

# Church of St Monica

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

## ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY SCHOOL

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**Caroline Walker—Principal**

## PARISH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Donald C. Baker

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**ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**

Mr. David Schaefer

**CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:**

Mr. Joseph Neal

## 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)

## 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

### TRUE BLINDNESS

Bartimaeus caused a stir. Normally he sat by the side of the road being a "good blind beggar." But one day Jesus passed nearby. Bartimaeus jumped up and called out to Jesus. We can imagine him turning toward the direction of the commotion and noise. Bartimaeus probably had his arms outstretched as he shouted out to the son of David.

The people who knew him were embarrassed by his outburst. They tried to hush him up and get him to sit back down by the roadside. Their actions spoke volumes: "Bartimaeus, you're not fit for Jesus." But it was okay for them and other "sighted" people to follow Jesus. In today's readings, we learn that true blindness is not a condition of our eyes but of our hearts.

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## October 25th, 2015

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Christmas Bazaar**  
 Downstairs at St Monica  
 Sunday November 22nd  
 10 am—5 PM

Thanksgiving Dinner  
 at St Stephen's  
 Thursday November 26th  
 1:30 PM  
 \$5.00 donation  
 Tickets required

### 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

**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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day

Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Halloween; Blessed Virgin Mary

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:**

Please call the rectory office for more information.

**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.

**POSSIBILITIES**

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

—St. Lawrence

**Remember your loved ones  
by dedicating, in their honor, the  
weekly**


**SATURDAY (OCTOBER 24): VIGIL**

5:30 PM Alex Bujaki Jr.

**SUNDAY (OCTOBER 25): 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM Vanes Bellevue

9:00 AM Walter Farley (37th Anniversary)

10:30 AM Margaret Carroll (13th Anniversary)

11:30 AM Rose Lepore Thompson (at St Stephen)

12 NOON Parishoners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary and St, Elizabeth of Hungary

**MONDAY (OCTOBER 26): Weekday**

7:30 AM Lori Kramer

12 NOON John Gallagher

**TUESDAY (OCTOBER 27): Weekday**

7:30 AM Laura Soledad Litrenta (L)

12 NOON Patrick O'Connor

**WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 28): STS SIMON & JUDE**

7:30 AM Henry Brosnan

12 NOON Antoinette Guerrini

**THURSDAY (OCTOBER 29): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Eileen G. Farrell (50th Anniversary)

12 NOON Lucille Telesco

**FRIDAY (OCTOBER 30): WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Mary Ryan-Neeliston

12 NOON For St Agata

**SATURDAY (OCTOBER 31): WEEKDAY**

12 NOON George Brazel

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK****Please remember in your prayers:**

*Estrella Flores, Bill Banks, Howie Pearce, Kathleen Reddington, Paul McNamara, Stan Tice*

and

those wounded in Military Action

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*Catherine Nulty, Jose Alma, Neva Sanchez, Barry Kimmel*

*"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](mailto:contac@stmonicany.org)*

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## TODAY'S HYMNS

*30<sup>th</sup> 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** **306**

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

**Penitential Rite** \*

**Gloria** \*

**Responsorial Psalm** **666**

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

**Gospel Acclamation** **114**

*Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death  
and brought life to light through the  
Gospel.*

**Offertory Hymn** **359**

*Blest Are They*

**Sanctus** \*

**Memorial Acclamation** \*

**Great Amen** \*

**The Lord's Prayer** **120**

**Lamb of God** \*

**Communion Hymn** **342**

*Amazing Grace*

**Recessional Hymn** **305**

*Praise to the Lord*

*\*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 10-25-15*

### *Families and Family Masses*

One of the things that really struck me when I came to St. Monica's – St. Stephen's – St. Elizabeth's was the number of families with children. I guess in part that is just the nature of Yorkville – a (relatively!) inexpensive Manhattan neighborhood where families can still afford to live. Another part is the fact that there are many families, which are associated with our parish school. In short, they make up a large portion of our parish.

A request that came from our parish council was that we have a monthly mass, which focuses on the needs of families with children. Since I had done that for years at St. Teresa's, that was a no brainer for me!

Starting on Saturday 11/7 we will celebrate a monthly mass for families with children at the 5:30 mass. There will be a children's sermon, and moving forward we will have young people serving and reading at the mass. Of course people without children are still welcome to attend!

A parish liaison committee has been formed at St. Stephen of Hungary School and they will coordinate the refreshments served for the families after mass.

My dream? That other parish groups (Young adults? Singles? Older adults? Teens?) might form, to offer a chance for people to find community here, and which also might want to offer hospitality at a mass on Saturday evenings.

