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Rev. Donald C. Baker

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Mr. David Schaefer

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Mr. Joseph Neal

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Ms. Maryann Tyrer

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM
& 12 Noon (Principle Liturgy & Choir)
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON **Saturdays:** 12 NOON

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD AT 5 PM SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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Sunday September 4, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day

Monday September 4th

One Mass at 9:00 AM

Rectory Office Closed

Family Mass returns

Saturday September 10th

5:30 PM

CHURCH HOURS

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN
MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
7 AM – 5 PM**

WEDNESDAY'S 7 AM–4PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

According to Mass
Schedule

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday 9 AM to 7 PM

Wednesday 9 AM to 7 PM

Thursday 9 AM to 7 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

The Rectory Office is

closed on

Friday & Sunday

Rectory Office will be closed

for lunch daily from

1 PM to 2 PM

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: St. Peter Claver
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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



The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated in loving memory of The Deceased Members of the Lee Family

Offered by Jay Lee

BANS OF MARRIAGE



I. Paul Sciutu & Lourdes Mendoza

II. Robert Marino & Nicole Boord

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	September 3rd	Vigil
5:30 PM	Brian Thompson	
SUNDAY	September 4th	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Brian Macket (Living)	
9:00 AM	Margaret Shalabi (nee O'Connor)	
10:30 AM	Mike Mulvey	
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary & St Stephen of Hungary	
MONDAY	September 5th	LABOR DAY
9:00 AM	For the Parishioners of Our Parish	
TUESDAY	September 6th	Weekday
7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving	
12 NOON	James Quinn	
WEDNESDAY	September 7th	Weekday
7:30 AM	Margaret Ryan	
12 NOON	Laura Hails	
THURSDAY	September 8th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 AM	Ricky Kavanaugh & Karl Comcelmann	
12 NOON	Gloria & Dominic Corric	
FRIDAY	September 9th	Weekday
7:30 AM	Joseph B. Williams Jr.	
12 NOON	Maria Teresita Litrenta (Living)	
SATURDAY	September 10th	
12 NOON	Jean McCarthy	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers

Kathy Baker, Richard DeLong, Zulma Power
and All victims of Military Activity

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Tony Nini, Sammy Matz

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

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

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. or e-mail us at contact@stmonicanyc.org

**IMPORTANT NOTICE-
PARISH OFFICE**

As of Tuesday, September 6th, the Parish offices will be located at 406 East 80th Street.

The current location at 413 East 79th Street will be used as the priest's residence only.

Also contact for parish business should be directed to the new parish offices.

Office hours will remain the same.

We thank you for your patience during this time

Rosary

After all weekday masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday after the Noon Mass to 3 PM, with Benediction following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Devotions

Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed each weekday afternoon at 3 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

5:00 PM on Saturdays

Anytime by appointment

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

Please call the rectory office for more information.

COMMUNION FOR THE

HOMEBOUND:

If you know of anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, and would like to have communion brought to them, please contact the parish office, so that we can arrange for a Eucharist Minister to bring communion to them.

MASS BOOK 2017

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open.

Just a word

From Your Pastor 9/04/2016

Labor Day – Away!

As many of you know and others are just discovering as you return from you vacations, I have been for the most part alone here in the parish this month. Fr. Joslin has been away visiting his family in India, and while Fr. James Gavin and Fr. Jim O'Connell have been very helpful, mostly it has just been me. That coupled with the preparations over in the parish center, has meant that I really have not had a day off for a month. So this weekend (actually for the first time since I have been a priest) I have Labor Day weekend off. Thank you, Father Joslin! I will be back on Monday evening, ready (hopefully) to start the new year.

Icon Painting

Three weeks from Monday, Father Peter Pearson will be returning to offer another icon painting seminar here at our parish. The seminar will be from 7:00pm to 9:30, this time in the NEW PARISH CENTER at 406 E 80th St. The flyers have been at the back of the church for a few weeks and there is information in the bulletin. So many people enjoyed this seminar last fall. Know that you don't have to be an artist to learn this unique form of visual prayer.

Baptisms, Baptisms, Baptisms

Those of us who have lived at St. Monica's for a long time know that in the new merged parish there are a LOT more kids! Young families mean more baptisms, and so starting in October we are reorganizing the way we schedule baptisms. **There will be 4 baptismal services in a month.**

1st Saturdays at 10:30am there will be a **baptismal service** with a maximum of three children/families to be baptized.

