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MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM
& 12 Noon (Principal 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sunday July 24th 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Office will be
closed
Thursday
July 28th for
maintenance*

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 7PM
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 — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

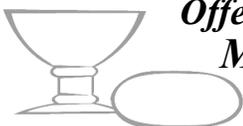
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. James
- Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne; World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland
- Friday: St. Martha
- Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

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

BREAD & WINE

*Offered in Memory of
Maureen Peters*



Offered by

Kitty O'Donoghue

LOOK AROUND YOU

To see the world in a grain of sand
and a heaven in a wildflower,
hold infinity in the palm of your hand
and eternity in an hour.

—William Blake

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30 PM	July 23rd Michael Phelippeaux	Vigil
SUNDAY	July 24th	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Robert Sweeten	
9:00 AM	Ernest Bender	
10:30 AM	Helen Pierce	
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary & St Elizabeth of Hungary	
MONDAY	July 25th	Saint James
7:30 AM	Ricky Kavanaugh	
12 NOON	Gordy Mena	
TUESDAY	July 26th	Ss Joachim & Anne
7:30 AM	Imelda Carolina Litrenta (Living)	
12 NOON	In Thanksgiving	
WEDNESDAY	July 27th	Weekday
7:30 AM	Ann Burningham	
12 NOON	John O'Connell	
THURSDAY	July 28th	Weekday
7:30 AM	The Anderson Family (Living)	
12 NOON	Beatrice O'Carroll (8th Anniv)	
FRIDAY	July 29th	St Martha
7:30 AM	Dr Maria Litrenta (Living)	
12 NOON	Souls in Purgatory	
SATURDAY	July 30th	Weekday
12 NOON	Seymour Thompson	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers

Raymond Hooper, Kathy Baker, James Baker,
Richard DeLong, Jose Sarasti, Andy De La Rosa,
James Bausano
and All victims of Military Activity

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

Sergio Pagin, Catherine Fella-Rodriguez

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

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 contac@stmonicanyc.org

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

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

MASS BOOK 2017

The Mass Book for 2017 is now
open.

At the Offertory of the Mass,
the prayers of the church on
earth are united with the church
in heaven. An appropriate way
to remember our beloved dead
is through the offering of a
Mass intention. What better way
for us to show our loved ones
just how much they mean to us.

ONE SESSION LEFT

Come and join us for our summer program
of study, reflection and conversation about
Pope Francis and his recent Post-Synodal
Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of
Love" (Amoris Letitia) conducted by Fr. Jim
Dugan, S.J. The program will be on
the Tuesday evenings of July 19, 26, AND
WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN CHURCH
STARTING AT 7 pm.

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.

Religious Ed Corner

July 23-24, 2010

CCD? Religious Education? Catechesis?
What's in a name?

For many years, CCD (the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) provided Catechism lessons to children and youth not attending Catholic School. This program was wonderful for its time, but since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has come to realize that first, the majority of children and youth in the world do not attend Catholic School, and secondly, Catholics of all ages are entitled to an ongoing and deeper understanding of their faith. In fact, this ongoing **religious education** for people of all ages, not just those in school, and not just those preparing for a Sacrament, is absolutely necessary if we are to be able to live out our faith in our daily lives in our complex world. So many voices compete for our attention, and we must train our hearts to listen to the Word of God above all.

The Church uses the word **catechesis** for the passing on of the faith, specifically of God's Word. In the early church, this was done primarily by word of mouth, with the **catechist** instructing the **catechumens** (those preparing for baptism). As this instruction became more formalized, (and we began to baptize infants, prior to any instruction,) manuals of instruction were published, and these were called **catechisms**.

Fast forward to 2016. Our parish is launching a Religious Education program for people of all ages! Catechesis for children in grades K-8 will run from September to June on Sunday mornings, and will begin on September 18, 2016 (registration is open now!) During that same time, religious education for adults will also be offered. Other opportunities for adult faith formation will also be offered throughout the year (watch the bulletin for these!) The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will also be resuming in September. More details on that are forthcoming. Programming for high school age youth and young adults will be coming as well, but maybe not until the Spring or next Fall. (We simply cannot begin everything at the same time, but know that you will be included!) Catechists are still needed for children and adults – please come and see Maryann in the parish office if you are able to share your faith with a small group. Training is provided, and it's a great way to deepen your own faith!

Religious Education 2016-17

St. Monica's - St. Stephen's - St. Elizabeth's
is beginning a religious education program this fall!!!

