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SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30PM

SUNDAY

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM,
12:00 NOON PRINCIPAL LITURGY

WEEKDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00 NOON

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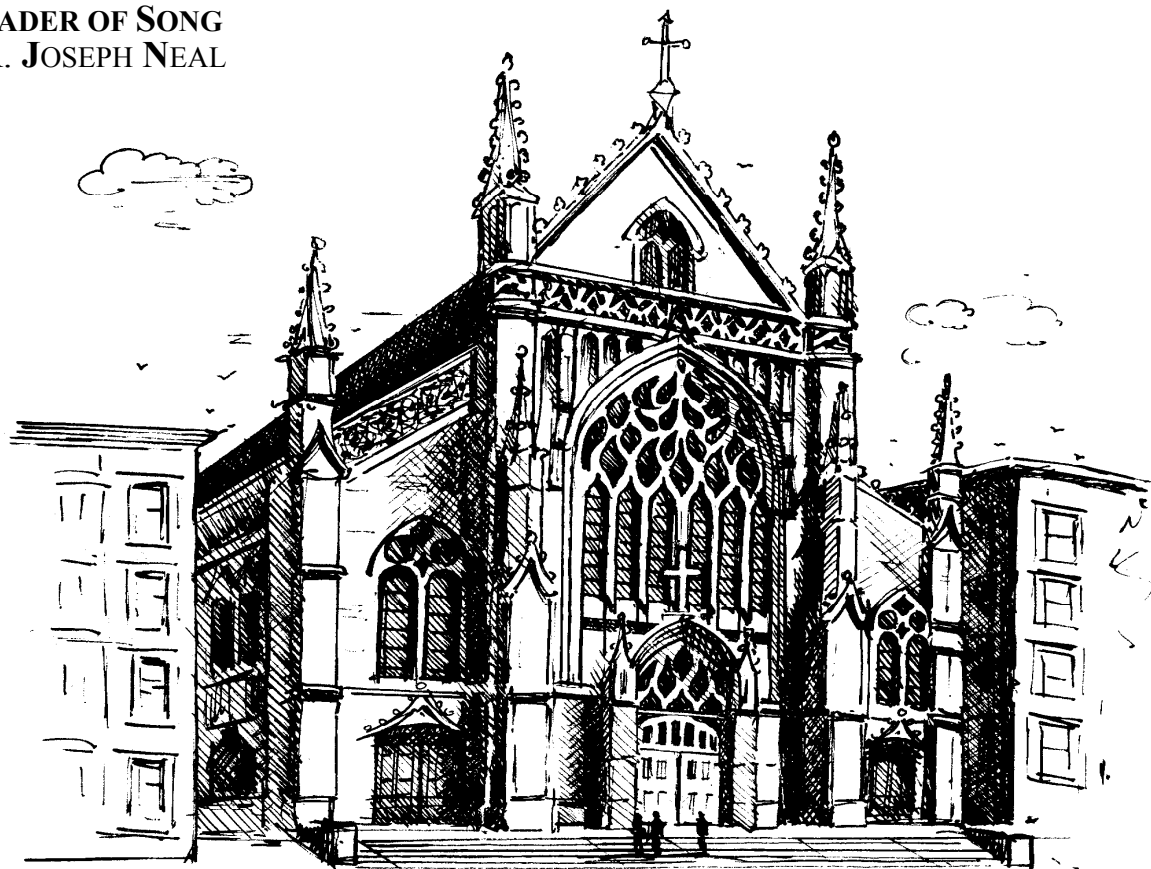
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MR. JOSEPH NEAL

SATURDAYS

9:00AM, 5:30PM VIGIL



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 31, 2010

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The people who hear Jesus preach in the synagogue are amazed at his gracious words. Yet they insist on measuring him according to their own sub-par standards. But, *“when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away,”* and the perfect has come in Jesus Christ. The prophetic words of Christ enable us to know fully, even as we are fully known by God from the first moment he formed us in the womb. The risk is loving this man. The furious people of Nazareth try to kill him. Christ safely passes through the midst of them, leaving his believers with this assurance: They will fight against you but will not prevail, for I am with you to deliver you. *“Love never fails.”*

TODAY'S READINGS ...

