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*INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF ST MONICA, ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY AND
ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY*

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

GOD'S WORK OF SALVATION

God's work of salvation is the focus of this weekend's readings. From the prophetic event of Isaiah to Jesus' understanding of the human condition in Hebrews, concluding with Jesus paying our ransom in Mark, God is in control. There may be failings and misunderstandings along the way. We may move away from God, but at our conversion, God leads us back. Like James and John, we may let greed and power blur our vision of what Jesus wants us to know about the Kingdom; but tirelessly we are taught and re-taught what life in the Kingdom will be. Jesus has paid our ransom to ensure that we will share in the Kingdom.

It is not unusual to think of Jesus' ransom as a punishment that he endured. However, it is more accurate, and more like Jesus, for us to recognize ransom as God's gift to us.

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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)

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON

Saturdays: 12 NOON

St Stephen of Hungary: Sundays 11:30 AM (until further notice)

October 18th, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

This Sunday's Second Collection is for Mission Sunday

NEW 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
Friday 9 AM to 2 PM
Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

The Rectory Office is closed on Sundays

Rectory Office will be closed for lunch daily from 1 PM to 2 PM

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary

Weekdays after the 7:30 AM and Noon Masses and on Saturday after the 12:00 Noon mass

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
- Tuesday:** St. Paul of the Cross
- Thursday:** St. John Paul II
- Friday:** St. John of Capistrano
- Saturday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret;



Banns of Marriage

**III Katrina Goyco
Joseph Scolazino**

Remember your loved ones by dedicating, in their honor, the weekly Bread & Wine, or Sanctuary Light

SATURDAY (OCTOBER 17): VIGIL
5:30 PM Alex Bujaki Jr.

SUNDAY (OCTOBER 18): 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM Rose Lepore-Thompson
9:00 AM Mary Clark
10:30 AM Helen, John Flack & family
12 NOON Parishoners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary and St, Elizabeth of Hungary

MONDAY (OCTOBER 19):
7:30 AM Pablo Damian Litrenta (Living)
12 NOON Ed Duffy

TUESDAY (OCTOBER 20):
7:30 AM Christine Powers
12 NOON Sharon Kavanaugh

WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 21): OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
7:30 AM Crispina Macanas
12 NOON Giuseppe Torrisi

THURSDAY (OCTOBER 22):
7:30 AM Lilliana Rosa Cannigia Litrenta (L)
12 NOON James Egan

FRIDAY (OCTOBER 23): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM The Frazetta Family
12 NOON Mary Crowley

SATURDAY (OCTOBER 24):
12 NOON Belinda Azes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:
Kathleen Reddington, Stan Tice
and
those wounded in Military Action

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*John Lettieri, Jose Alma,
Neva Sanchez*
"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

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TODAY'S HYMNS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Welcome to St. Monica's!

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

Entrance Hymn **403**

Gather Us In

Penitential Rite *

Gloria *

Responsorial Psalm **663**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Gospel Acclamation **114**

*The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for
many.*

Offertory Hymn

*Hymn to Our Lady of Knock
sung by Joseph Neal
at noon with 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

Recessional Hymn **395**

In Christ There is No East or West

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

Just a word

From Your Pastor 10-18-15

My Installation

As many people told me, Columbus Day Weekend is the best day for a pastor's installation. Many of the parishioners are away, it is difficult for others to be there, and still more difficult due to traffic and street closures for others to get here.

...all the more reason I was so thankful for so many who did get to come; parishioners from St. Teresa's AND St. Gregory the Great were there, and many parishioners from St. Monica's and St. Stephen's. The presence of all the people from St. Stephen's School moved me greatly. Thank you all for your presence. It was a wonderful mass at which we were honored to have Bishop John O'Hara. As the one who was the coordinator for *Making All Things New*, he has had to deal with a lot of unhappy people. He was amazed to see so many people coming together from the different parishes and the school, and moved by our spirit.

As we continue to draw closer as a single community may that spirit only grow!

St. Elizabeth's

The "silent partner" in our merging parish is St. Elizabeth's. The decision to close their parish and merge it with St. Stephen's and St. Monica's parish was one of the few that Rome agreed to review. The parishioners were told that they would receive a decision by September. In September the petitioners at St. Elizabeth were told they had to wait until November for an answer. This is all very frustrating for them. When I asked the Archdiocese they said they expect an answer soon as well.

