



# Church of St Monica

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**JUNE 7, 2015**

## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saint John Paul II reminded us that in commemorating the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Church *“does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.”* We rejoice in this post-Easter expression of our Eucharistic affection in order to deepen our attachment to the unique and unending Event that transforms our lives.

As the Sequence for Corpus Christi begs: *“ Jesu, of your love befriend us,/ You refresh us, you defend us, / Your eternal goodness send us / In the land of life to see.”*

**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** — This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

**Psalm** — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

**Gospel** — This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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



**SATURDAY (JUNE 6): WEEKDAY**  
5:30 PM The Canning Family

**SUNDAY (JUNE 7): MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD**  
7:30 AM Connie Raimondi  
9:00 AM Marilyn White  
10:30 AM Salvatore Stracci  
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

**MONDAY (JUNE 8): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM In Thanksgiving  
12:00 NOON Mary and Walter Ferber

**TUESDAY (JUNE 9): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Souls In Purgatory  
12:00 NOON Stella Darling

**WEDNESDAY (JUNE 10): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Pablo Fernando Litrenta (living)  
12:00 NOON Priests of St. Monica

**THURSDAY (JUNE 11): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Loretta Stephens  
12:00 NOON Eulogio R. Yasana

**FRIDAY (JUNE 12): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Anita Devaney  
12:00 NOON Tom and Nick Goray

**SATURDAY (JUNE 13): WEEKDAY**  
12:00 NOON The Devaney Family

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers:  
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Dina Connallon, Kathleen Reddington,  
Stan Tice, Bruce Thomas, and  
Leon and Carolina Ferrier

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*"I've gone to prepare a place for you."*  
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Simon Aragi,  
Marguerite Smith and Joseph Seber

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**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**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** \*

**Gloria** \*

**Responsorial Psalm** 576  
*I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** 168

**Offertory Hymn** 449  
*I Am the Bread of Life*

*At noon: Fly Like a Bird (K. Canedo)  
sung by Joseph Neal and the choir*

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

**The Lord's Prayer** 120

**Lamb of God** \*

**Communion Hymn** 282  
*Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All*

*at noon: Lacrymosa (W.A. Mozart)  
sung by the choir*

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

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

**REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

Going to the movies these days can be an immersion in blood. I go to movies fairly regularly and friends in the parish will ask me my reactions now and again. Often over the years, I have found myself responding, "It's well made, but ... it's pretty bloody." Or "I'm not sure if you want to see all this bloodshed."

It might be surprising to listen to the three readings that all have to do not just with shedding blood, but sprinkling it on people, as Moses did out in the desert, and presenting Jesus as the great high priest who goes into the sanctuary bearing his own blood, which will "cleanse our consciences from dead works." (Hebrews 9:14) so we can worship the living God.

And then there is the more familiar reading of Mark's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus tells his disciples to drink his blood. Perhaps we have gotten used to hearing these words since they are spoken at every Mass. But if you stop and think about it they are rather shocking.

In the biblical world blood is sacred, blood is life. From the beginning animals were offered in sacrifice. But with the offering of the body and blood of Christ, a new relationship has been entered into with our God.

Through Jesus' gift of his body and blood, salvation was won for us and is present to us when we gather in his name to praise the Father.

**LIVING GOD'S WORD**

Lord Jesus, in Baptism we were washed in the blood of the Lamb; at every Communion, we eat your Body and drink your Blood. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we continue to live with your life, sharing in your divinity as you have shared in our humanity. For this we give you praise and thanks.

**ALLELUIA !*****Alleluia !* Gala Concert at Carnegie Hall; Monday, June 29, 2015 at 7:30pm**

You are invited to join Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Blair, Bishop Caggiano, Bishop O'Connell, and six hundred performers from around the world for *Alleluia!* a celebration of classic and newly composed Catholic music.

*Alleluia!* Will feature an unprecedented 400-voice International Festival Chorus composed of renowned choirs including the 150-voice National Children's Chorus, along with over 200 handbell players and a full symphony orchestra. The program includes beloved sacred masterpieces as well as the World Premiere of the first orchestral setting of the revised English Order of Mass.

*Alleluia!* Formally launches the Center for Music and Liturgy, a Yale based initiative to support musical excellence in the worldwide Church through free online access to sheet music and musical instruction.

Do not miss this historic international musical collaboration!

Tickets for *Alleluia ! Carnegie Hall* are available at [www.carnegiehall.org](http://www.carnegiehall.org) or by calling (212) 247-7800.

**HEALTH ADVOCATES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

During the month of June, dance class will continue to be held on **Monday afternoons** at 4:00-5:00pm. at Church of the Holy Trinity, 341 East 87th Street. A great teacher and the class is fun!

On Tuesday, **June 8th**, the Health Advocates will have a **Meet the Author** program featuring Kathleen Connor who will discuss her new book *Vino, Vino, Vino!* The program will be held on 1:30pm at Church of the Holy Trinity, 341 East 87th Street.

**Declutter Your Life** with Langley Danowitz 1:30pm on Tuesday, **June 16th**, Church of the Holy Trinity, 341 East 87th Street.

Wednesday, **June 18th**. Rosemary Bakker will present part II of **DECORATE Your Home For Your Retirement Years**. Slides will show settings and rooms to get you thinking about your own apartment. St. James Church, 865 Madison Avenue, RSVP as space is limited (212) 980-1700.

**Planning and Paying for Long Term Care**—on Wednesday, **June 24th** at 2:30pm Martin Petroff, attorney and elder law specialist, discusses the realities and responsibilities of advance healthcare planning. Brick Church, 62 East 92nd Street, Please RSVP.