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Mr. David Schaefer

CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG :

Mr. Joseph Neal

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Ms. Maryann Tyrer

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words "disciple" and "discipline" are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as "disciplines." We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sunday August 21st, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

*There will be a second collection next weekend
For the
Propagation of the Faith
A representative will be speaking at every mass.
Please be generous*

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 — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1,7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima
- Wednesday: St. Bartholomew
- Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
- Saturday: St. Monica

THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION



AT ST MONICA'S
 An image of the Divine Mercy can be found along the west side wall of our beautiful church. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday (Monday through Friday) at

WORTHY TEACHERS

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.
 —St. Joseph Calasanz

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	August 20st	Vigil
5:30 PM	Adelina & Julio Mosquara	
SUNDAY	August 21st	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Alice Grady	
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving	
10:30 AM	Vito Lupino	
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary & St Stephen of Hungary	
MONDAY	August 22nd	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 AM	Joe Neal (Living)	
12 NOON	Edith Costello	
TUESDAY	August 23rd	Weekday
7:30 AM	Peter Disbrey-Liung	
12 NOON	John McMahon	
WEDNESDAY	August 24th	St Bartholomew
7:30 AM	Intentions of the Morning Rosary Group	
12 NOON	Grant Lynch	
THURSDAY	August 25th	Weekday
7:30 AM	Albert Anthony & Freida Vivian Giandomnico	
12 NOON	Debbie Fitzpatrick	
FRIDAY	August 26th	Weekday
7:30 AM	Fr Joe Francis (Living)	
12 NOON	Cecelia Yoon (Living)	
SATURDAY	August 27th	St Monica
12 NOON	William J. Mullin	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers

Kathy Baker, , Kim Stembridge, Maria Cianci, Richard DeLong

and All victims of Military Activity

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Mary Neary, Oscar Zamora

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 contac@stmonicany.org

**IMPORTANT NOTICE-
PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, August 31st through Saturday September 4th, in order to move to our new offices, at the former St Monica's Convent, 406 East 80th Street (directly around the corner), which will be our new Parish Center.

The office will be closed Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday.

The office will reopen at the new location on Tuesday, September 6th at 9 AM.

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 8/21/2016

The Parish Center

From time to time you have heard in these columns that we are converting the old convent of St. Monica's into a new Parish Center – that is, it will be the new location of the parish offices, as well as where religious education, adult faith formation and parish meetings will take place.

That day is coming! From August 31st through Labor Day the parish offices will be closed. (the answering service will be engaged for emergencies or to contact a priest). During that period we will be moving the offices to their new location.

On September 6th we will reopen in our NEW LOCATION at 406 E 80th St. After that date 413 E 79th St. will only be a residence for the clergy. There will be no offices there, and all meetings with the clergy will take place in the parish center.

I am sure some of you will want to see the new place. We plan on having an OPEN HOUSE following the 12 noon mass on Sunday September 25th. But of course once it is open you can stop by and take a peak.

The parish center is still very much a work in progress. While the offices open on September 6th, our hope is to eventually refit the convent chapel, with a handicapped accessible door, so that masses and other events might be celebrated there. We want to dedicate the chapel to St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Our Patron Saints St. Monica – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – St. Stephen of Hungary

St Monica's Feast day is August 27th. It has been the custom to celebrate it on a day in the early fall when the weather is cooler and more people were around. At St. Stephen's their feast day was celebrated on August 16th or on the Sunday nearest that date. St. Elizabeth's feast is November 17th.

Rather than celebrate three separate feasts we have decided to establish the custom of honoring our patrons at a single mass each year, somewhere between August and November. This year we will celebrate this mass at 12 noon on September 25th following the mass there will be reception and a chance to visit the new parish center.

And don't forget . . .

Father Peter Pearson will be returning to give an icon "writing" seminar from the 26th to the 30th of September – more info on that after Labor Day!

