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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

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD AT 5 PM SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called "father" in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God's call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham's faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

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Sunday August 7th, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Today's Second
Collection is
For the churches in
Latin America &
Home Missions*

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 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

**Fr Baker's column
returns this week**

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St Elizabeth of Hungary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Dominic
- Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
- Wednesday: St. Lawrence
- Thursday: St. Clare
- Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- Saturday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

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



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. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday (Monday through Friday) at 3 PM..

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	August 6th	Vigil
5:30 PM	Brian Thompson	
SUNDAY	August 7th	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Kevin Kennedy	
9:00 AM	Michael Moroney	
10:30 AM	Joseph & Rose Geosits	
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary & St Elizabeth of Hungary	
MONDAY	August 8th	St Dominic
7:30 AM	Robert Anderson	
12 NOON	Diego Fernando Barjuch	
TUESDAY	August 9th	Weekday
7:30 AM	Agnes Shea	
12 NOON	Thanksgiving to St Agata	
WEDNESDAY	August 10th	St Lawrence
7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving	
12 NOON	Kevin Kennedy	
THURSDAY	August 11th	St Clare
7:30 AM	Souls In Purgatory	
12 NOON	Lars Mattson	
FRIDAY	August 12th	Weekday
7:30 AM	Priests of St Monica's	
12 NOON	Tommy Delissio	
SATURDAY	August 13th	Weekday
12 NOON	John Flack	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers

Frannie Finlay, Kim Stembridge, Maria Cianci, Richard DeLong

and All victims of Military Activity

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

Gervacio Moreno Sr., Rosalie M. Patitucci
"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

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

Please call the rectory office 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.

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

MASS BOOK 2017

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open.

At the Offertory of the Mass, the prayers of the church on earth are united with the church in heaven. An appropriate way to remember our beloved dead is through the offering of a Mass intention. What better way for us to show our loved ones just how much they mean to us.



SAVE THE DATES

September 26th-29th
Back by Popular Demand

Icon Painting Workshop/Retreat

Peter Pearson, Iconographer

More information forthcoming in the next few weeks..

Just a word

From Your Pastor 8/7/2016

Home

After a month of working and living in Germany, I arrived home last Monday night. Thank you to everyone who wrote and told me how much they enjoyed hearing my reports from Germany. There is a lot more to tell, and perhaps some stories from that time will make their way into future homilies.

Summer Mode

It is commonly said that people have no idea of what priests do. They presume we work on Sundays and play golf Monday through Friday – especially during the summer when school and other programs go on hiatus.

Only if that were true! I returned to a rectory, which among other things is busy beyond belief, preparing for the coming year. For starters:

Religious Education

We have been announcing for some time that come fall we will be offering religious education, K-8. We have had a lot of inquiries – but only a few registrations. NOW is the time for parents to begin registering. Why early registration? Because we need to order books and other supplies, as well as begin to figure out how many teachers we need. IF YOU ARE THINKING of enrolling your children in religious education, please call the rectory and ask to speak to Maryann Tyrer, our pastoral associate.

RCIA

It has been the custom of St. Monica's to begin the process whereby people receive their sacraments and enter the Church as adults in November or December. THIS YEAR WE ARE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER. If you are interested in being baptized, receiving first communion and or confirmation as an adult; if you are not Catholic and want to be, please contact either Maryann or me as soon as possible.

The Move

For some time, you have been hearing about our plans to repurpose the old St. Monica's Convent as a parish center. The first stage in that process is about to happen. In my absence, the convent offices and public spaces have been renovated and we are moving the parish offices at the end of August. There will be more information on that in the next couple of weeks, but as of September 6th, for mass cards, appointments with the priest, for class registration – for everything parish related – the place to go will be the old convent next to the Caedmon School on East 80th.

The New Name

As of September 1 the civil incorporation of our merged parish should be complete. The name will be *The Roman Catholic Church of St. Monica – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – St. Stephen of Hungary*.

Father Baker

Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's "Treasure" noted that the official headgear of the pope, the tiara, has been set aside in favor of the miter. Although Pope Paul VI had a coronation in 1963 to begin his ministry as pope, he later gave his tiara away to the Catholics of the United States as a stimulus to end poverty. He took care to say that he was not abolishing the tradition of coronation, but his successor, Pope John Paul I, decided to have an inauguration to begin his tragically short term. His successors have chosen inauguration as well. Pope John Paul II felt that a return to the coronation custom would be inappropriate since the Church was mourning the sudden death of a man already nicknamed "The Laughing Pope."

So the end of coronations came about not because Paul VI gave the crown away. There are more than twenty tiaras on hand at the Vatican. One is used every year to crown the famous statue of St. Peter, whose sandaled foot has been eroded to a bright shine by the hands of millions of pilgrims. Today, it is left to the individual pope to decide whether he will begin his formal reign with a coronation or an inauguration. Pope Benedict chose an inauguration, as did Pope Francis.

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Classes will begin at the end of September/ beginning of October
 Contact the rectory for more information



With the summer heat upon us, there will be no Senior Ministry Mass for the month of August. Keep checking this space for upcoming events and information.

Religious Ed Corner

August 7th, 2016

"The times we live in do not call for young "couch potatoes" but for young people with shoes, or better, boots laced. It only takes players on the first string, and it has no room for bench-warmers. Today's world demands that you be a protagonist of history because life is always beautiful when we choose to live it fully, when we choose to leave a mark. History today calls us to defend our dignity and not to let others decide our future. As he did on Pentecost, the Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today. And he wants to build that world with you."
 - Pope Francis, World Youth Day Prayer Vigil, July 30, 2106

Ongoing faith formation for ALL ages will better prepare us to accept this call to action of our Holy Father! A staff member will be available after all weekend Masses to accept registrations for our Parish Religious Education Program for grades K-8, including sacramental preparation. Sessions begin on September 18, but we really do need registrations in advance so that we can order supplies. Adult Religious Education will also be offered – stay tuned for details! And we still have some openings for catechists and other volunteers!

Religious Education 2016-17

St. Monica's - St. Stephen's - St. Elizabeth's
 is beginning a religious education program this fall!!!

Classes run K through 8th Grade - Includes First Communion and Confirmation preparation.

REGISTRATION BEGINS June 1st!

For more information call 1.212.288.6250



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdioceses of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 x 2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

IN SUPPORT OF THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA, ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY, & ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, 12 P.M.-8 P.M.
 & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MONICA AUDITORIUM 413 E. 79TH ST., N.Y.C.

WWW.STMONICASBAZAAR.ORG

The annual St Monica Christmas Bazaar , the biggest fundraiser of the year for our combined parishes will be held for 2 days this year, on Saturday November 19th from 12-8 PM, and Sunday November 20th from 10 AM-6 PM. The Bazaar will include a wide variety of craft vendors, our Parish sponsored Flea Market, amazing raffles, our famous Bazaar Bake Corner, entertainment and more.

Visit <http://stmonicany.org/st-monicas-annual-christmas-bazaar> for more info.