What could happen? Two possibilities: One decision could side with the diocese. St. Elizabeth's would be closed permanently and the parish become part of St. Monica's. The other possibility is that Rome could decide it should be kept open. They would still remain part of St. Monica's, but I would have to provide a mass for the parishioners there. . . . and I guess there is a third possibility: that Rome indeed will decide nothing. We really just don't know.

In the mean time, we are taking measures to preserve the building and the church. Father Pat and the members of the Deaf Community are moved now to St. Thomas More – Our Lady of Good Counsel. We have had to do some major repairs (a gas leak for example was repaired, the brickwork on the parapet around the roof of the rectory was buckling and needed to be rebuilt). We will soon winterize the building to protect the pipes from freezing and to reduce maintenance costs. . . while ALL of us await Rome's decision!

-Fr Baker

Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Irish are rightly tired of being the subject of jokes about guilt. In fact, it is from the Celtic church that the whole experience of reconciliation in our tradition was creatively rescued and revived. The Irish church was unique in its origins, not so much organized around dioceses, but around monasteries. Aspects of religious community life readily spilled over into ordinary gatherings of the faithful, including the way people looked at sin and applied remedies. Unlike the public nature of canonical penance, the Irish method was linked to a kind of mentoring process they called “soul friending.” Just as young novice monks might find a mentor in the wisdom of a senior guide, so did a way of penance open up to ordinary folks. Monks were accustomed to frequent confession of faults to the abbot or mentor, who would suggest penances. In time, abbots with a certain flair for this began to share lists of sins and corresponding “tariffs” with others. Some of these books survive, and provide a hair-raising view of long-ago sins like cattle rustling, and a great deal of self-correction involving dips in icy streams and rolling about in thickets of thorns. After the penance was performed, the penitent returned to the confessor, and in a private act marked by the laying on of hands, or perhaps a kiss of the altar, the sinner was restored.

Irish monks were committed travelers, and their methods were widely copied. We might say that they saved a sacrament, but at the expense of shifting attention to the sins of the individual and away from the actions of the reconciling community.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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. The 2016 Mass Book is now open.



**World
Mission
Sunday**

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdioceses of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 x 2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of

Envelope Reconciliation and Parish Pay:

Our office staff is currently working on reconciling the offertory envelopes list. The parish pays for every package sent out, so we want our list to be current. If you are receiving envelopes and are not using them we encourage you to do so. Using the envelope allows us to better track offertory income. Use of an envelope also allows us to track your annual donation to the parish if you would like record of such at the end of the year for tax purposes.

If you are receiving envelopes but would rather not use an envelope we ask if you could please call the office and let us know that we should remove you from the mailing list. Also, if you are not using envelopes and want to start please contact us.

We are also beginning an electronic giving option, called ParishPay. ParishPay is a form of electronic giving and a company that provides excellent service to both parishes as well as parishioners. We will provide more information as we approach the sign up weekend in early October. For those interested in getting some information ahead of time, you can visit parishpay.com to learn more about the service.

THE DIVINE MERCY

An image of the Divine Mercy can now be found in the westside wall of our beautiful church. Please take the opportunity to join our growing prayer group at 3:00 PM every weekday.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Join us every Friday afternoon after the 12 Noon Mass for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the Divine Mercy, there will be Benediction.



A TRADITION CONTINUES



A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2015 ST STEPHEN'S OF HUNGARY

Although the parishes of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary and St Elizabeth of Hungary have merged, we are happy to remember our parishioners and neighbors on this very special day, with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at St Stephen's Church.

Life in the city around the holidays can be a lonely time for many who cannot be with friends or family. Everyone has two families, the one you're born into, and the one you choose. We can be yours this year.

Dinner will be served starting at 1:30 PM.

Tickets are \$5.00 apiece,

Please call the rectory at St Monica during business hours at (212) 288-6250 for more information or to make a reservation.

Seating is limited.

DONATIONS OF CASH AND FOOD ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE RECTORY OF ST MONICAS. IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY AT THE ABOVE NUMBER, OR E-MAIL US AT stmonicanyc.org.