



# 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 (Principal Liturgy & Choir) & 5:00 PM  
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

**Weekdays:** 7:30 AM & 12 NOON **Saturdays:** 12 NOON  
CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD AT 5 PM SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN CHURCH

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

This seventh Sunday of Easter is somewhat like the proverbial “calm before the storm.” The Lord Jesus has ascended into heaven and Pentecost has not yet occurred. Rather than immediately taking up Jesus’ command to go out to all the nations, the disciples gather in the upper room “with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers” (Acts 1:14). There they all devote themselves to prayer. The Gospel recounts the great prayer for the disciples that Jesus offered to his Father in heaven. If the words of Jesus while he was on earth finally began to sink in for the disciples, then gathering to pray was certainly the right choice, for the second reading lets us all know that to follow Christ means to have a share in his sufferings.

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Sunday May 28th, 2017

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day

Monday May 29th

One Mass at 9:00 AM

Parish Office closed for  
the day

Next Week’s Second  
Collection  
Black & Indian Peoples

### CHURCH HOURS

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN  
MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY  
7 AM –5 PM  
WEDNESDAYS 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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St Elizabeth of Hungary](http://www.facebook.com/ChurchofStMonicaStStephenofHungary)

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).  
**Psalm** — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).  
**Second Reading** — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).  
**Gospel** — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25  
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day  
 Monday: Memorial Day  
 Tuesday: Shavuot (“Weeks”), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset  
 Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Thursday: St. Justin  
 Friday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Saturday

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



This week's Bread & Wine  
**IN MEMORY OF**  
**Maria Encarnacion Litrenta**  
 Offered by  
**Dr Maria Litrenta**

**Mass Schedule**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 27th</b>	<b>Vigil</b>
5:30 PM	Anna Corra ( 1st Anniversary)	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 28th</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
7:30 AM	John Rafferty	
9:00 AM	Maria Encarnacion Litrenta	
10:30 AM	Geraldine Burdette	
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Stephen of Hungary	
5:00 PM	Richard Johnson	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 29th</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
9:00 AM	Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Stephen of Hungary	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 30th</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
7:30 AM	Alice O'Donnell	
12 NOON	Mary Collins Boland	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 31st</b>	<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
7:30 AM	Marie Blecha (10th Anniversary)	
12 NOON	Michael Walsh	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>June 1st</b>	<b>St Justin</b>
7:30 AM	Ramon Maranges	
12 NOON	John Byron	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>June 2nd</b>	<b>First Friday</b>
7:30 AM	Warren McCrohan	
12 NOON	Rev Joe Francis (Living)	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>June 3rd</b>	<b>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions</b>
12 NOON	Augusta Mattu	

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers**

Rosemary Catalano, Sotero Matta, James Baker, Fr Peter Colapietro, Kevin McCarthy, Veronica Morris, Pasquale Ionta  
**AND ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY**

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Walter Lubonski

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 parish center:  
 (212) 288-6250 or  
 e-mail us at [contact@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:contact@stmonicanyc.org)*

**SPECIAL DEVOTIONS**

**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 Friday afternoon at 3 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

5:00 PM on Saturdays  
Anytime by appointment

**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 Eucharistic Minister to bring communion to them.

**DAY OF QUIET REFLECTION**

Join us Saturday, June 3rd in the parish Center from 9am to 3pm for a day of quiet and reflection in preparation of Pentecost. It will consist of Morning Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, Benediction and ample time for adoration, private prayer, spiritual reading – a time to get away for a day and spend it with the Lord. Bring your own lunch; refreshments will be provided. Please call the parish center if you'd like to attend

**FAMILY MASS**

Our last Family Mass of the School Year is Next Saturday June 3rd at 5:30 PM.

All families and parishioners are invited to attend as we celebrate the St Stephen of Hungary 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass.

**BANS OF MARRIAGE**



I. **Ryan Reville & Una Kenny**

II. **Michael Brozek & Liliana Pisani**

**BUSINESS CORNER**

**Renew & Rebuild**

Our last update for the Renew & Rebuild Campaign provided figures from April 1<sup>st</sup>. At that point, we were at a benchmark of 93% of our goal of \$926,000.

As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, the total amount pledged to the campaign is **\$919,478**. This is **98% of our goal** of \$926,000. These pledges have come from 132 of our families; we are hopeful that more of our fellow parish families will join us. A sincere thank you to all families that have sacrificed to help us reach this level of fundraising in the campaign; Father Baker and the parish administration are extremely grateful for your generosity.

Remember, once we reach the \$926,000 figure, **100%** of funds raised above this amount will stay entirely with the parish. These funds would be allocated toward air conditioning and elevators.

**ParishPay/Electronic Giving & Envelopes**

I know this topic is unpleasant for some of our parishioners as both electronic giving and envelopes have been problematic for some of you, and they should not be. I apologize that this has been the issue, and we are working in the parish office to rectify these problems.

For envelopes, FJ Remy is our supplier. We have been working with a manager in their offices, and we are going through records to make sure their mailing list matches our registration software. I expect this to be completed shortly and this should rectify most current issues.

For ParishPay users, thank you for using online giving for your support of our parish. Online giving is safe, simple, and convenient. It benefits our parish by helping to streamline our administrative process and providing more accurate budgeting. Our current online giving provider, ParishPay, has been acquired by Liturgical Publications. All ParishPay accounts will be transitioned to WeShare, LPi's online giving platform, later this summer. You do not need to do anything for this transition process. Your information, including scheduled gifts and payment source, will be transferred electronically following the strictest security protocol. Once the transition is complete, you will receive more information about how to login and manage your account on WeShare.

