



Church of St Monica

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JULY 19, 2015

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord's promise through Jeremiah— "*I myself will gather...my flock*"—comes true today through Christ who beckons, "*Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.*" "*Beside restful waters he leads me*"; the waters are Jesus himself.

When others "*came to know about "this retreat", "they hastened there on foot," eager to "become near by the blood of Christ."*

This desire moves Jesus' heart with "*pity*": godly concern that restores to the needy the ability to live their destiny.

For even in their desolation, the "*vast crowd*" realizes that Jesus alone "*is our peace*" who makes us one "*through his flesh.*"

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 19th

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 — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78: 18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3: 52-56; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13: 18-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15- 18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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

The Sanctuary Light
in loving memory
+
Marie and Robert Simanca

The Bread and Wine
In loving memory
+
Rev. William M. Leydon



SATURDAY (JULY 18): WEEKDAY
5:30 PM Sylvia Mosquera

SUNDAY (July 19) ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM Mary Hennesey
9:00 AM Helen, John Flack and Family
10:30 AM Johanna Stephens
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (July 20): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Jerry Bisceglia
12:00 NOON Istvan Csiki

TUESDAY (July 21): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Catherine Thompson
12:00 NOON Sheila Arsenault Stanlonis

WEDNESDAY (July 22): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM James Vallozzi
12:00 NOON Joseph Flynn

THURSDAY (July 23): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Frazzetta Family
12:00 NOON Adam Armetta

FRIDAY (July 24): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Michael Phelippeaux
12:00 NOON Eileen Hefferon

SATURDAY (July 25): WEEKDAY
12:00 NOON Irene Csiki

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:

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Stella Darling, Kim Galway, Jeannie Brooks,
Ann Brown, Millie Risi, Alice Freehill, Kevin O'Shea,
Starr Boggs, Don Meyer, Mary Neary

and those wounded in Military Action.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

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Tommy Hughes, Mary Vitetta, Jim Miller,
Elisabetta Rossini, Peter Fatavich, Sr., Joseph Cappo,
and Michael Klinovsky

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

SIXTEENTH 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 306
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Penitential Rite 112

Gloria (*recited; sung at noon*) *

Responsorial Psalm 624
*The Lord is my shepherd,
There is nothing I shall want*

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn 359
Blest Are They

Sanctus *

Memorial Acclamation *

Great Amen *

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God *

Communion Hymn 449
I Am the Bread of Life

Recessional Hymn 305
Praise to the Lord

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

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Often we are unable to identify the truth in our lives. Is our passion love or lust? Is our financial security greed or wise preparation? Is the raising of our children good discipline or carving them into our own image and likeness? Is our religiosity superstition or faithfulness to the tradition? Do our dreams nurture the Kingdom of God or the Tower of Babel? In other words, is it from God or is it from the Other Side? So we look about us, and because our neighbors' lives seem little different from our own, we put into any self-help harbor that seems able to shelter us from aimless drifting. Most of us, I suspect, wonder if there is anyone who knows the deepest truths, whether they be about life or about our world or even about ourselves.

So we find ourselves gathering about Jesus, though even then some may do so half-heartedly—at times trusting that he will have some sort of answer and at other times wondering if he indeed does, yet not knowing where else to go.

And so we gather, like sheep around a shepherd, simply because every other voice has been heard and found wanting.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Admittedly, there are those times when the way of Jesus can be just as frightening to us as no wisdom at all. Yet if you seek a way that offers light, test his way. In small pieces, one word at a time, one small slice of life at a time, try it out.

If it does become light for you, stay with it and explore yet more of it. No one has ever come to all of holiness in a day.

TREASURES FROM TRADITION

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long-established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation. From Old Mexico, the custom of the *lasso* (“cord”) has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States. It’s a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure-eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the *lasso* around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The *lasso*, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the *lasso* as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home.

The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It’s not unusual to see the *lasso* made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pregnancy Help, Inc—an untimely pregnancy can result in enormous stress, fear and turmoil. Choosing what to do could be the most important decision of your life. We believe it is in your best interest to know the variety of choices available and the effect those choices may have later on you. We are here to help you sort out your options. .

Located at : 233 West 14th Street, NYC., NY 10017 or call (212) 243-7119.

Volunteer Legal Resources (VLR) -is offering an opportunity this summer for seniors to work on their wills and life-planning documents. This is available for seniors with assets under \$40,000. If you are interested, please let them know, you can call: (212) 980-1700.

Living Comfortably and Safely at Home– Sign up for an in-home consultation! An Independent Living Specialists is available to discuss any specific safety concerns you may have. They can provide you with tools you need to maintain a safe, independent lifestyle at home. Call Rosemary for an appointment (212) 980-1700.

Heat Information –When the heat index is predicted to be dangerously high, New York City opens cooling centers, centers in air-conditioned public community centers, senior centers, and public libraries to offer people relief from the heat. Individuals who have no ready access to a cool environment, and particularly those at risk for heat related illness, should use the cooling centers during a heat wave.

Health Advocates-always needs volunteers to help with Saturday noon movies, (212) 980-1700.

After School Tutors Needed –The Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service is in great need of after-school tutors to assist low-academic performing East Harlem children (ages 7-12). The one-on-one tutoring sessions are held at the Center, 333 East 115th Street , once a week for 70 minutes. A variety of days and times are available, for information: tgoughlsafhs.org or visit littlesistersfamily.org.



Rev. Peter M. Colapietro, our pastor will celebrate the 12 Noon Mass on July 26, 2015.

Please join us as we say ‘*Goodbye*’ and wish him well with his new assignment at St. Malachy’s.

It was great getting to know Fr. Peter over the last two years and he will be dearly missed!

Please remember him in your prayers.