

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

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The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 30th, 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

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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?

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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 -- Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm -- The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading -- Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel -- Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	September 29th Vigil <i>Otelio Colon</i>
SUNDAY 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	September 30th The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Frank Trinkle</i> <i>Christopher Wagner</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>McGowan Family</i>
MONDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	October 1st St. Therese of the Child Jesus <i>Kavanaugh Family</i> <i>John Reynolds</i>
TUESDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	October 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels <i>Mary Halton (Living)</i> <i>Mrs. Helen Trainor</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 12NOON	October 3rd Weekday <i>Walter & Mary Ferber</i> <i>Denis Tyrer</i>
THURSDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	October 4th St. Francis of Assisi <i>Mary O'Donoghue</i> <i>Frances, Gladys & Jacky Marzek</i>
FRIDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	October 5th Weekday <i>Terry Mason</i> <i>Teresa Golden</i>
SATURDAY 12NOON	October 6th Weekday <i>Joseph O'Mara (Living)</i>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Tuesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Thursday: St. Francis of Assisi
Friday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos;
First Friday
Saturday: St. Bruno;
Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher;
First Saturday; 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*

LIFELONG *Faith Formation*

K-8 Religious Education

- **Registration** is now open. Please come by the Parish Center to register your child(ren) *as soon as possible*. Registration will close November 1st!
- **Upcoming dates:**
 - ◇ **First Religious Education Session** – Sunday, October 7, 10:15-11:45am
 - ◇ **Parent Meeting** – during Religious Education on October 14

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!

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.

Please note: Maryann Tyrer will be in Germany (with the parish tour group) September 12-25. She'll respond to messages upon her return. The office receptionists can accept your registration materials in her absence. Thank you!

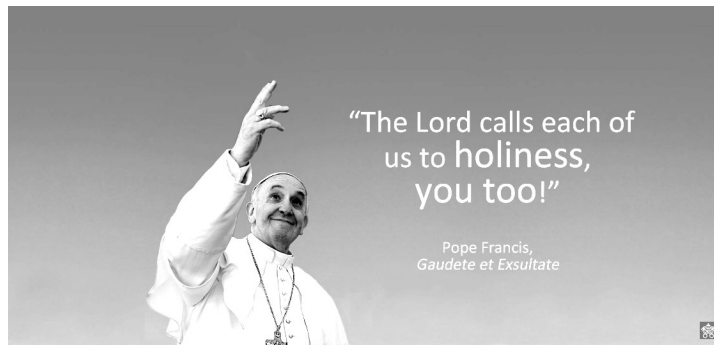
Blessing
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ANIMALS



**Saturday, Oct. 6, 12:30pm,
Front steps of the Church**

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

Beginning on Friday, October 5, we will have 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!



Coming in October and November – “Rejoice and Be Glad: The Call to Holiness”

- An Adult Faith Formation Mini-series led by our clergy and lay pastoral staff
- Thursday evenings: **October 4, 11, 25, and November 1 and 8** 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!

Also coming up on Saturday, October 13, 9-3 in the Parish Center:

The Sounds of Silence – a quiet retreat facilitated by Msgr. Ivers, includes Mass, Adoration, Benediction, and time for silent prayer and reading.

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

**Aaron Burchette, Anita Devaney,
Richard Baldwin, Lyn Scheuring,
Anita Devaney, Richard Baldwin &
Csiki Fudit**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members*

*Charles Szivos, Iris Horowitz,
William McKinnon & Gladys Marco*

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine
In Memory of Edward Moreno

Offered By Msgr. Ivers

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

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BANS OF MARRIAGE



II. Christopher Blass
&
Lauren Canetti

FAMILY MASS

**Our next Family Mass will be
Saturday, October 6th, at 5:30PM**



All Families & Parishioners are invited

PASTOR COLUMN'S NOTICE

The pastor's column on the next page is a reprint of a column Father Baker wrote in August. The column ties in very well with his columns from the previous two weeks, and knowing that not everyone may have seen this as our summer schedules take us out of our normal routine, the parish office thought it made sense to reprint it.