### *Speaking of Serving*

We are currently in the last stage of bringing the servers of the three parishes together for a series of training sessions with regard to HOW we serve in St. Monica's Church. I want to thank the servers who have been so generous with their time and patient with me. The new serving practices will go into effect on November first. I don't think the vast majority of people will notice the differences – they are just minor "tweaks" so that we all begin to function as a unified cadre of ministers.

That being said, after the adults get going, it is time for the children. Yes, I hope to have young people serving, not just at the family mass, but also at Sunday masses here at St. Monica's. Watch the bulletin for more information on training for your young son or daughter. Any child from the fourth grade on up will be eligible.

### *Parish Council*

This coming Tuesday at 7pm our parish council will meet at St. Monica's. At this meeting we will firm up our membership, elect leadership and continue our discussions about the direction our new parish should go. We are very much a work in progress and appreciate your prayers! **Father Baker**

**Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In the tangled but fascinating history of penance in the Church, the Irish “tariff” system helped us survive the collapse of the old system of public canonical penance and prepared the way for a new system that emerged in the twelfth century. The old form was unrepeatable, public, dealt with serious community matters, and regulated by the bishops as chief reconcilers. The new form had a more intimate setting of penitent and confessor, was extremely repeatable, and applied to everyone. The old canonical form was closed to children, who were hardly capable of the very grown up sins listed, or their demanding remedies. The old form was likewise closed to clerics, who were protected in a sense by the very nature of the discipline.

In the new Irish form the penitent directly named sins, or answered direct questions by the priest. Sometimes, the penitent would recite a long formula accusing him- or herself in a general way of all sorts of sins, even from the distant past. Next, priest and penitent together would lie prostrate before the altar and recite several of the psalms with penitential themes. Finally, the priest would pronounce a judgment, deciding what form and duration the penance should take, normally insisting that the person return for reconciliation once the penances were completed.

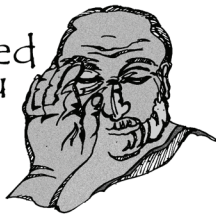


**HELPING OUR POOR AND HOMELESS**

Let us listen and follow in the words of Pope Francis, as he encourages us to help those less fortunate.

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House can use our help. With an extremely active Homeless Outreach Advocacy program, providing a food pantry and many other social services, they need your help. From clothing, to laundry detergent and non-perishable food, any donations would be appreciated. All donations may be left at Jan Hus Church located at 351 East 74th Street (x 1st & 2nd Avenues). For more information, visit their website at <http://www.janhus.org/homeless-outreach-advocacy-program/>

Your faith has saved you



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**Sing A New Song Unto the Lord**



The wonderful choir of St Monica’s is looking for new voices to add to its’ wonderful family of singers. It doesn’t matter whether you’ve sung at the Met, or in the shower; If you enjoy singing in church, the invitation to join us is there. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM with an optional pick-up rehearsal on Saturday afternoons. The choir sings at the Choral Mass on Sundays at 12 Noon, and on special religious holidays.

Contact our Musical Director, David Schaefer at [musicministry@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:musicministry@stmonicanyc.org) for more information.

**Adjustment to Office Hours**

In these past two months there has been a lot of behind the scenes action in the rectory office. Michael Blecha and I have been working on establishing a schedule that allows us to attend to all the administrative needs of the parish. While we are settling into a good routine, I have felt that there has been a need for more time to be able to leave the rectory office in order to spend that time in Saint Stephen and Saint Elizabeth; to diligently go through the records of the parishes and make certain nothing falls through the cracks administratively. Because of this, starting Friday November 6th the rectory office will be closed on Fridays. All other rectory days will remain unaffected (Mon 9-5, Tues-Thurs 9-7 & Sat 10-2). We have noticed that the Friday office time has been the least active, so we chose Friday as a day to be able to spend in the other rectories in hopes that this will inconvenience as few of our parishioners as possible.

Thank you for your understanding,  
Mike Ward

**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**

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 Auditorium.

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 for tickets.

**Seating is limited, so tickets are required.**

DONATIONS OF CASH AND FOOD ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED,  
AND CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE RECTORY OF ST MONICAS.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd**

10 AM to 5 PM

At The Church of St Monica - Auditorium  
413 East 79th Street

*We're still looking for donations of new merchandise / gift cards / electronics / Dinners and services to raffle off.*

*We're also looking for elves to help us get everything ready.*

*Want to help, or join the fun?*

*Call the parish rectory at (212) 288-6250*