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Merrick Ryan and Thomas Ryan

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Frank Polistino (living)
 9:00 Dr. Errol Virgo
 10:30 Joseph Zimitz
 12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Antoinette Fasciano
 9:00 Antoinette Fasciano
 12:00 Holy Souls

TUESDAY: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:30 Anthony Spinosa
 9:00 Patrick & Katie and Jerry Galvin
 12:00 Braulio Cosme

WEDNESDAY: FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

7:30 Deceased Members of Flore Berger Family
 9:00 Ruth Dreyer and Blanca DeRosales
 12:00 Sister Marie Joseph SC (Principal 1895-1907)

THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Rose Daniels (living)
 9:00 Brenda Yasama
 12:00 Armando Modugno

FRIDAY: SAINT AGATHA

7:30 Michael Murphy (living)
 9:00 Walter Ferber
 12:00 Mary Elizabeth Joyce

SATURDAY: SAINT PAUL MIKI

9:00 Andre Laramee

STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION ...

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. *“They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you”* (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. *“[F]illed with fury,”* they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. *“But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away”* (Luke 4:28, 30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. *“[I]f I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing”* (1 Corinthians 13:3). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Welcome to St. Monica's!

The music for today's Eucharist can be found in our hymnal on the following pages:

Entrance Hymn	281
<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	113*
Responsorial Psalm	589
<i>I will sing of your salvation.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	114
<i>The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.</i>	
Offertory Hymn	291
<i>How Great Thou Art</i> <i>(verses 1, 3, 4)</i>	
Sanctus	172*
Memorial Acclamation	173*
Great Amen	177*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb Of God	178*
Communion Hymn	282
<i>Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All</i>	
Recessional Hymn	287
<i>To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King</i>	

**at noon, from the Mass for St. Monica*

STEWARDSHIP ...

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus: where it has been implemented, both givers' and receivers' lives have been changed. Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all the blessings we have received by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. Stewardship engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with the Lord. Stewardship involves intentional, planned, and proportionate giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

Stewardship addresses both individual parishioners as well as parishes themselves.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,088.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 4,635.00

YEAR OF THE PRIEST ...

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
From an early age, children should learn the importance of praying for religious vocations in the world.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world!
We humbly beg of Thee to manifest in Thy Church
the Spirit Whom Thou didst so abundantly
bestow upon Thy Apostles.*

*Call, we pray Three, very many to Thy priesthood
and to the religious life.*

*And may zeal for Thy glory and the salvation
of souls inflame those whom Thou hast chosen;
may they be saints in Thy likeness, and
may Thy Spirit strengthen them.*

*O Jesus, give us priests and religious
according to Thine own Heart!*

*O Mary, Mother of Jesus! Obtain for fervent souls
the grace to hear and the courage to follow
Thy divine Son in the path of religious perfection.*

Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Queen of Virgins, pray for us.

- Cardinal Spellmans' Prayer Book

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Weekdays after the Noon Mass

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions: Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

MASS OPENINGS ...

Mass Intentions

We have available dates for announced Masses for the 2010 year. Please stop by the rectory to reserve a Mass.



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PLEASE REMEMBER...

Both in life and in death, we belong to the Lord.

- Romans 14

Please remember St. Monica's Church in your will.

SAINT AGATHA (died 251) ...

February 5

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES ...

Catholic Charities’ Homelessness Prevention Programs help more than 3,000 families and individuals throughout the Archdiocese stay in their homes. When homes are lost, Catholic Charities provides emergency overnight shelter for 1,500 or temporary or traditional apartments for another 2,000. Over 2,500 families live in affordable housing thanks to Catholic Charities. To learn more: www.catholiccharitiesny.org

MOVIE NIGHT ...

“Witness” film showing on Friday, February 12, 2010 at St. John the Martyr Church Hall, 250 East 72nd Street. The movie will be followed by a discussion led by Fordham Professor Michael Tueth, S.J. Please join them for 6:30 pm pizza & soda, 7:00 pm movie and discussion at 9:00 pm . A \$10 offering is requested.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE DAY 2010 ...

