



# Church of St Monica

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**AUGUST 2, 2015**

## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In sending down the daily manna upon the whole Israelite community, the Lord said to Moses, *"I will test them to see whether they follow my instructions or not."* Similarly, when Jesus reveals to the crowd that he is *"the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world,"* he instructs them that they are to *"work for the food that endures for eternal life."* And that work consists in believing in the One whom God sent. This means no longer living in the futility of our minds. It means putting away *"the old self of your former way of life"* and being renewed, putting on *"the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."*

**PASTOR:**  
Rev. Donald C. Baker

**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:** 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15, 2015 is the  
**Feast of the Assumption**

We will have an evening  
Mass on Friday,  
August 14th, 2015 at  
5:30pm

### 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 9:00  
AM 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 people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

**Second Reading** — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Gospel** — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
- Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

**PLEASE REMEMBER...**

Both in life and in death, we belong to the Lord (Romans 14).

Please remember St Monica's Church in your will.

**Remember your loved ones by dedicating in their honor the Sanctuary Light and or Altar Bread**

Sanctuary Light is reserved In Honor of the Living Members of the Simanca Family



**SATURDAY (AUGUST 1): VIGIL**

5:30 PM The Canning Family

**SUNDAY (AUGUST 2): 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM Geraldine K. Williams  
 9:00 AM Dr. Frank A. Maratta  
 10:30 AM Delfina Enriquez  
 12 NOON St Monica Parishioners

**MONDAY (AUGUST 3): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Bill Liamero  
 12 NOON Souls In Purgatory

**TUESDAY (AUGUST 4): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Adam Armetta  
 12 NOON Rose Donoghue

**WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 5) WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Charles Judice  
 12 NOON Francis J. McKenna

**THURSDAY (AUGUST 6): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM John Scott  
 12NOON Dina Connallon

**FRIDAY (AUGUST 7): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Fr. Joby Mathew (living)  
 12NOON Leo Grant (ann)

**SATURDAY (AUGUST 8): WEEKDAY**

12 NOON Margie Smith

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers:

+  
 Michael Pezzuti  
 and  
 those wounded in Military Action

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

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

+  
 Irene Csiki  
 Faigy Meyer

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

*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **Welcome to St. Monica's!**

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

**Entrance Hymn** 373  
*Here I Am Lord*

**Penitential Rite** 112

**Gloria** \*

**Responsorial Psalm** 630  
*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

**Gospel Acclamation** 168

**Offertory Hymn** 420  
*O Sanctissima*

*At noon: Taste and See  
Sung by Joseph Neal with the choir*

**Sanctus** \*  
**Memorial Acclamation** \*  
**Great Amen** \*

**The Lord's Prayer** 120

**Lamb of God** \*

**Communion Hymn** 406  
*Day Is Done*

*At noon: Laudate Dominum (W.A. Mozart)  
sung by Debbi Burdett with the choir*

**Recessional Hymn** 309  
*Joyful, Joyful, Adore You*

*\*from the Mass for a New Era,  
at noon from the Mass of Celebration  
for texts, see pew cards*

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Unlike mortals, angels do not die. Nor do they need to eat or drink. Without corruptible bodies, they live eternally with God. But the psalm for today describes the manna that the Israelites ate in the desert as "*the bread of angels*" (78:25).

As the first reading tells us, it seemed to them that it came down from heaven every night. Through the manna, God gave them life when death seemed imminent. Through the manna, their faith in God's eternal care for them was revived.

In the cases of the Israelites, they received life by eating the bread from heaven. And the life they were given allowed them to believe.

In the case of the disciples of Jesus it's the other way around.

We must believe in Jesus as "*the true bread from heaven*" (John 6:32) in order to receive the eternal life that he provides.

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Eucharist has been called the "*bread of angels*" (Psalm 78:25). It is a free gift from God. It is offered to give us eternal life because through it we receive the life of Christ, "*the true bread from heaven*" (John 6:32).

