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## 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)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER –DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today's scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories "recorded to help you believe," as the passage from John's Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles' faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John's mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, "Once I was dead, but now I live" (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

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Sunday April 3rd, 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Weekend of  
April 10th  
Second Collection  
For the Archdiocese  
of the Military*

## 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 apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

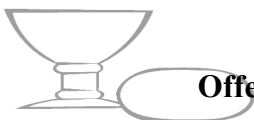
- Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)
- Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
- Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

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

**For the Intentions of  
Maureen Kiernan**



Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

**SANCTUARY LAMP  
In Memory of  
Diarmuid O'Connell  
Offered by Sushani Joseph**



**Mass Schedule**

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 PM	<b>April 2nd</b> Edward Barr	<b>Vigil</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 12 NOON Stephen	<b>April 3rd</b> Adelaide Glasson Roseanne Murphy Teresa Mooney (L) (at St Stephen's) Parishioners of St Monica, St of Hungary & St Elizabeth of Hungary	<b>2nd SUNDAY Of EASTER</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>April 4th</b> Roseanne Murphy Vincent Romano	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>April 5th</b> Roseanne Canning Murphy Bernice and Peter Hogan Jr.	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>April 6th</b> Marie Emma Thanksgiving to St Agata	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>April 7th</b> Maria Alvarez (Living) Kathy LeHane	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>APRIL 8th</b> Janet Dunn Sacred Heart of Jesus	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12 NOON	<b>APRIL 9th</b> Living and Deceased Members of the Frazetta Family	<b>EASTER WEEKDAY</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers**  
Sylvia Borde, Anne J.W., Sister Monserat  
and  
All victims of Military Activity

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*Epipania Dahil , Diarmund O'Connell,  
Patrick Reynolds  
"I've gone to prepare a place for you."*

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

## Celebrating 25 Years of God's Grace

*On June 1st, 1991, the Sisters of Life were founded by His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor, the then-Archbishop of New York. On that day eight women entered the fledgling community that has now grown to nearly 100 members.*

### **25th Anniversary Celebration in NYC**

June 1st, 2016

ALL ARE WELCOME!!! Holy Sacrifice of the  
Mass

10:30 am at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Main Celebrant Timothy Cardinal Dolan

Followed by a BLOCK PARTY celebration  
from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

51st Street, between 9th and 10th Ave, NYC  
(weather permitting).



As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your blessings and make a gift to the 2016 *Cardinal's Appeal*.

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.

## What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Among all of the elements of devotion to The Divine Mercy requested by our Lord through St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the Feast of Mercy holds first place. The Lord's will with regard to its establishment was already made known in His first revelation to the saint, as recorded in her *Diary*. In all, there were 14 revelations concerning the desired feast.

Our Lord's explicit desire is that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. This Sunday is designated in "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist" as the "Octave Day of Easter." It was officially called the *Second Sunday of Easter* after the liturgical reform of Vatican II. Now, by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day

has been changed to: "Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday."



### ***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.***

**Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We return to our reflections on the rites of marriage with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church in regard to the sacrament of marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching. In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: to be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be announced three weeks in advance to the community, and recorded in a register. In some places in the world, the “banns” are still posted in the public square. In the United States, parishes sometimes publish the “banns” in the bulletin.

Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, “If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married . . .” This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliff-hanger out of our public prayer.

**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.**

**The Annunciation of Our Lord Monday, April 3rd**

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

**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.



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March 15, 2016

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Dear Father Don, Staff, and Parishioners,


Greetings from The Dwelling Place!

It was truly a joy to be with all of you this past weekend, March 12-13, 2016. Thank you for welcoming Sister Nancy and I among you and for giving us the opportunity to share our mission and make an appeal for support. The spirit of your parish community is inspiring.

To date the donations received have totaled \$3,934.00, a true blessing for us! Thank you. Your generosity offers hope and courage to the women whom we serve.

May this coming Holy Week and Easter season be a time of grace, peace, and blessing for each of you. Please keep us in prayer and know that we will be doing the same for you.

With sincere gratitude,

  
Sister Joann Sambs, CSA  
Administrator

*Thank you!*