As this bulletin is being completed Father Baker is still in Germany. But, by the time you are reading this you may have just heard him speak at mass today. The columns from the last three weeks all tie into a theme to which you will hear Father speak more too in the coming weeks.

Have a great week!

Mike Ward

Just a word

From Your Pastor August 12th, 2018

Religion in the Church and Out

While many of you will see me this weekend, and may even be looking at me as you read this in the pew, as I write I am *just after coming back* from Ireland (I learned that phrase from the Irish – I love it). After my two weeks in Germany, during which I worked, I took a three day mini-vacation in Dublin.

Dublin is beautiful, with new transit systems and highways and a growing tech industry. Ireland's economy barely survived the great recession, but it is back and booming – with one exception: the Church. Churches once full, are now empty. Maynooth Seminary, which once prepared scores of men for priesthood, had just 14 in the 2016 class- for all of Ireland. And of course the priests there are ageing. Everyone I spoke to said it was over for the Church in Ireland.

And yet. Despite the fact everyone has condemned the Church to death, somehow they cannot stop talking about it! Sooner or later, everyone I spoke to, be it in the street, at home or in a pub (Yes I went to pubs) brought up the Church – even when they did not know what my profession was. They criticized, they argued pros and cons of Church teaching, they spoke about their memories of growing up in the Church, and told me why they have left.

And yet. If they can't stop talking about it, have they really left? The Pope is coming to Ireland in August for the World Meeting of Families. Everyone is talking about the visit. Even the tour guide on a day-long bus trip I took worked a 10 minute monologue into his spiel dealing with his opinions about the Church, the pope, the bishops, celibacy, women's ordination, marriage, and abortion as we passed the stadium where the pope will celebrate mass. You might think I was aggravated by this, (and I was a bit) but I was also fascinated. People may have left the Church but it has not left them. They may be critical and angry, but questions about faith and its meaning are still present. They would say that the Church doesn't want to listen - so they seek answers elsewhere.

Why do I share this with you? Because although the Catholic Church is somewhat stronger here, that is largely due to Latino immigration. In every other indication, from the size of our seminaries to the people in the pews, we are experiencing the same trends. There are many who believe (and many who hope) that it is over for the Church in the US as well.

And yet. Those questions of faith that I kept running into in Ireland are present here. I know that because very often people bring them up with me. And in thinking about those questions, both here and in Ireland, I wonder what our response should be.

Yes. OUR response. Because people do not listen to institutions any more. The continuing scandals in the Church have seen to that. If those questions of faith and meaning which still so occupy people's minds are to find any real answer, it will not come from the pope's pronouncements or a bishop's letter. They may be interesting, even helpful, but they are answers to questions that people might not even be asking.

No, if the Church is ever going to be able to respond, what we need to learn to do is listen. To let them talk and do not judge, and then when it is appropriate share with them how we understand their question, and how we answer it for ourselves, as Catholics.

The Pope talks repeatedly about this. He says the Church is called to journey with people in their lives listening and sharing the Catholic faith as our source of meaning and life.

But when he speaks of the Church he means all of us. Sure priests, popes and bishops need to listen. But so do we all. Because it is not true that people no longer believe. They want to believe; what they don't believe is that there are any credible answers to their questions, and that those who claim to have the answers will listen to them.

So this year we as a parish will continue to try – to listen. Our parish council will run more focus groups. Msgr. Ivers and I will continue to encourage people to give feedback on our homilies. We will continue to invite people to the RCIA and adult faith formation classes and groups where they can ask their questions and wrestle with finding their answers. We will listen to you – as many as wish to speak.

But as good as all this is, it is nothing without the listening we all do – or need to do. Because there are still people asking questions. You would not be sitting in the pew reading this if you did not somehow find answers to those questions here. That happens because we try to listen. Imagine what would happen if all of us did – and from the greeting we give people at the door to the welcome at mass, to the invitation to get involved and the encouragement to serve here all of it was done with an ear to what people are really looking for, and with an invitation to continue that search here. Maybe then much of the religion that gets practiced outside the Church might find its root inside it again.

Father Baker