

Church of Saint Monica Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Saint Stephen of Hungary

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The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 14th, 2018

Office Hours

Our Offices are open:

Mo. 9am – 5pm
Tu.-Th. 9am – 7pm
Fri. Closed
Sat. 10am -2pm
Sun. Closed

Our offices close for lunch:
1pm – 2pm daily

Parish Staff

Pastor

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Deacon

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 12:00pm Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm

Monday – Friday: 7:30 & 12:00pm

Confessions:

Saturday 5:00 – 5:30pm and by appointment

Our church is open: 7am – 4pm daily for private prayer



St. Stephen of Hungary School

Pre-K through 8th Grade Catholic Parochial School

408 East 82nd St., New York, NY 10028

(212) 288-1989 Fax: (212) 517 – 5788

Principal:

Ms. Kelly Burke

www.saintstephenschool.org

Interested in admissions to our parish school?

admissions@saintstephenschool.org

MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Monica, St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Stephen of Hungary opens its doors to welcome and embrace all in our community. We strive through worship, hospitality and service to receive those seeking a spiritual home. In the midst of diversity of thought, life style, nationality, economic status and age, we endeavor to live as a community of faith and invite you to join our family - a family seeking to know and love Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).
Psalm -- Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).
Second Reading -- Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).
Gospel -- It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY *October 13th Vigil*
5:30PM *Arlene Hardy*

SUNDAY *October 14th The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30AM *George O'Neill*
9:00AM *Joan Laurain*
10:30AM *Hannah Klug*
12NOON *All Parishioners*
5PM *Helen & John Black & Family*

MONDAY *October 15th St. Teresa of Jesus*
7:30AM *Brian Thompson*
12NOON *Joseph Catalano (Living)*

TUESDAY *October 16th Weekday*
7:30AM *Patricia Murphy*
12NOON *Dr. Jose A. Lopez Ovejero*

WEDNESDAY *October 17th St. Ignatius*
7:30 AM *Juanita Gusmanes*
12NOON *Mary Ann Barranco-Byrne*

THURSDAY *October 18th St. Luke*
7:30AM *Juanita Gusmanes*
12NOON *Deceased members of the Bujaki Family*

FRIDAY *October 19th Ss. John & Isaac*
7:30AM *Pablo Damian Litrenta (Living)*
12NOON *Mike Funicane*

SATURDAY *October 20th Weekday*
12NOON *Mary McCarthy*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Teresa of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Thursday: St. Luke
Friday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Saturday: St. Paul of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary

*If you wish to add the name of a loved one to the prayer list, please notify the parish center:
(212) 288-6250*



K-8 Religious Education

- **Registration will close November 1st!** Please come by the Parish Center to register your child(ren) *as soon as possible* for K-8 Religious Education and/or Sacramental Preparation. You must re-register each year.
- **Upcoming dates:**
 - Parent Meeting this Sunday!** – during Religious Education on October 14, 10:15-11:45am
 - Family Faith Formation**, Saturday, November 3, 2-5pm in the Parish Center – save the date – more info to follow!
 - No Religious Education or Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, November 4**, due to NYC Marathon road closures

Sacramental Preparation for Children and Teens Not in Catholic School

- **First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation**

The Archdiocese of New York requires **two years** of either Catholic School or Parish Religious Education **before** the reception of **First Communion** (2nd grade or up) or **Confirmation** (8th grade or up). Please register your children NOW in Religious Education! Registration closes on November 1st!

Adult Faith Formation – open to all adults!

- Sunday Morning **Scripture Discussions** resume on October 21, 10:15-11:45am
- Friday **Evening Prayer** in the chapel begins on October 5 at 5:10pm

Adults who are thinking about becoming Catholic, or Catholic adults who are missing First Communion and/or Confirmation - contact Maryann Tyrer, Pastoral Associate, to discuss our adult initiation process. You can begin the process any time throughout the year.

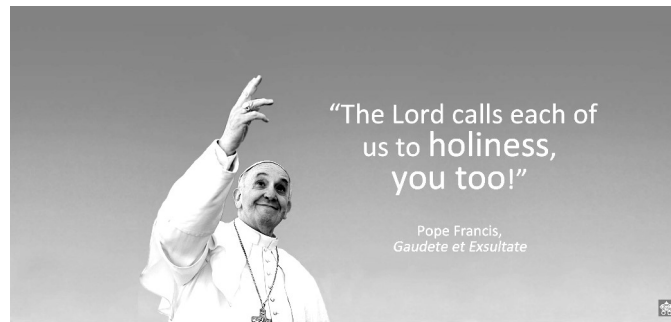
Want to volunteer? Yes, we need more volunteers! Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.

Rejoice always,
Pray without ceasing,
In everything *Give Thanks*;
For this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus
for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Evening Prayer in the Parish Center Chapel each Friday at 5:10pm.

All are welcome! It is a simple prayer service, lasting 15-20 minutes, consisting of psalms, readings, and pauses for quiet prayer.

It is a lovely way to end your work week. Please consider joining us!



