



# Church of St Monica

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When “*the people saw the sign*” of the multiplication of the loaves, they exclaimed, “*This is truly the Prophet.*” “God gives himself to us through the gestures of life, hence, it is through them also that we are to give ourselves to him.... It is not a matter of running away from life, but of entering it down its depths, down into the encounter with the divine Source in the transparency of the act.” (*Maurice Zundel*).

As the Psalmist expresses it, in front of the signs of God that grace our life, we are to “*call upon him in truth.*”

That is how we “*live in a matter worthy of our call.*”:

**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

There are no upcoming events for the week of July 26th

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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

**SUNDAY THE OFFICE IS CLOSED**

## 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** — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

**Gospel** — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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

Sanctuary Light is dedicated  
in loving memory  
+  
of the Simanca Family



# MassSchedule

**SATURDAY (JULY 25): WEEKDAY**

5:30 PM Daniel Moore

**SUNDAY (JULY 26): ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM Dominic Nardone  
9:00 AM Ernest Bender (61st ann)  
10:30 AM Imelda Carolina Litrenta (living)  
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

**MONDAY (JULY 27): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Carl Finkelstein  
12:00 NOON Reynaldo Alvarez

**TUESDAY (JULY 28): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Sally Finkelstein  
12:00 NOON Beatrice O'Carroll (7th ann)

**WEDNESDAY (JULY 29): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Special Intention  
12:00 NOON Dr. Maria Marta Litrenta (living)

**THURSDAY (JULY 30): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM David Laponsee  
12:00 NOON Sister Mary Eugene Bradley

**FRIDAY (JULY 31): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM John J. Weinbrecht  
12:00 NOON Frank Peretta

**SATURDAY (AUGUST 1): WEEKDAY**

12:00 NOON Joe Strecansky

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Roseanne Murphy, Jeff Roche, Annie Healy

and those wounded in Military Action.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

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

+

Kyle McLoughlin, and Don 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

SEVENTEENTH 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 (*recited; sung at noon*) \*

Responsorial Psalm 627  
*The hand of the Lord feed us;  
He answers all our needs.*

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn 291  
*How Great Thou Art  
(verses 1, 3, 4)*

*at noon: Be Still, My Soul  
sung by the choir*

Sanctus \*

Memorial Acclamation \*

Great Amen \*

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God \*

Communion Hymn 447  
*Shepherd of Souls*

*at noon: Soul of My Savior  
sung by the choir*

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

*\*from the Mass for New Era  
At noon The Mass of Celebration  
for texts, see pew card*

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

In many homes, meals begin with grace and end with putting away the leftover food. Those leftovers are either eaten later by someone who missed dinner or added to tomorrow's meals.

The meal in today's Gospel is somewhat similar. Before the meal Jesus "*gave thanks.*" After all had eaten he asked that the leftovers be gathered, "*so that nothing will be wasted.*" (John 6:11,12).

It is not a stretch to see the similarity to our Liturgy of the Eucharist, which begins with a prayer of thanksgiving. It ends with the remaining Eucharist being reserved for those who couldn't be present and the "*crowd*" being sent to share Christ's sacrificial love. It's miraculous enough that all who are present can eat and have their fill. That is something to be truly grateful for.

Yet, the miracle extends beyond the table. "*The hand of the Lord feed us.*" (cf. Psalm 145:16) with leftover love to spare.

The abundant "*leftovers*" are meant not to be wasted, but to be shared with all those in need of Christ's love.

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

Each of the miracles in today's scriptures begins with someone contributing what little they have to others. It's easy to belittle our paltry gifts and let them go to waste.

Today's scriptures encourage us to offer what we have and watch in gratitude as the Lord turns it into something miraculous.

## WORKING AND SAYING

Work hard and save your money so when you're old you will be able to buy the things only the young can enjoy.

## PRESSURE

A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good under pressure.

## AD MULTOS ANNOS

We say farewell to Fr. Peter this weekend, as he moves to St. Malachy's, to take up his new assignment as pastor of that parish.

In the brief time he has been with us at St. Monica's, we have come to realize that he genuinely cares for the parishioners, priests and staff who serve in the parish. He has obviously touched countless lives and is held in great affection by everyone. He will be surely missed!

We say goodbye to people on such a daily basis that the word can sometimes become routine, casual. But the word *'goodbye'* literally means *'God be with you'*. This is more than well-wishing. This is a prayer. It's how we should always pray for those who take leave, whether our farewells are anticipated and prepared for, or whether they come upon us unexpectedly.

Please join us after the 12 Noon Mass in the rear of the church as we wish him well!

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sooner or later, as they plan their wedding liturgy, a couple will receive some advice about a "unity candle." They need one, they are told (at great expense); it is a tradition; it is what Catholics have always done. Not so. In the last thirty years or so, the custom has enjoyed wide popularity in the United States. It has never been officially part of our liturgy, and it exists in tension with some of our core symbols.

Usually there are two smaller candles and one larger one to be lit from the smaller. Large candles in our tradition always mean Christ, and smaller ones are always tokens of our baptismal candle. If the candles are meant for a kind of renewal of baptismal vows, then the meaning is clearer, yet this is seldom the understanding. Why, then, are those smaller candles extinguished?

It's hard to tell where these pesky candles came from. Some suggest that the Presbyterian Church, which has a very lean wedding liturgy, introduced them as an option for extending a short service. Generally, it's been experienced as a "photo opportunity" rather than a genuine liturgical ritual. The "unity candle," a recent invention rather than an authentic tradition, has not been approved as an adaptation to our rite, and it is to be hoped that it will gradually disappear from view.

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR CHURCH?

We are looking for volunteers to help us with various ministries in our parish. Right now we need volunteers to the following categories:

**Acolytes:** They prepare the altar and sacred vessels, and serve at the altar (Weekdays and Sundays)

**Eucharistic Minister:** They assist the parish and the priest at Mass distributing communion and sharing cups (Weekdays and Sundays).

**Ushers & Greeters:** These are our parish ambassadors who welcome all who enter our parish. They assist at Masses on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and on special Feast Days.

If you wish to participate in any of the above ministries, please give your name and contact details to one of the fathers or call church office (212-288-6250).



## **PAPAL VISIT TO NEW YORK CITY SEPTEMBER 24TH AND 25TH**

Pope Francis will be in the Archdiocese of New York for a very brief time, and event tickets will be extremely limited. The Archdiocese expects to distribute tickets to parishes at a future date. No tickets will be sold, nor will they be publicly available through any other means. At the present time we have not received information about the events that will be ticketed, ticket distribution, or the quantity that will be made available to us.

For more information on Pope Francis' visit, including details of the pope's itinerary, visit [popefrancisnyc.org](http://popefrancisnyc.org)

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

Apostleship of Prayer receives monthly prayer intentions from the pope and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions. The reflections below seek to illuminate the Holy Father's concerns.

#### Universal : Politics

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

#### Evangelization: The Poor in Latin America

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

## COVER SHEET

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