2nd Sundays there will be a baptism at the 12:00 pm Sunday **mass** – with a maximum of one child/family to be baptized.

3rd Saturdays at 1:00pm there will be a **baptismal service** with a maximum of three children/families to be baptized.

4th Sundays there will be a baptism at the 10:30am Sunday **mass**.

Organizing things in this way will encourage families to plan the baptisms of their children in advance, and also facilitate the planning of other services and ceremonies, such as weddings.

And please remember, if you are expecting to have your child baptized, please contact the parish offices as soon as possible.

Families have to attend a baptismal preparation class. More on that in a couple of weeks!

It's been a year!

As I write this column each week, I store them on my computer in a folder called "Pastor's Desk" – I noticed today that it has been a year now since my first pastor's desk on the last Sunday of August 2015. Reading that first column, I can only say that so much has changed for me this past year: The move, the new responsibilities, and parishes; it has not been easy. And I am sure for many of you as well. Our parish has changed, and sometimes it has not been easy. Thank you for your patience with me and the change. What is slowly growing is a new parish, one we hope will build upon the best of what came before, and move in new directions.

Here's to year #2!

Father Baker

Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes, this “Treasures” column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic *Jeopardy*. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bullā*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title “servant of the servants of God,” also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther’s Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

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**He’s Back!
Icon Painting Workshop/
Retreat**

Peter Pearson, Iconographer

**September 26th-29th
7:00—9:30 PM**

**New Parish Center
408 East 80th Street**

- Experience “A Brush with God” Icon seminar with nationally known Iconographer Father Peter Pearson!
- Learn the spirituality of iconography as **YOU** produce this icon!

All levels of artistic talent are welcome
COST: \$230

(Cost includes all supplies and 5 nights of instruction)

For more information and to register
Contact (212) 288-6280

Religious Ed Corner

September 4th, 2016

Upcoming events:

K-8 Religious Education begins Sunday, September 18, and runs from 10:15 to 11:45am, in the Parish Center, 406 East 80th Street. If you haven’t registered your children yet, please do so as soon as you can!

Adult Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 18, and runs from 10:15 to 11:45am, in the Parish Center, 406 East 80th Street. No charge, no registration needed.

Parent Meeting for parents of children in K-8 Religious Education, during the first half of Adult Faith Formation on September 18. You will receive a packet of information about our program, and a full year calendar.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, or complete their Sacraments of Initiation) – begins Sunday, September 18, 1:15-3pm, in the Parish Center, 406 East 80th Street. All are welcome to come and find out more about this process!

Volunteers still needed!

Catechists to lead grade level sessions

Assistants to help out in various ways

Greeters to mind the doors and hallways in the Parish Center during Religious Education sessions.

Contact Maryann at mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org or call 212-288-6250 if you can help out!



The Christmas Bazaar at the Church of St Monica is our biggest fundraising event of the year. For two days (Saturday November 19th from 12 - 8 pm, and Sunday November 20th from 10am - 6 pm) we will be celebrating the kickoff to the holiday season with a wide array of craft vendors, fantastic raffle prizes, a special cash raffle, our parish sponsored flea market, delicious homemade baked goods, snacks, and more.

There is no better way to start your holiday shopping, and to support the growth and expansion of the parish of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, and St Stephen of Hungary. Visit our very special website at <http://www.stmonicasbazaar.org> for more info, and how you can help.



HAPPY LABOR DAY

As Summer unofficially ends, Fr Baker, Fr Joslin and the entire staff of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary and St Stephen of Hungary wish all a Happy and safe Labor Day weekend, as we look forward to the exciting events for the rest of 2016.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

A WELLNESS FORUM

Thursday Evenings

September 22nd, September 29th, October 6th, October 13th

From 6 –7 PM in the Church

**Thursday
September 22nd
Planning for your
Financial Well-Being
w/ Joe Morandi
Morgan Stanley**

**Thursday
September 29th
Caring for a Loved One
w/ Michael Guglielmo
ArchCare**

**Thursday October 6th & 13th
Emotional Wellness Workshop
Simple & effective techniques
and tools to decrease anxiety and
improve overall well-being.
w/ Darlene Barry
Mental Health Specialist**

**Presented by the Parish of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Stephen of Hungary– All sessions are free
Attend One– Attend them all. Please contact the rectory if you're interested in attending**