



# Church of St Monica St Elizabeth of Hungary St Stephen of Hungary

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sundays:** 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM  
& 12 Noon (Principle Liturgy & Choir)  
**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 PM

**Weekdays:** 7:30 AM & 12 NOON **Saturdays:** 12 NOON

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD AT 5 PM SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN CHURCH

## THIRTY-FIRST SUDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### GOD IS WITH US

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

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Sunday October 30th, 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**All Saints Day**

Monday, October 31st

Vigil Mass

5:30 PM

Tuesday, November 1st

7:30 AM / 12 Noon

**Monthly Family Mass**

Saturday November 5th 5:30

## CHURCH HOURS

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN  
MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY  
7 AM –5 PM

WEDNESDAY'S 7 AM–4PM  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
According to Mass Schedule

## PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday 9 AM to 5 PM  
Tuesday 9 AM to 7 PM  
Wednesday 9 AM to 7PM  
Thursday 9 AM to 7 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

**The Parish Center is closed on Friday & Sunday**

Parish Center will be closed for lunch daily from 1 PM to 2 PM

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

**Gospel** — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14  
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
 Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016  
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
 Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday  
 Monday: Halloween  
 Tuesday: All Saints  
 Wednesday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)  
 Thursday: St. Martin de Porres  
 Friday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday

**Remember your loved ones by dedicating in their honor this week's Bread & Wine / Sanctuary Lamp**



**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
*In Memory of*  
**Margaret McGuinness**  
*Offered by*  
**Kitty O'Donoghue**



**Bread & Wine**  
*In Memory of*  
**Jozsef Tomahatsch**  
*Offered by*  
**Bridget Tomahatsch**

**BANS OF MARRIAGE**

**I. Ryan Leonard**  
 &  
**Kaitlyn Curley**



**II. Christopher Cook**  
 &  
**Masissa Heithusen**

**Mass Schedule**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 29th</b>	<b>Vigil</b>
5:30 PM	Timothy & Agnes McCrohan	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 30th</b>	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 AM	Helen Bradly	
9:00 AM	Joanne Moore	
10:30 AM	Margery V. Sweet	
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary & St Stephen of Hungary	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>October 31st</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
7:30 AM	John Marchiango	
12 NOON	Ellen Coyne (Living)	
5:30 PM	Joseph & Rose Zederosser	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 1st</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b>
7:30 AM	Maryjane & Emil Russo	
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary & St Stephen of Hungary	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 2nd</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b>
7:30 AM	Priests of St Monica's	
12 NOON	Peggy Sloan (Living)	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 3rd</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	
12 NOON	Jean Hall	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>November 4th</b>	
7:30 AM	The Anderson Family (Living)	
12 NOON	James "Red" McHugh	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 5th</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
12 NOON	The Anderson Family (Living)	

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers**

James Baker, Kathy Baker, Rosemary Catalano, Zulma Power, Kathy Bordonaro, Joan Altobelli,

AND ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Fr. Richard Arold, Caroline Abate,

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

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and Family members

*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 [contact@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:contact@stmonicanyc.org)*

**NEW BEGINNING**

That day which you fear as being the end of all things is the birthday of your eternity.--Seneca

**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

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:**Please call the Parish Center for more  
information.**COMMUNION FOR THE****HOMEBOUND:**If you know of anyone who cannot attend  
church because of illness or age, and would  
like to have communion brought to them,  
please contact the parish office, so that we  
can arrange for a Eucharist Minister to bring  
communion to them.**"Husbands and Fathers Group"**First meeting Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm;  
Parish Center

Contact the Parish Center for more information

**A Family Mass**Our Monthly Family Mass will be held Saturday  
Evening, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 PM Mass. All  
families and parishioners are invited to join us.**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th**


It's time to  
"Fall Back!"  
Daylight Savings Time  
Ends Sunday at 2am

It's also Marathon  
Sunday  
Getting across First  
Avenue for mass will not  
be easy. Please plan  
accordingly

**PARISH SPACE RENTAL**Our new Parish Center, located at 406 East 80th  
Street, has rooms available for use.For existing parish groups/ ministries, where  
meeting space is required, please contact  
Maryann Tyrer at [mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org), or  
at 212-288-6250.For all other rental options, please contact Mike  
Ward at [mward@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:mward@stmonicanyc.org) or at 212-288-  
6250.**Just a word***From Your Pastor 10/30/2016***Religious Education**

As of this weekend the enrollment period for Religious Education for Children, ages K-8 is closed. We maxed out at over 50 kids in religious education – not bad for the first year of the program! Thank you to our Pastoral Associate, Maryann Tyrer, all the teachers and volunteer, and most importantly the parents and families for their interest in the Christian formation of our children.

**Altar Serving**

If you or your children are interested in serving at the altar at St. Monica-St. Elizabeth of Hungary St. Stephen of Hungary, now is the time to sign up. Email me at [frdcab@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:frdcab@stmonicanyc.org) to find out what to do next.

**All Saints vs. All Souls**

By now most Catholic adults are aware of the origins of All Saints Day. As Christianity spread across Europe in the early middle ages, it encountered the pagan religions of pre Christian Europe. The Celts had a popular feast on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October known as Samhain (pronounced however, *Sa – win.*) It was the night on which they believed, the gates to the netherworld were opened and the dead would walk the earth.

