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

AUGUST 16, 2015

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Unless we are given a way for Jesus Christ to be inside us, we will turn Christ into an abstraction. *“Unless you eat”* the *“true food”* and the *“true drink”* of the Eucharist *“You do not have life within you.”* The Sacrament is God’s method for enabling us to remain in him and him in us. It is imperative for us to *“try to understand what is the will of the Lord.”*

To conjecture any other means for remaining in Christ is to induce a *“foolishness”* that you must *‘forsake that you may live.’*

To the one who lacks understanding, wisdom commands, *“Eat my flesh, drink my blood.”*

PASTOR:
Rev. Donald C. Baker

ASSOCIATES:
Rev. Joe A. Francis
Rev. Joseph (Vincent) Gnarackatt

IN SUNDAY SERVICE:
Rev. Richard Arold

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:
Mr. David Schaefer

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.

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 Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 9:00 AM mass

Holy Hour
First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions
Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

MASSES

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON

Saturdays: 12 NOON & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — Jesus says, "I am the living bread . . . whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 12a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Remember your loved ones
by dedicating in their honor this week's
Bread & Wine and or Sanctuary Light

**BREAD AND WINE DONATED
IN HONOR OF ST. HELEN**

REQUESTED BY
JOSEPH AND MARISA CATALANO



Mass Schedule

SATURDAY AUGUST 15: VIGIL

5:30 PM Tom, Nicholas and Justine Goray

SUNDAY AUGUST 16: 20th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM Lina Eisel
9:00 AM Cecelia Wantola (5th ann)
10:30 AM Frederick Stephens, Sr.
12 NOON St Monica Parishioners

MONDAY AUGUST 17: WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Kathleen Reddington (living)
12 NOON Katalin Daenler

TUESDAY AUGUST 18: WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Isabel Litrenta (living)
12 NOON Javier Litrenta (living)

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19 WEEKDAY

7:30 AM The Frazzatta Family
12 NOON Helen Bablonkay and family

THURSDAY AUGUST 20: St. Bernard (M)

7:30 AM Edta Wozniewski (living)
12 NOON Pablo Alberto Tamayo

FRIDAY AUGUST 21: St Pius X (M)

7:30 AM Alvin Denitez (1st ann)
12 NOON Antonio Landi

SATURDAY (AUGUST 22): QUEENSHIP OF THE VIRGIN MARYWEEKDAY

12NOON Catherine and Martin Kelly

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Kimmel, Pat Hoffmeier, Lori Henderson,
Lori Kramer

and
those wounded in Military Action

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

Mary Jane Russo, Irene Csiki

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.

TODAY'S HYMNS

**20th 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 **112**

Gloria (recited) *

Responsorial Psalm **636**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **168**

Offertory Hymn *
Wherever You Go
sung by Joseph Neal

Sanctus *

Memorial Acclamation *

Great Amen *

The Lord's Prayer **120**

Lamb of God *

Communion Hymn **449**
I Am the Bread of Life

Recessional Hymn **305**
Praise to the Lord

**from the Mass For A New Era;
for texts, see pew card*

Just a word

From Your Pastor

August should be a time for vacation. We kick back, go on trips, and visit family and friends. We take a long deep breath, before Labor Day arrives, and prepare for the fall.

This summer for me has been many things but kicking back on a vacation has not been one of them! June and July was filled with packing, saying good bye to people whom I have known for over a decade, moving, and now, unpacking – something which looks like it will take until next summer to complete!

It would be unbearable were it not for the warm welcome I have received – from the people of St. Monica's for sure, but also those whom I have met from the parishes of St. Stephen and St. Elizabeth. Thank you all for making me feel so at home.

For me the month of August is about settling in and getting to know the parish. I need to understand its history, its finances, its real property. I have been having "walk through"s with experts who have been advising me about the state of our physical plants.

A major part of my first week has been getting to know St. Stephen of Hungary School. I invite everyone to get to know this growing school better. Pray for its students, teachers and administration. We will be hearing a lot about our parish school this year.

A major goal is accessibility. A church that welcomes everyone should not be inaccessible to the elderly and those who are handicapped. One long - term goal would be an elevator here, however we need to address this issue rapidly. We are exploring various options, and I will let you know what we will decide as soon as possible.

One of my early goals will be to bring the various lay ministers of the three merging parish communities together for a day of prayer and formation. In that way the lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and Servers of all three parish communities can serve here at St. Monica's. We will begin the development of a Finance Committee that embraces St. Stephen and St. Elizabeth, as well as St. Monica. I also hope to begin work on a parish council.