I know for those using electronic giving this is not great news, as we have already spent last summer dealing with a website change. LPI has assigned a specialist to the Archdiocese of NY, Kathy Minnihan. Kathy took time to come to the Parish Center and meet with me to discuss this process. I feel confident that we have better support going into this website change than we had last year.

Once we are fully on WeShare we will look to have Kathy work with us on a sign-up weekend, sometime in the fall, for those interested in using electronic giving.

As always, any questions on these, or other topics, please feel free to contact me as needed.

Mike Ward

# Invitations, News, Thoughts and Prayers

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set "formulas" for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our "bookishness" since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included.

By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider "gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying 'Amen.'" In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

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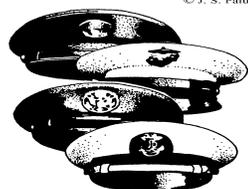
### Adult Catholic?

#### Looking for a way to learn more about your faith?

Join us on Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center for **Adult Faith Formation**. No registration required, no fees, just drop in whenever you can. We'll have the coffee on!

### Not Catholic, but curious about the Catholic faith?

Join us for **Inquiry** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of each month at 7pm in the Parish Center. No fees, no registration, just drop in for tea and discussion. Come with any questions at all!



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## Memorial Day

MONDAY, MAY 29TH  
One Mass at 9:00 AM  
Parish Center closed for the day.

# Religious Ed Corner

May 21st, 2017

### Ongoing:

- **K-8 Religious Ed**, Sundays, 10:15-11:45am, Parish Center
- **Adult Faith Formation**, Sundays, 10:15-11:45am, Parish Center
- **RCIA**, Sundays, from the noon Mass until 3:30pm, Parish Center
- **Inquiry** (for those considering becoming Catholic), 7pm, Parish Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, year-round – you may join us any time!

### Upcoming:

- **May 28 - No K-8 Religious Ed, Adult Faith Formation, or RCIA** – due to Memorial Day Weekend
- **June 18** is our final K-8 Religious Ed and Adult Faith Formation session until we resume in September. All K-8 families are asked to attend the 10:30am Mass together in the Church. A light reception will follow.

**Family Question of the Week:** As our religious education calendar winds down, how will your family continue to pray together and learn about your faith over the summer? Now is the time to begin making those plans!

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

**NEXT SUNDAY IS  
PENTACOST SUNDAY**

**WE INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS TO  
WEAR RED TO CELEBRATE**



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# Just a word

*From Your Pastor 5/28/2017 week*

## Sacraments, Sacraments, Sacraments . . .

Any of us who have protestant friends know their love of the Bible. They pray over Scripture, study it, memorize it, because they believe they hear God's Word in it to them.

We Catholics often feel self-conscious about our lack of Biblical knowledge. Some Protestants claim that for centuries the Church tried to keep people from reading and studying the Bible. However, Catholics did not emphasize the personal *reading* of Scripture because, for the first 1500 years of the church's history, most people couldn't read. By the time they could, the Protestant Reformation's insistence on individual interpretation of the Bible resulted in savage battles and the splintering of Christendom. After that, the Church was not exactly keen on personal Bible study. However, since the Second Vatican Council many Catholics have embraced Bible Study and using the Bible in prayer.

And we discover: we have ALWAYS used the Bible in our prayer - both public and private. The Mass is chock full of Scripture; the Psalms have formed the backbone of Christian prayer since Jesus, the *Our Father* comes from the gospel of Matthew (Chapter 6, verses 9-13) and the core of the *Hail Mary* comes from Luke (1:28 and 1:42). The liturgical year was developed to teach the scriptural narratives, and our churches with their stained-glass windows and artwork, illuminate the Biblical stories.

However, we Catholics understand Sacred Scripture as one dimension of the way God Reveals who God is to us. We have Jesus. His actions, his words, his LIFE are God's revelation to us. HE is God's word made flesh (John 1). The Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, but so do the things our Church does because Jesus did them. Some things, such as sharing bread and wine in memory of him, or washing people with water in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit are directly commanded by Jesus in Scripture. Others, such as healing and forgiving, sharing God's spirit through the laying on of hands and prayer or marriage, continue the ministry of Jesus, and thus reveal his will for his people.

**Sacraments.** The word originally meant a sacred commitment made by a believer. In the Christian Tradition, they are *also* a commitment made to the believer by God, which reveals God's. They are thus the continuation of the presence and ministry of Jesus.

Protestants have sacraments. Some have two, others four. Centuries ago the Church decided on seven, but that was only because we wanted to define sure places where we could encounter God's presence and action in the world. For some protestant communities Sacraments are as important as they are for Catholics; though protestant emphasis on the Word sometimes lessens the roll that they play in their faith lives.

**For Catholics, however Word and Sacrament belong together.** The words of Sacred Scripture are sacramental and the sacraments are visible, tangible words. They are two expressions of that **ONE** Word, Jesus Christ, who reveals God to us, and invites us into a relationship with God.

Spring is sacrament season in our parish, especially First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms and Weddings. To all those who taught and served and sang to make these celebrations possible, thank you! to all those who received the sacraments this month, congratulations! In our reception the Sacraments we hear, taste, eat, drink, smell and feel God's Word made flesh in Jesus. In our participation in the Sacraments we share his life with others.

Father Baker