To counter Samhain the Church established a feast day on the following day, November 1<sup>st</sup> which did not focus on the dead, but on those who were alive forever with God: ALL SAINTS DAY. Over the centuries, Samhain was relegated to the role of the Eve of All Saints – or, in older English, All Hallows Eve; Hence, Halloween. Our Church, had had a long tradition of praying for the dead. If they are in hell, that would not make sense- nor would they need our prayers if they're in heaven. However, our Church teaches that many die, not yet ready for heaven but of course not condemned to hell. They pass through a process of purification in preparation for heaven called purgatory. It has been the ancient custom of the Church to pray for the souls in purgatory, so that their purification be completed and they might live the life of the saints in heaven. In the 11<sup>th</sup> century November 2<sup>nd</sup> became the official day on which we remember all the souls in Purgatory, hence all SOULS Day. It is the custom to write the names of our deceased loved ones on an All Souls envelope (with or without a donation with in – it does not matter) and place it in the collection basket. These envelopes are then placed on the altar during the whole month of November and the priests pray for them at all the masses.

**At St. Monica's St. Elizabeth of Hungary St. Stephen of Hungary parish, we also have the custom of bringing photos of our deceased loved ones and placing them on an altar of remembrance.** We use the Joseph altar to the right of the main altar in church.

All Saints – All Souls are embedded in our Catholic tradition and I invite you to pray in a special way for all our deceased loved ones, family and friends this year. And yet, interestingly enough, Halloween, the day I began this column with, has another connection to the other two. For in protestant countries it is also known as REFORMATION DAY. As I said last week, this weekend I am in Ohio preaching at a Reformation Day service. What is the connection? I let you know in next week's column!

Father Baker

## Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

### TREASURES FORM OUR TRADITION

The recent "October count" tracking the statistics of participation at Sunday Mass calls to mind the situations of churches where it is difficult or impossible for Catholics to worship freely. This is especially striking in English Catholic history, as freedom of worship was systematically dismantled at the time of the Reformation. It seems that most English people retained deeply Catholic sympathies throughout the period of religious upheaval. Catholics who refused to participate in the public worship of the Church of England were called "recusants," and beginning with the reign of Elizabeth I, they were subject to strict penalties. Recusant literally means "a person refusing to obey a command." Most of those laws were in force until the early 1800s, and Catholics were not entirely emancipated from the duty of Anglican worship until 1829.

Recusants paid heavy fines for not attending the state church. Holding on to Catholic faith was therefore a luxury of the very rich, who maintained private chapels, and sent their daughters and sons to English convents and monastery schools on the continent. Remarkably, the first among all British peers, the Dukes of Norfolk, the hereditary Earls Marshal of England, have never given up their Catholic faith. Many of these wealthy recusant families founded the colony of Maryland, and later many members of the old Catholic families continued on to the Kentucky frontier in search of greater religious freedom.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It's time for Saint Monica's annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** to benefit the Yorkville Common Pantry! The drive will continue from **Wednesday November 3rd through Monday November 21st.**

Non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated over the next few weeks:

Thank you for your generosity! You can place your donations in the receiving baskets in front of St. Joseph, to the right of the main altar.

### FR RICHARD AROLD R.I.P.

May 7th, 1934– October 26th, 2016

Fr Richard Arold, long-term weekend associate priest at St Monica's passed into God's hands on **Wednesday, October 26th.**

The body will be lying in repose for viewing at **The Church of St Monica**

**Tuesday, November 1st  
2 PM– 4 PM and 7 PM– 9 PM**

**A Solemn Requiem Mass will be held 9 AM  
Wednesday, November 2nd**

## Religious Ed Corner

**October 30th, 2016**

### Ongoing:

**K-8 Religious Ed**, 10:15-11:45am, Parish Center, every Sunday  
**Adult Faith Formation**, 10:15-11:45am, Parish Center, every Sunday

**RCIA**, 1:30-3:30pm, Parish Center, every Sunday

### Upcoming:

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER** for K-8 Religious Education, including sacramental preparation – No more registrations will be accepted after November 1!

**October 30 – No K-8 Religious Education or Adult Faith Formation!** Whenever there is a fifth Sunday of the month, classes are canceled so that the catechists and assistants can have a morning of training.

**RCIA** still meets on October 30, 1:30-3:30pm, in the parish center.

**Catechist Formation**, 10:00-11:45am, Oct. 30, Parish Center. All K- 8, Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA volunteers are expected to attend!

**Family Faith Formation:** November 5, 2-5pm in the parish center - ALL are invited to this exciting intergenerational afternoon of learning about our faith! Flyers are in the back of the church. Sign up TODAY to guarantee that you will receive all the take home materials. (Late registrations are welcome, but will be on a "while supplies last" basis.)

**Family Mass:** November 5, 5:30pm, followed by pizza!

**We still need volunteers for our Sunday morning programs!** Catechists, assistants, and greeters – no prior experience needed, training provided, serve one to four Sundays a month. Contact Maryann for more information.

**Family Question of the Week:** In today's gospel, we hear of Zacchaeus, who wasn't very popular. Yet Jesus took notice of him and included him in his circle of friends. Who do we know who is excluded or bullied or disliked? Is there a way to extend a hand of welcome to that person?

**Resource of the Week:** November 1 is All Saints Day. Do you know that we have over a dozen New Yorkers who have become saints? Check out this website to find out more about them! <http://www.nyfaithformation.org/saints-of-new-york>

### THANKSGIVING DINNER



Yes, the annual St Monica/ St Elizabeth of Hungary/ St Stephen of Hungary Community Dinner will be held on **Thursday, November 24th . , and tickets will be available at the beginning of November.**

Dinner will be served starting at 1:30 PM.

Tickets are \$5.00 apiece,

Please call the parish center 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,**

# **MEDICARE HEALTH PLAN INFORMATION SESSION**

**Nov. 3, 1-7pm**

**ATTENTION SENIORS  
&  
CHILDREN/FAMILY OF SENIORS**

*Please come meet and learn about your options from the Medicare Health Plans themselves.*

*A number of Medicare Health Plans will be hosting booths in the Parish Hall (bottom of the church).*