM Chris and Helen Van Leuwen  
9:00 AM Lovie York  
10:30 AM Paul England (living)  
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

**MONDAY (JUNE 1): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Antonio and Antonia Petito  
12:00 NOON Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY (JUNE 2): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Father Joe Francis (living)  
12:00 NOON Felice Napolitano

**WEDNESDAY ((JUNE 3): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Stella Darling  
12:00 NOON Anita Devaney

**THURSDAY (JUNE 4): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM The Devaney Family  
12:00 NOON Joseph Yasso (1st Anniv)

**FRIDAY (JUNE 5): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Ragan Ryan (living)  
12:00 NOON Robert Burke

**SATURDAY (JUNE 6): EASTER WEEKDAY**  
12:00 NOON James V. La Martina

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers:**  
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Margie Smith, Monica Gunn,  
Carole Hayes, Kathleen Reddington,  
Joseph Virzi 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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Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

**MARRIAGE BANNS III**  
Stefan Sharma and Maria deMeo

*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

### TRINITY

## Welcome to St. Monica's!

The music for today's Eucharist can be found in our hymnal on the following pages:

Entrance Hymn	279
<i>O God, Almighty Father</i>	
Penitential Rite	*
Gloria	*
Responsorial Psalm	573
<i>Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn	
<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i> <i>sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
Sanctus	*
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	*
Communion Hymn	430
<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	
<i>at noon: Ave Verum Corpus (W.A. Mozart)</i> <i>sung by the choir</i>	
Recessional Hymn	374
<i>Go Make Of All Disciples</i>	

*\*from the Mass for New Era*  
*(at noon: from the Mass of Celebration)*  
*for texts, see pew card*

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

It is not always easy to be family. Good parents, the old saying goes, give their children roots and wings, a sense of security and freedom to live their lives. But achieving such a balance is often accomplished only after years of working at it. Sometimes children feel smothered by their parents, that they are trying to control their lives; at other times, children feel neglected, that they are not important, even not loved. The readings today remind us that God wishes us to know that we can find our roots in the divine love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that we can also find our freedom there. Paul's words to the Romans pick up first on the purpose of the gift of the Spirit that we celebrated last Sunday. The Spirit has been given us to lead us more deeply into the mystery of God, into the love of God, so that we recognize that we are God's beloved children. This same message is found in Moses' words to the people as they are about to enter into the Promised Land.

Has anyone ever had a God like our God? Moses marvels. Has any God ever shown a people how dear they are by such signs and wonders as our God has shown us? Moses is moving them to know who they are as God's beloved family and to "*fix in your heart, that the LORD is God...and that there is no other*" (Deuteronomy 4:39). But we are not to stay all curled up in the divine embrace. We have been sent forth to proclaim to others this good news, to "*go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations*" (Matthew 28:19). We do this when we allow the Spirit to lead us, to guide us in witnessing to God who is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

We can pray that we continue to live in the freedom of the children of God, to be led by God's Spirit, to go forth to draw others into this family of God by showing the joy of being disciples.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are plenty of “*treasures*” in our traditions that if resurrected today would cause anxious moments for bishops! Many concern marriage. There was a time when the church “*consecrated*” both virgins dedicated to prayer and charity, and brides dedicated to husband and family. Virgins were blessed in the sanctuary of the church, and brides in the sanctuary of the home. The custom of blessing the bride in the marriage chamber was standard in England, Ireland, Spain, and France until the eleventh century. If the groom (groom’s side planned the wedding) chose from the full menu of liturgy, there would be a blessing of the bridal room, solemn evening prayer on the eve and morning prayer on the day of the wedding, a blessing at the church door of the spouses, and then in the church for the wife alone during Mass, and Communion.

After the feast, a priest would represent the bride’s father in presiding over the legal process by which the bride transferred from her father’s clan to her husband’s. Some enduring customs hearken back to these days when marriage was seen as a contract between men (the bride’s father and the groom) and was not so much about living out one’s baptismal call, and certainly not about the equality of the spouses in Christ. Happily, this baptismal focus has been restored and unhelpful customs set aside by today’s marriage rite.

## BAPTISMS

### ***THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS***

*“There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all.”*

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You, above all others, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child’s Christian life and education. By living a Christian life in partnership with your godchild, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.

We offer congratulations and a warm welcome to the families of those who were presented at our Baptismal font and are members of our parish community:

Alexander Belich  
Agatha Gilmore  
Claryce Lee  
Guzal Rahner  
Ryan Christopher Brewer  
Samuel Maxwell Wlezien  
Graham Theodore Hester  
Logan Daniel Heil  
George William Davidson  
Klara Filipa Ivkovic

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

April 30, 2015  
Paschaltide  
Year of Consecrated Life

Dear friends in the Lord:

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must do our best to continue to build the Lord's kingdom in our world.

We invite you to help build our mission to the missions by supporting the *Black and Indian Mission Collection*.

Your support will provide the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, schools, and religious education programs. Your participation places bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated women and men, and lay leaders in Black Catholic communities in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi; in Native American pueblos in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico; in the far reaching villages of Alaska; and in so many other places. Your sacrifice addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations in many of our neighborhoods and backyards.

Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51); "Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope." Your prayer needs to be constant as, together, we join our hearts and hands, always serving the Christian communities in love and in imitation of Christ, the first missionary sent from the Creator.

In solidarity with our Holy Father and with each other: "The hands of faith are raised up to heaven, even as they go about building in charity a city based on relationships in which the love of God is laid as a foundation." (*Lumen Fidei*, 51).

Thank you for your prayerful support of the *Black and Indian Mission Collection*. Please be as generous as you can.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York