

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

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The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- November 11th, 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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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

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Principal:

Ms. Kelly Burke

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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 -- The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalm -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading -- Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel -- This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY November 10th Vigil
5:30PM Martin Yoon (Living)

SUNDAY November 11th The Thirty
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30AM John W. Shimkus
9:00AM Ruth Farley
10:30AM Chris Wagner
12NOON All Parishioners
5PM John & Theresa LaVallo

MONDAY November 12th St. Josaphat
9:00AM Chris Wagner

TUESDAY November 13th St. Frances
Xavier Cabrini
7:30AM Richard Zurazynski (Living)
12NOON Joseph Cashin

WEDNESDAY November 14th Weekday
7:30 AM Richie Guiga
12NOON Josefa Ortiz Litrenta (Living)

THURSDAY November 15th Weekday
7:30AM Tony Mule
12NOON Peter Flood

FRIDAY November 16th Weekday
7:30AM Bernadette Yoon (Living)
12NOON Brian Thompson

SATURDAY November 17th St. Elizabeth
of Hungary
12NOON Rosalie Palazzo

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Veterans Day;
Monday: St. Josaphat
Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Thursday: St. Albert the Great
Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

*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

- **Upcoming dates:**

- ◇ **Religious Education for K-8** meets in the Parish Center, 10:15-11:45 – November 11 and 18, December 2, 9, and 16
- ◇ **No Religious Education or Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, November 25**, due to Thanksgiving weekend.
- ◇ **First Penance** is on December 1st – please keep our parish and school children in your prayers as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time!

Adult Faith Formation – open to all adults!

- Sunday Morning **Scripture Discussions** continues 10:15-11:45am – join us for coffee and conversation every Sunday that Religious Education is in session! No charge, no registration needed. (November 11 & 18, December 2, 9, 16)
- Friday **Evening Prayer** in the chapel at 5:10pm – all are welcome!
- **Advent Evening Prayer and Scripture Reflections** – 7pm in the Parish Center Chapel, November 29, December 6, 13, and 20. Please join us for any or all of these evenings.
- *Sounds of Silence Quiet Retreat Day* – Saturday, December 8, 9-3pm in the Parish Center. No charge, but please bring your own lunch.

Adults who are thinking about becoming Catholic, or

Catholic adults who have missed First Communion and/or Confirmation

contact Maryann Tyrer, Pastoral Associate, to discuss our adult initiation process. You can begin the process any timethroughout the year.

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

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!

Advent is just down the road....



Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection:

- Thursday Evening **Prayer and Scripture Reflections** – 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center Chapel – November 29, December 6, 13, and 20.
- Friday **Evening Prayer** – 5:10pm in the Parish Center Chapel – every Friday except November 23.
- *Sounds of Silence* - quiet retreat day led by Msgr. Ivers, 9am-3pm on Saturday, December 8 in the Parish Center
- **Reconciliation Monday** – December 17, 3-8pm – Confessions heard in the church

THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARIST

(From <https://churchpop.com/2015/11/25/the-eucharist-is-the-ultimate-thanksgiving-literally/>)

Every November, in the United States, millions of people celebrate the holiday *Thanksgiving*. For many faiths, the act of giving thanks to God is important. For Catholics, it is the name we give to the most important thing we do: the Eucharist. Catholics believe that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. At Mass, his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross is re-presented. In doing this, we remember and participate in his sacrifice. But most of all, we are giving God thanks. And that's exactly what the word Eucharist means: *thanksgiving*. Literally: the Greek word for Eucharist, εὐχαριστία, means "thanksgiving." It was a common term for communion in the early Church, and is even associated with communion in the Bible. For example, in 1 Corinthians 10.16 it reads: "Is not the cup of **thanksgiving** [εὐχαριστία] for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" So every time Catholics go to Mass, at the center of their worship is the ultimate Thanksgiving.

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 Corradini, Sr. Cecilia O'Connor,
Esther Byrne, Mary Corvino, Lillian Banks,
Bette Diwing & Catalina Parra**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and family members

*Nancy Connon, Amy Connallon, Nidia Caba,
Irene Barczewski, Sheila Foley Crane,
Msgr. Thomas Leonard, James Knapp &
Andrea Placenti*

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine Intentions for Maureen Kiernan
Offered By Kitty O'Donoghue

Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for The O'Mara Family
Offered by kitty O'Donoghue

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Our 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

will be November 22nd at the
St. Stephen School Auditorium.

Ticket are on sale now at the Parish Center
for a donation of \$5.00.