“Rejoice and Be Glad: The Call to Holiness”

- An Adult Faith Formation Mini-series led by our clergy and lay pastoral staff
- Continues on Thursday evenings: **October 18** (Fr. Baker, presenting), **October 25** (Maryann Tyrer presenting), **November 1** (John Zupan presenting), and **November 8** (Msgr. Ivers presenting) in the Angelo Room of the Parish Center (406 E. 80th St.)
- Begins at 6pm with a light dinner
- Continues with reflection and discussion on *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)* – the latest Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis
- Concludes with Night Prayer at 8:30pm
- No charge to attend, so please save the dates and join us! Please RSVP to the parish center so we can prepare enough food and supplies.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers

**Anthony Lekay, Elena Rivera,
Jennifer Demello,**

**Matt McCarthy, Lyn Scheuring, Megan
Driscoll & Anita Devaney**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members*

*Aaron Burchette, Edward Moreno,
Lexi Ambadjes & Jose Gutierrez*

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine
In Memory of Dr. Jose A. Lopez
Ovejero

Offered By Maria Litrenta

Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp
Intentions for Joseph Catalano

Offered by Joseph Catalano

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

They say that it is not so much that Columbus discovered America, but rather that after he arrived, the new world "stayed discovered." The sponsorship of Ferdinand and Isabella assured that the news would flash around Europe with an air of authority that other "discoverers" lacked. One of the oft-mentioned early visitors is Saint Brendan the Navigator, a sixth-century Irish monk who had trouble staying at home. He is said to have sailed to "the Isle of the Blessed" in a leather-bound boat, and to have been away from his monastery for seven years. Upon his return, the stories of adventures to a new land attracted pilgrims to his monastery in the Blasket Islands, off the west coast of Ireland. Columbus is said to have referred to The Voyage of Saint Brendan, a very popular adventure in those days. Only after his American journey is Brendan said to have gone to tamer lands to the east, England and Scotland.

In 1976, Tim Severin set out on a two-year voyage to America from Ireland in a leather-bound boat, traveling in summer and hopscoching from the Faroes to Iceland to Newfoundland, and encountering along the way exactly what Saint Brendan describes: icebergs, whales, and porpoises. Scholars warn not to dismiss this too quickly: just as the ancient Egyptian monks sought to live in the desert, for the Celtic monks exile in a boat was the Irish equivalent. Five centuries after Brendan, other Irish monks may have visited here as a refuge from Viking terror.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF NY

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact

Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at
212-371-1000 x 2949. She may be reached
via e-mail at victimsassistance@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.

The Parish of St. Monica, St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
St. Stephen of Hungary

Annual Christmas Bazaar



*St Monica Church Hall
413 East 79th Street*

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11th, 2018
9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

WANT TO HELP YOUR PARISH?

PRIZE RAFFLES

We're looking for donations of new merchandise/gift cards/
Electronics/ Dinners and services to raffle off.

FLEA MARKET

We need new or slightly used items for our Flea
Market.....artwork, jewelry, dinnerware, gift items.

FRESH BAKED GOODS

How about baking something special for our Bakery?

VOLUNTEERS/VENDORS

We're also looking for volunteers to help us the day of the event
& outside vendors to rent tables

For all information , please e-mail christmas_bazaar@stmonicanyc.org or call the parish office at (212) 288-6250.

Just a word

From your Pastor October 14th, 2018

Ministry Month

When I was a little kid, I was stubborn. I did not like to be moved beyond my comfort zone. I wanted to visit places I knew, eat food I liked, and be with people I trusted. I don't know why. Probably it was some type of control issue. But I know that time and time again, when we would visit someplace different, eat a food I'd never had or meet different people in new situations, my parents would plead with me, "Donald, try it, you'll like it!"

. . . but I wouldn't. And I didn't until I was out of the home and at college. It was then that I realized something that has proven true for the rest of my life: that I had it backward. I thought I had to like it before I would try it. But in reality, there was so much out there that I would like, that would make my life more meaningful, that I had not yet tried. And the only way was to try it – and then see if I liked it.

For many people this is second nature. We try new things, learn new lessons, and in that way grow and mature.

. . . but then we come to church. We sit in the pews, maybe sing, listen, pray and leave. It is what we do, it is what we have always done. It is the way we express our faith and find meaning and support in our lives – it is our comfort zone.

And then Father Baker and others stand up and start talking about serving at the altar; about helping with communion, about reading, singing and greeting people at the door with a smile and a worship aid. "Ugh" we think. "Just another priest trying to get us to do his job."

. . . except for I am not. These are not my jobs. I do them of course, but my job is to encourage you to do them. My job is to challenge you to see things like reading at mass, helping with communion, singing in the choir serving at the altar and greeting visitors at the door as expressions of who we are as baptized Catholics.

Although we might like to think that the parish should serve us, and be there for us when we need it, in point of fact the parish would not exist at all without the help of so many of our generous members, who do the things they do. You make it possible for the priests to do what WE are called to do. And together we build up this community.

All this month you will be hearing from parishioners who have answered the call to serve in some parish ministry. Last week we heard from altar servers. This week it will be communion helpers. Each week for the next several weeks we will be inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and serve.

Why? Because who knows? A challenge to try something new isn't the worst thing in the world. By giving, not money, but time and talent, we move beyond our comfort zone, and discover new things about ourselves. Things that ultimately make our faith life more fulfilling.

It is strange, when you think of it. We are taught that we have to get things to live a full life. But really the reverse is true – it is only when we give that we discover what it means to live.

It is amazing how what goes around comes around. At the age of 58 I find myself saying to all of you what was said to me. Consider giving some of your time to the parish by serving as a parish minister – an altar server, lector, Eucharistic Minister, choir member or greeter.

Don't want to move out of your comfort zone? Try it, I guarantee you'll like it.

Father Baker