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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

FEAR NOT

In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. Some people have stopped using clock radios to wake up in the morning, preferring a jarring buzzer to the even more jarring morning news. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp? To this our loving God says, "Be strong, fear not!"

We must do what we can to make our world a better and safer place, but we must also realize our limits and that our ultimate safety is in the hands of God. We can be comforted by the realization that God loves us beyond measure, and will give us every help in our efforts to make our world a loving and safe place for everyone.

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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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday September 7th is
Labor Day

There will be one mass at
12 Noon on that day.

And the rectory office will
be closed

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

Holy Hour
First Friday of each month
after the Noon Mass

Devotions
Miraculous Medal on
Mondays after each Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God

(Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;

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

**Banns of Marriage**

**I. William Lawlor &
Lindsay Nicolai**

**II. Paul Anthony
Simpson &
Genevieve de los
Santos Caruncho**

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 5): VIGIL
5:30 PM Elisabeth Rossini

SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 6): 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM James Quinn
9:00 AM Msgr George Kelly
10:30 AM Evelyn Ianzito
12 NOON Parishoners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary and St, Elizabeth of Hungary

MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 7): LABOR DAY
12 NOON Parishoners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary and St, Elizabeth of Hungary

TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 8): THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:30 AM Dr Norma Ordiales
12 NOON Dan Meyer

WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 9): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Joseph B. Williams Jr
12 NOON Maria Terasita Litrenta (Living)

THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 10): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Helen Bablonkay
12 NOON Thanksgiving to St Agata / Christine Aimone

FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 11): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Catherine Dillon
12 NOON Mary Zimmerman (Living)

SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 5): WEEKDAY
12 NOON Werner Heitsch

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:
Leon Ferrier, Caroline Ferrier, Kathleen Reddington,
and
those wounded in Military Action

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"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

TODAY'S HYMNS

22ND 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 112

Gloria *

Responsorial Psalm 645

*Praise the Lord, my soul, praise the
Lord*

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn 342

Amazing Grace

Sanctus *

Memorial Acclamation *

Great Amen *

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God *

Communion Hymn 435

Eat This Bread

Recessional Hymn 309

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

****from the Mass For A New Era;
for texts, see pew card
Readings can be found on
page 642***

Just a word

From Your Pastor

Greetings from 413 East 79th Street!

Even though it is still officially summer, every one of us are eyeing the start of the fall. The kids need school supplies, warmer clothes and if our child goes to our parish school a new uniform. I know I get wistful for the slower days of summer when the city picks up speed in its mad dash towards the "Holiday Season".

Here at St. Monica's it is no different. We have already begun preparing for the fall, and in that light, let me make you aware of a few things underway.

September 25th – the Papal Mass

Still no word on tickets. We not presume we will hear after Labor Day. As soon as I know, you will.

September 27th – the Feast of St. Monica

Actually the feast was this past week, but we always celebrate our Patron Saint on a Sunday in September, I am told, so more people can participate. The mass at 12 noon will be our celebration, followed by refreshments at the rear of the church.

October 11th – My Installation

Although I officially became pastor at noon on August 1st, there is a liturgical ritual in which I "receive" the pastoral care of the people of the parish, and profess my faith to you all. This installation will take place on Sunday of Columbus Day weekend (sorry all you weekend house owners!) Time and details are still being worked out. But mark your calendars.

This past Sunday was the Hungarian Community's last Sunday at St. Stephen's. Starting next Sunday they will be worshiping at St. Joseph's on 87th St. Say a prayer for them during this time of transition. We wish them well in their new home.

We have also been hard at work on issues surrounding handicapped accessibility at St. Monica's. I will have more to say about that in a couple of weeks, though we hope to have the church handicapped accessible as soon as possible, with a lift to bring people up and into the church.

See you all in church and during the week.

- Fr. Baker

Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Orthodox Christians have a saying about the reality of sin. They speak of “this holy and sinful Church, which we love.” We know all too well the effects of sin on the faith community. From our earliest days, we have seen baptism as a place where the old self dies in Christ, dies to sin, and rises to new life. Our ancestors in faith held that post-baptismal major sin was unthinkable. Yet, as one Baptist minister once explained, “We know that sin is drowned in the water, but it would appear that the devil is a pretty good swimmer.”

The origins of the sacrament of penance have to do with a similar insight among bishops in the early church. A critical question for them was whether or not a baptized person who had committed a public sin could be re-established in church life, forgiven, and restored.

Forgiven, yes, was an early answer, but restored was another matter. Penance would be a permanent lifestyle for the forgiven; they would live at the margins of the community, clearly visible in distinctive garments, and their access to the table of the Eucharist was restricted. The harsh beginnings of public penance led in time to a true treasure of our tradition: the ability to find our way home through the ministry of others, and a way for all of us sinners to experience the gentle embrace of our forgiving Lord.

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



THE DIVINE MERCY

*An image of the Divine Mercy
can now be found in our
beautiful church.*

*If anyone is interested in
forming a group to pray The
Divine Mercy Chaplet daily,
please contact the rectory at*

(212) 288-6250.

Once again we'd like to remind you to visit our new and improved website at www.stmonicanyc.org for the latest pictures, information and updates about our parish community.

Also, like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stmonicanyc

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.

*Come and experience the healing love of
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*

The Sisters of Life invite you to join us
for

The Source

a Eucharistic Holy Hour with prayerful music
and the opportunity for confession.

***Church of St John Nepomucene
66th Street & First Avenue
Thursday, September 10th***

***7-8 PM with a social afterwards
Call (212) 737-4221 with questions***

Friday September 11th, 2015 is the 14th Anniversary

NEW YORK, NY (Catholic Online) - When the Vicar of Christ visited the United States he made a special visit to "Ground Zero", a truly American site of prayer and reflection and he prayed. The words of that beautiful prayer are as stirring today as they were on April 20, 2008. In memory of all those who died, those who still suffer, those who still grieve their loss and for a Nation which today reflects on the event and what it means for the future, Catholic Online offers the Pope's Prayer:

O God of love, compassion, and healing,
look on us, people of many different faiths
and traditions,
who gather today at this site,
the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness
to give eternal light and peace
to all who died here--

the heroic first-responders:
our fire fighters, police officers,
emergency service workers, and

Port Authority personnel,
along with all the innocent men and
women

who were victims of this tragedy
simply because their work or service
brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion
to bring healing to those
who, because of their presence here that
day,

suffer from injuries and illness.

Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families
and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.

Give them strength to continue their lives
with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well
of those who suffered death, injury, and loss
on the same day at the Pentagon and in
Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Our hearts are one with theirs
as our prayer embraces their pain and
suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our
violent world:
peace in the hearts of all men and women
and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love
those whose hearts and minds
are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding,
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this
tragedy,
we seek your light and guidance
as we confront such terrible events.
Grant that those whose lives were spared
may live so that the lives lost here
may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us,
strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and courage
to work tirelessly for a world
where true peace and love reign
among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XI--Prayer at Ground Zero
New York, 20 April 2008

COVER SHEET

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