World Marriage Day is an annual event honoring the vocation of marriage and family. This celebration affirms the life-long, sacramental commitment of husbands and wives and gives witness to the positive impact of their vocation on their families, communities, the Church and our Nation! The Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of NY will be honored. ***Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.*** Reception immediately following: St. Patrick’s Cathedral Meeting Room, 51st & Madison Avenue. Seating is limited, RSVP (212) 371-1000 ext. 3190

CONSECRATED LIFE CELEBRATION ...

Next Sunday, February 7th at the 12:00 Noon Mass we celebrate “*World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*” as a way of honoring the lives of women and men who live their baptismal promises according to the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

We will celebrate and remember in grateful prayer Sisters, Brothers and Religious Priests for their many years of service and fidelity to Christ and the Church.

All religious who serve and have served in our Vicariate and or/representatives from their congregations have been invited to this celebration. Your attendance will show your support and love. All are welcome.

FROM OUR CHOIR ...

Vincent Ricciardi Sings Mario Lanza...and Caruso too!

Join Vincent Ricciardi, a member and featured soloist of the St. Monica Choir, as he sings songs and arias made famous by Mario Lanza & Enrico Caruso.

Live: ***Sunday February 21st at 7:00 PM*** at the Triad, 158 W. 72nd St.(between Broadway & Columbus Ave.) There is a \$10 cover plus a two drink minimum. CASH ONLY, no credit cards are accepted.

Since space is limited, reservations are encouraged. For reservations, please call 631-697-4860. For more information go to www.vincentricciardi.com

UNITED STATES CENSUS ...

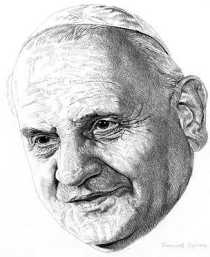
The U.S. Census Bureau will be hiring New Yorkers to work in their own communities over the coming months in preparation for the 2010 Census. Temporary full and part-time positions are available with hourly pay rates ranging for \$14.00 to \$21.00. Please call (866) 861-2010 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ...

Pregnancy Help Inc, located at 233 West 14th Street needs volunteers. Can you spare 4 hours/week? We reach out to pregnant women in crisis. We need volunteer peer counselors (we will train you) as well as writing and computer savvy volunteers. Please call Cathy at (212) 243-0970 or send email to cathyphi@aol.com

CONCERT ...

Sunday, February 7, 2010 @ 3:30pm Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street (between Park and Madison) a concert by Robert Kovacs, a titular organist of the cathedral in Eisenstadt, Austria and winner of the 2006 Haarlem, Holland Organ Improvisation Competition, performs music by Haydn and Bach, as well as his own improvisations.



WHY AN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL?

Fifty years later, this question continues to be asked. John's purpose for calling an ecumenical council centered on his vision of what it means to be the church. Reflecting his personal style and pastoral approach with people, John envisioned a church that would incarnate and present that same style with the world and with all humanity. John desired to break down boundaries and seek unity with fellow Christians. He desired that all Christians understand their intimate connection with Jews, their elders in the faith. He saw the need for freshness and renewed vitality in the church. John desired a church that would be attuned to the "signs of the times," opening itself to the "new Pentecost" that the Spirit of God was ushering in for the benefit of the whole world.

Why did John desire this? Because he sensed that the church was not seen as hospitable, nor as an institution seeking to break boundaries and establish unity. From the time of the Protestant Reformation, the church took a strongly defensive stance to protect itself from the attacks leveled at it by the Protestant reformers. This reaction was natural and understandable, and led the Church to stress its institutional aspects, claiming itself to be a perfect society. The church declared itself to be completely self-sufficient, needing nothing or no one to justify its institutional existence and mission.

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This led to the institutional church of the sixteenth century claiming to be exactly the church structure that Jesus Christ founded and desired. Everything was the way Jesus had ordained it to be when he walked the earth. Those who disagreed were traitors to what Jesus actually established. The church was understood as the only true church, the only church that had been faithful to the desires and directives of Jesus. Salvation was possible only in the true church. All who believed differently were heretics and schismatics.

Fidelity to Jesus demanded that the church be as it was. Change was perceived as extremely negative and contrary to the mind of Jesus. Such a stance led to the notion that history, culture, and ideas had not affected church teaching and structure in any way. Rather, it was the church that affected humanity, culture, history and ideas. This perspective dominated the church's self-understanding for over four centuries, and was affirmed time and again by papal teaching and authority.