But my primary goal is getting to know all of you! I hope you will feel free to share with me your hopes and concerns for our merging parish. Together we will do something great for God here on the East Side of Manhattan.

Father Baker

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If the alb is the premier baptismal garment, then why are there so many other styles of vesture in evidence in our parishes? In some places, altar servers and other ministers might wear a garment, usually black, called a cassock. Over that is normally worn a white garment (a “surplice”), reminiscent of the alb but much shorter, often of starched linen and trimmed with lace. The cassock is not a liturgical garment, but a clerical robe. Its origins lie in the religious habit of monks. By the late Middle Ages, diocesan priests and clerics increasingly were encouraged to emulate religious priests. Very small boys were often apprenticed to monasteries, especially for music education, and would be invested with a cassock and sometimes even inducted into the ranks of clerics.

For centuries before the Reformation, it was required that all men entering higher education be clerics, and so the cassock and its variations became familiar academic garb. At the Reformation, many ministers retained a form of the cassock as ordinary dress, rejecting liturgical garments. In the seventeenth century, the English Civil War was in part provoked by the Archbishop of Canterbury’s insistence that ministers wear surplices. Although the Episcopal Church now retains “cassock and surplice” as the normal dress for lay men and women assisting at liturgy, Catholics are increasingly attentive to the deeply traditional treasure of the alb, our baptismal robe, when special liturgical vesture is needed.

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

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Please take the opportunity to visit our new and improved website at www.stmonicanyc.org for the latest pictures, information and updates about our parish community. Also take the opportunity to like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmonicanyc

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR CHURCH?

We are looking for volunteers to help us with various ministries in our parish. Right now we need volunteers to the following categories:

Acolytes: They prepare the altar and sacred vessels, and serve at the altar (Weekdays and Sundays)

Eucharistic Minister: They assist the parish and the priest at Mass distributing communion and sharing cups (Weekdays and Sundays).

Ushers & Greeters: These are our parish ambassadors who welcome all who enter our parish. They assist at Masses on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and on special Feast Days.

If you wish to participate in any of the above ministries, please give your name and contact details to one of the fathers, visit our website at www.stmonicanyc.org, or call church office (212-288-6250).



SAINT MONICA

After her death, Saint Monica was buried at Ostia, and at first seems to have been almost forgotten, though her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Ostia. ST. Monica was buried near the tomb of St. Aurea. It was later transferred to the Augustinian Basilica of Sant'Agostino in Rome.

Anicius Bassus wrote Monica's funerary epitaph, which survived in ancient manuscripts. The actual stone on which it was written was rediscovered in the summer of 1945 in the church of Santa Aurea. The fragment was discovered after two boys were digging a hole to plant a football post in the courtyard beside Santa Aurea.

A translation from the Latin, by Douglas Boin, reads as:

Here the most virtuous mother of a young man set her ashes, a second light to your merits, Augustine. As a priest, serving the heavenly laws of peace, you taught [or, you teach] the people entrusted to you with your character. A glory greater than the praise of your accomplishments crowns you both - Mother of the Virtues, more fortunate because of her offspring.



In 13th century, the cult of St. Monica began to spread and a feast in her honor was kept on 4 May. In 1430 Pope Martin V ordered the relics to be brought to Rome. Many miracles occurred on the way, and the cult of St. Monica became cemented. Later the Archbishop of Rouen, Cardinal d'Estouteville, built a church at Rome in honor of St. Augustine, the Basilica di Sant'Agostino, and deposited the relics of St. Monica in a chapel to the left of the high altar. The Office of St. Monica, however, did not have a place in the Roman Breviary (liturgical book) before the 16th century.

From 1904 to 1929 Saint Monica's Church expanded in what is generally called the "Golden Years" of the church. Surviving World War I, Prohibition, and the Roaring 20s, it expanded in tandem with the rest of the country. Under the leadership of its third and fourth pastors, Rev. James D. Lennon and Rt. Rev. Arthur J. Kenny, the parish enjoyed an increase in the number of parishioners, better financial situations, and had highly organized religious and intellectual-life programs, such as St. Monica's Lyceum (which was later dissolved in 1935), St. Vincent de Paul, various sodalities, and the Holy Name Society, which assumed a major role in parish affairs.

In 1905 the Church, as we know it today, cornerstone was laid by Archbishop Farley. Construction was completed in 1906. On Thanksgiving Day of 1906, the new St. Monica's Church was inaugurated, the final cost was \$160,000 (about \$4,000,000 today).

In 1913, Monsignor Arthur Kenny became the fourth Pastor and served for 30 years.

COVER SHEET

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