

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

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**ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Mr. David Schaefer  
**CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:** Mr. Joseph Neal

## MASS SCHEDULE

**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)

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today's readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his "flock."

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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Sunday April 17TH, 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS



*A representative from Food For The Poor will be visiting us next weekend to tell us about their work. Please give generously.*

## 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** — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

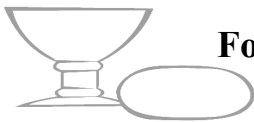
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 7; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Thursday: St. Anselm
- Friday: Earth Day; Passover begins
- Saturday: St. George; St. Adalbert

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

**BREAD & WINE**



**For the Intentions of  
George Morris  
Offered by**

**Chris Van Leuwen**



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**For the Intention of  
Terry Hanahan  
Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue**

**Mass Schedule**

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 PM	<b>April 16TH</b> Justo Lopez	<b>Vigil</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>April 17TH</b> Padraigh Sherlock Cesar Quinones Vincent Stephens Parishioners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary & St Elizabeth of Hungary	<b>4th SUNDAY Of EASTER</b>
<b>MONDAY WEEKDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>April 18th</b> Christopher Labbadia In Honor of St Jude	<b>EASTER</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>April 19h</b> Roseann Murphy Jennifer Dennett (L)	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>April 20th</b> Jean Birmingham Donald Casey	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>April 21st</b> Mary Speiss Kyle Parker	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
<b>FRIDAY WEEKDAY</b> 7:30 AM	<b>APRIL 22nd</b> William Connerty, Helena & Miatik Nowal	<b>EASTER</b>
12 NOON <b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 23rd</b> Helen, John Flack & Family	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers**  
Gary Onofrey, Peter James Manley, Rev John Moyer, Delcan McCabe, Nancy McCabe, Kathleen Amburgey, Sean Smyth, Phyllis Galligan,  
and All victims of Military Activity

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*Episania Dahil, Michael McCrohan*  
  
"I've gone to prepare a place for you."  
Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

## BANS OF MARRIAGE



II. Jose Gallegos &  
Ashley Rutkowski

II: James Scott Peters &  
Cody Louise Gucker



the  
**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

To date our parish has received \$100,300 in pledges/gifts toward the 2016 *Cardinal's Appeal* goal of \$123,500 from 117 families. For this *Appeal* to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The *Appeal* is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.



***THE DIVINE MERCY  
DEVOTION  
AT ST MONICA'S***

***An image of the Divine Mercy can be found along the west side 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.***

Once again we'd like to remind you to visit our website at [www.stmonicanyc.org](http://www.stmonicanyc.org) for the latest pictures, information and updates about our parish community.

# Just a word

From Your Pastor 4/17/2016

Hitting the ground running . . .

There is a myth we pastor's like to tell ourselves. That is, that after Easter, things start to slow down. Like I said, that is a myth, especially here at St. Monica's – St. Stephen's – St. Elizabeth's! There is a lot happening.

**This weekend** for example we welcome the 60-70 people who have been worshipping over at St. Stephen's these past several months here to St. Monica's at the 12 noon mass. There will be a reception following that mass in the rear of the church.

**First Communions** are less than a month away, both for St. Stephen School children and for Caedmon students.

We are also preparing to register children for our parish-based **Religious Education** program. This will be for kids not attending St. Stephen's School – 1 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration starts May 15<sup>th</sup> and will be done at the rectory during office hours. More info on that to come! But we are looking for teachers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact me and let me know.

We are beginning interviews for the position of **Pastoral Associate**. A Pastoral Associate is a lay person with a degree in pastoral ministry or religious education who assists the clergy in the parish in the development of parish programs and life. WE hope to have that person hired by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

By the way if you know of someone who is qualified who might be interested in hearing more about the job, just have them contact me at the rectory.

This past week end you might have heard that we are organizing a **ministry/outreach to our senior citizens** – the meeting for that is April 30<sup>th</sup> and let's not forget the Passover Seder – on the same day! You will find more info on both these events in the bulletin.

And as all of us know our Holy Father has proclaimed this year a "Year of Mercy" – May 17-19 We will be having a **three night "mini-mission"** on the Pope and the year of Mercy. There is more info on this to follow so watch the bulletin.

And then of course there is **school graduation** on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. We will make the 5:30 pm Saturday family mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June into a baccalaureate Mass for our graduating students. All of course are invited to celebrate with us on that evening at what I want to be an annual tradition.

FR BAKER

## Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances. In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced. Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

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

### BECOME A PART OF OUR GROWING SENIOR MINISTRY

**PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING OF THIS  
SERVICE TO OUR PARISH'S OLDER  
MEMBERS**

**SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY IN WHATEVER  
WAY YOU ARE ABLE**

**JOIN WITH US AT AN ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING ON APRIL 30, 2016 AT 1:30PM IN  
THE RECTORY OF ST. MONICA CHURCH 413  
E 79TH ST. THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS  
SERVED AND WE WILL PLAN! ALL AGES  
WELCOME.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO THE RECTORY OFFICE AT  
(212) 288-6250 IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO  
ATTEND**

### DWELLING PLACE

God dwells wherever we let God in.

—Ancient Jewish saying

### JOIN US FOR



## PASSOVER SEDER



**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2016 7:00 PPM  
AUDITORIUM OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY  
SCHOOL**

**408 EAST 82ND STREET**

**An interfaith celebration presented by  
the parish of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary & St  
Elizabeth of Hungary**

**Rabbi David Schaefer (Director of Music) presiding  
Tickets: \$40.00/per person includes complete Seder Meal  
Tickets available in the St Monica Rectory Office  
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE PARISH OF ST  
MONICA, ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY & ST ELIZABETH  
OF HUNGARY**

## SAINT STEPHEN —OF HUNGARY SCHOOL— FOUNDATION

**Fifth Annual Friends, Family, & Alumni Golf Outing  
Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
Pelham Golf Course – Bronx, New York**

11:30am

Registration & BBQ Lunch

12:30pm

Shotgun Start

5:30pm

Cocktails, Dinner, Raffles, Auction, & Awards

\*Golfer price includes round of golf, carts, BBQ lunch, drink ticket for the course, cocktails, & dinner with open bar.

Individual Golfer.....	\$200
Golfing Foursome.....	\$750
Cocktails and Dinner Only Ticket.....	\$75
Tee Box Sponsor.....	\$175
Putting Green Sponsor.....	\$300
Golf Cart Sponsor.....	\$550
Dinner Sponsor.....	\$2,000

Please visit <https://saintstephenschool.ejoinme.org/fifthgolfouting> to purchase tickets or sponsorships or contact Sarah Hill or Lauren Walker at [shill@saintstephenschool.org](mailto:shill@saintstephenschool.org) or [lwalker@saintstephenschool.org](mailto:lwalker@saintstephenschool.org) in the school's Development Office.



## Sacrificial Giving: Sacrifice to Serve

The *Cardinal's Appeal* offers vital support to many Catholic programs and ministries across our archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider your sacrifice so we can continue to care for each other as God asked us to do.

As you know, it can cost...

\$100: DINNER OUT FOR TWO



\$150: A NEW OUTFIT



\$200: A MONTH OF TAKE OUT



\$250: TWO BROADWAY THEATRE TICKETS



\$500: A WEEKEND GETAWAY



Please consider making a sacrifice today.

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others,  
for with such sacrifices God is pleased."  
—Hebrews 13:16*

**TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT, VISIT**

[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

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