Father Baker

TEMPTATION

The average number of times that people say "no" to temptation is about once, weakly.

—Anonymous

Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent decades, attention has shifted away from headgear as a symbol of a bishop’s authority to a more substantial symbol: the chair, called the *cathedra*. The word comes from the Latin word for a chair with armrests. It is exactly the reason why dining room sets were marketed in this country a few years ago with only one chair with armrests, the captain’s chair. In many rectories of a certain vintage, you will see only one chair with arms at the dining table, a sign to the assisting priests of their proper place in the constellation. For us, as with most Anglicans and some Lutherans, the *cathedra* is a sign of the teaching authority of the bishop. We inherited the symbolism of the chair from Roman civil life in the fourth century. A church that houses a *cathedra* is called a cathedral, and the chair may be used only by the bishop of that diocese. Priests who preside at liturgy there must use a different presidential chair.

You may find the *cathedra* in its most traditional place at the head of the apse, or against a side wall as was favored in medieval times, but increasingly bishops are locating the *cathedra* in the midst of the assembly of the faithful. In the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, visitors will find no barrier to their trying out the *cathedra*, an expression of hospitality that helps the archbishop be mindful of those whom he serves.

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



**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

August 21st, 2016

“What is RCIA?”

Most of us who grew up Catholic were baptized in infancy, celebrated our First Communion around second grade, and were confirmed sometime in middle school or high school. These three sacraments – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist – are the Sacraments of Initiation. Having received all three, we are fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

But what about those adults who have not been baptized, but wish to become Catholic? Or those adults who may have been baptized in another Christian denomination, but wish to become Catholic? Or those adults who are baptized Catholic, but wish to complete their initiation? This is where the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) comes in.

The RCIA is a process, not a program, of inquiry (no question is off limits!), catechesis (learning about our faith), formation (conforming our hearts and minds to Christ), and liturgical celebrations of milestones along the way. In fact, the RCIA is the pattern for all of us, but the process is intensified for those beginning or completing their initiation in the faith.

Interested? Speak with Fr. Baker or Maryann Tyrer in the rectory office or after weekend Masses. We’ll begin meeting as a group on September 18, following the noon Mass.

Religious Education Registration for grades K-8 continues – please register before Labor Day so we can order books and supplies!

Catechists and other program volunteers are needed – please contact Maryann Tyrer if you can help out!

Religious Ed Catechist/Volunteer Orientation - all volunteers are asked to attend ONE of the following sessions:

Thursday, August 28, 6-8pm

Sunday, August 28, 2-4pm

Saturday, September 10, 3-5pm

Volunteers still needed! Contact Maryann if you can help.



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 10 - 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.

***FEAST OF ST
MONICA***

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 27TH**



*The Veneration of the Relics
of St Monica will take place
after the 12 Noon Mass on
Saturday August 27th.*

On Sunday September 25th, the parish of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary & St Stephen of Hungary will be celebrating all three patron saints of our parish at the 12 Noon Mass. After the mass, we will have a light reception/ Open House in our new parish center at 408 East 80th Street. We invite all to join us on that day for a very special celebration.

A Novena to St. Monica

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine,
You perseveringly pursued your wayward son
Not with wild threats
But with prayerful cries to heaven.

Intercede for all mothers in our day
So that they may learn
To draw their children to God.

Teach them how to remain
Close to their children,
Even the prodigal sons and daughters
Who have sadly gone astray.

Dear St Monica, troubled wife and mother,
Many sorrows pierced your heart
During your lifetime.
Yet you never despaired or lost faith.
With confidence, persistence and profound faith,
You prayed daily for the conversion
Of your beloved husband, Patricius
And your beloved son, Augustine.

Grant me that same fortitude,
Patience and trust in the Lord.
Intercede for me, dear St. Monica,
That God may favorably hear my plea
For (mention your petition here)

And grant me the grace
To accept his will in all things,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever. Amen.