Please come and enjoy dinner with
our community

SENIOR MINISTRY NEWS

ACTIVITIES/ NOVEMBER

ALL ARE INVITED TO:

1)THE SENIOR NOON MASS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018
FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION
“ CHURCH REFORM “
ANGELO ROOM OF THE
PARISH CENTER

2)SHOWING OF THE MOVIE
“ROMERO”
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018
THE ANGELO ROOM OF THE
PARISH CENTER
1 PM POTLUCK LUNCH;
2 PM FILM BEGINS

‘ROMERO’ is a moving look at the life of recently canonized Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who made the ultimate sacrifice in a passionate stand against oppression in his country. A Paulist Picture
PLEASE JOIN US



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Cocktail Party & Silent Auction

On December 15, 2018, the parish is hosting its annual Christmas Cocktail Party & Silent Auction, from 5:30-7:30.

Tickets to this event cost \$100 and are currently available in the parish office (limit of 75 available). The ticket gets you access to a two-hour cocktail party where you can be on various goods and services.

The ticket also includes a VIP Seat to the Annual Christmas Concert that night at 8pm in the church.

For more information please contact the parish office.



Just a word

From your Pastor November 11th, 2018

The Future

Back when I was a kid, I watched *the Jetsons*. That Saturday morning cartoon portrayed a vision of the future filled with automatic flying cars, robotic personal assistants, cheap energy and an endless abundance of goods and services. Nowadays our vision of the future is far darker, filled with energy shortages, government surveillance and climate change.

Which future will prove true? As with most competing visions probably a mixture of both. Perhaps one day **Alexa** will order us a self-driving **Uber** so we can visit our friend's new **beachfront condo** on 34th and 6th!

It is hard to know what our future holds. But when Jesus speaks of the future, as he does in the mass readings at this time of year, he tells us to be awake, to be alert, to read the signs of the times and be ready.

One sign of the times is something that I discussed with the parish council last month. That is the number of priests.

First some background. The large number of American priests in the 20th century was an outlier – it was produced by the tight-knit, immigrant communities of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, which had large families and were proud when one of their sons became a priest.

The Second World War changed that. The postwar years saw a boom in vocations, but that crested in the mid to late 50s (New York's biggest ordination class was 1955). Most young men returning from the war moved away from their immigrant neighborhoods to the suburbs. The GI bill gave them the opportunity to get an education and they wanted even more for their children.

They still respected the Church and attended mass in high numbers (as late as 1970 48% of US Catholics were in mass every Sunday). However, the 1960s brought a changed relationship to authority of all kinds – including the Church. Catholic families grew smaller. Fewer Catholic families were willing to support a priestly vocation for a son when he was their only son. Moreover, the controversies surrounding the Pill and Catholic leadership's support for the Vietnam War shattered the respect many young Catholics felt for their Church.

Fewer people came regularly to mass. Seminaries emptied out. This has continued.

In 2017 the percentage of US Catholics who attended mass regularly was 23%.

In 1970 the number of Catholic priests stood at 59,192. In 2017 it was 37,181.

This year our seminary has 17 seminarians for New York in total.

What does this mean for the future? Certainly, fewer priests. Probably fewer parishes. When I became a priest in 1995, we had 411 parishes. We now have 296. We can probably expect more consolidations and closures.

We do not know what our future holds. But fewer priests do not necessarily mean diminished ministry. Over the last three years we have developed a growing music ministry, a burgeoning religious education program for adults as well as children and a senior program that is the envy of many parishes. NONE of that was done by your priests, but by lay staff and volunteers. We currently have over 40 people training for various lay ministries.

I often say Catholics do not have a vocation problem. These programs prove it – more and more lay Catholics here are responding to God's call. They are God's priestly people and they are doing what priestly people do – offer their time and their talent and treasure in service.

However, the future requires we look at some of the things only priests can do: one of those things is saying mass. Church law requires that a priest say only one mass a day – two for a pastoral reason. We regularly break that law in our parish. Msgr. Ivers is part-time here. Fr. Joslin returns to his order in May 2019. I am your only full-time priest.

As a result, we need to look at the mass schedule. We currently have 6 Sunday masses (counting the 5:30pm Saturday mass) we have two daily masses, at 7:30am and 12 noon, Monday through Friday. I have asked the parish council to reflect on a change in the mass schedule that will make it possible for 2 priests to more or less handle the mass schedule. We are at the beginning stage of this discussion and will discuss it more at our November meeting. And I ask you to think about it too. My email is on the front of the bulletin and you can write me any time.

We do not know what our future holds. Maybe the Jetsons! Maybe something else. But we do know something far more important: We know **who** holds our future. When we are awake, alert, and ready; when we act rather than wait to react, and respond patiently and creatively to change, we rest in those hands which promised to hold onto us forever.

Father Baker