Jesus promised that those who believe and eat it will hunger and thirst for nothing throughout all eternity.

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come.

Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.

## SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

John was born in 1786, in Dardilly, France, to devout peasants. He was ordained a diocesan priest and assigned to the tiny village of Ars, where he worked great through his attention to the poor, moving preaching, and long hours in the confessional.

He died in 1859 and is the patron of priests, *“were we to realize fully what a priest is on earth, we would die—not of fright, but of love.”* he taught.

*“Without the priest, the Passion and Death of Our Lord would be of no avail...What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door?”*

St. John Vianney feast day, is Tuesday, August 4th, 2015.

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF  
ST. MARY MAJOR

Saint Mary Major, the oldest of Rome’s Marian churches, was consecrated to Mary by Pope Sixtus III around the year 435. Here Mary is venerated as *Salus Populi Romani*, *“Salvation of the People of Rome.”*

During his pontificate, Saint John Paul II maintained an oil lamp that burned constantly before the icon of Mary.

*“In regard to Marian devotion,” he wrote, “each of us must understand that such devotion not only addresses a need of the heart...but...it also corresponds to the objective truth about the Mother of God...The Mother of God is the Mother of the Church...”*

This feast is Wednesday, August 5th, 2015.

## THANK YOU

A special *‘thank you’* to Salvo’s Pizzeria, Agata and Valentina for contributing to Fr. Peter M Colapietro farewell party! The pizza and fruit salad were delicious and enjoyed by all.

Also a *‘big thank you’* to all of our faithful parishioners who baked and served during the reception.

## TREASURE FROM TRADITION

Customs surrounding wedding rites are often in tension with our liturgical tradition. Sometimes practices are almost forced on engaged couples. Anyone who has ever planned a wedding knows how quickly the invoices expand. A hundred dollars here, a hundred there, often for non-essentials, when more deeply traditional practices, like an expression of charity for the poor, fall by the wayside. One such practice often labeled as “deeply traditional” is the aisle runner for the bride. Actually, the American tradition is to clean our church buildings, in contrast to European village churches, which often had dirt or cobblestone floors. There, a band of linen (rented) or a carpet of flowers might be set in place for a bridal party. Here, plastic roll-ups are procured and positioned by the ushers for the bride’s entrance. The problems are many, not the least of which is that there is no “bride’s entrance” in our official liturgy. Another is that in a wedding Mass, the communicants have to navigate the treacherous aisle with the sometimes-slippery runner. The aisle runner is neither a treasure nor a tradition, and by omitting it, the couple who asks for canned goods for the poor to be brought to church at their wedding Mass will find an extra hundred dollars or so for the cause!

## GOD’S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being “God’s work.” But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God’s work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is “God’s work?” “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:29).



## **WELCOME TO FR. DONALD C. BAKER, PASTOR**

Father Donald Carl Baker was born in 1960 and grew up in Nanuet, NY - a town about 18 miles north of New York City. After graduating from public school in 1978 he attended Lynchburg College in Virginia. Originally intending to graduate with an art degree, in 1980 he changed to a double major in Religious Studies and German. In 1982 he entered the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA, intending to become a minister. However, a long time fascination with Catholicism caused him to forestall ordination as a minister and begin graduate study in Church History at the Ludwig Maximillians' University in Munich, Germany. After one year in that -program, he returned and became a Roman Catholic in July 1988. After seven years in the seminary system of the Archdiocese of New York, he was ordained a priest on May 13, 1995. He served five years as an associate at the Church of St. Frances de Chantal in Throggs' Neck (The Bronx) NY and three years at the Church of St. Gregory the Great in Manhattan. He became the pastor of St. Teresa' in July 2003.

In 1979, Father Baker's parents retired and moved to North Carolina, where they died in 1998 and 1999. His brother Dan still lives there with his wife Susan, and their four grown children.

Let us welcome Fr. Donald Baker as he officially takes over as pastor, on August 1th , 2015.

## COVER SHEET

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