Classes run K through 8th Grade - includes First
Communion and Confirmation preparation.

REGISTRATION BEGINS June 1st!

For more information call 1.212.288.6250



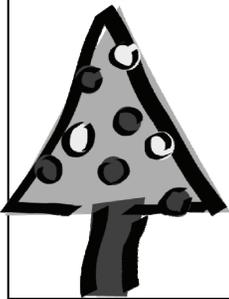
Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an "ordinary." A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a "see," a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time, but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardstown, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of "titular sees" assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Mark your calendars.
St Monica's
Christmas Bazaar 2016
will be held Saturday
November 19th and
Sunday November 20th.

It's never too early to start thinking Christmas, and donations for our Christmas Bazaar raffle prizes. As always, we'll be looking for such things as theater and sporting event tickets, restaurant dinners, overnight hotel stays, electronic and computer equipment. If you know someone, or have a friend of a friend, ask if they can help.

If you're not one for shopping, tell us what you'd like to donate, and we'll buy it for you. Have questions, or ideas, contact Michael Blecha at mblecha@stmonicany.org, and we'll make it happen.

Stay cool...and keep reminding yourself...

Winter is coming!

Saint of the Week

SAINT JAMES THE GREATER MONDAY, JULY 25th

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. St. Matthew tells that their mother came (Mark says it was the brothers themselves) to ask that they have the seats of honor (one on the right, one on the left of Jesus) in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident "We can!"

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life.

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser (May 3) or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

senior space

Thanks to all those who attended our Second Senior Ministry Mass last Saturday evening. Please keep reading the bulletin for further updates on our next community meeting, and other exciting information. Interested in learning more, contact us at seniorministry@stmonicany.org

Just a word

From Your Pastor 7/24/2016

Nice, Turkey, Dallas and Germany

... It has been a terrible summer. We have seen terror attacks in Orlando and France, violence in the USA and a coup attempt in Turkey. It is enough to make some people think twice about travel overseas, and it caused some of you to write me and ask how I am.

Thank you for your concerns. I am fine. Despite the political turmoil, the fear of immigrants and the widely-reported rise of right wing, anti-immigrant, racist political parties (a phenomenon not limited to Germany), life continues here. Actually, Germans are very much like us New Yorkers. Terrorism? Violence? Been there. Done that. They go on with their lives, because they know as we do, that TERROR is what terrorists want, and most anyway, refuse to give it to them. Actually, they look to the USA for leadership. Let us hope that in the coming years we continue to give it to them.

Weddings, German and Otherwise

As I write this (7.16), I am on my way back to Münster from Berlin. I went there to celebrate the wedding of a German couple from New York, whom I know. Last weekend I celebrated the marriage of Julia Breuksch. Her mother is just one of the many people from Germany who over the years visited me at St. Teresa's. Julia has been civilly married to Simon Eisenkolb for some time now. Two years ago they asked me if I would celebrate the church wedding.

In Germany the religious minister is NOT empowered by the state to witness weddings. People must go to a justice of the peace and get civilly married, then come to the Church for the sacramental marriage. Those two weddings can be separated by a considerable period of time.

I came in on the tail-end of the preparations for the Breuksch-Eisenkolb wedding; preparations which some American brides would find laughable – others enviable. There is no big buildup, no months of decisions over menus, cakes etc. Wedding planners are an alien concept (Sorry, Debbi Burdett!). In many cases, there are no bride's maids or groom's men, just the Best Man and the Maid of Honor, or as they are called in German, the "Trauzeugen"- the marriage witnesses. There is also no rehearsal dinner – because there is no rehearsal! When I suggested one, they laughed. Normally the bride is not "given away" by her father; bride and groom walk down the aisle together (which, by the way, is the proper Catholic form found in the ritual. The idea that the bride is the property of the father until she becomes the property of the groom – hence "given away" – has its roots in English tradition, not Catholic practice).

After the wedding we all stood in front of the church for a champagne reception (imagine how our neighbors on 79th St. would feel about that) and then later that afternoon there was a reception dinner in the restaurant at the local concert hall.

I was so happy to be part of both the wedding in Münster and the one in Berlin. It was also a real workout for my German!

The Sunday you read this I will be celebrating the masses for the pastor in Münster, who will be on vacation. I will then be off to Cologne on the 25th and will be home with you on August 1st. Make sure someone turns down the heat before I get there. I had to go out and buy a jacket the other day. The high in Berlin was 64 degrees. Just sayin'.

Auf Wiedersehen!

Father Baker