

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

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The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- November 18th, 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

(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 -- Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm -- You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading -- Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel -- Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY *November 17th Vigil*
5:30PM *Agnes & Timothy J. McCrohan*

SUNDAY *November 18th The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30AM *Gladys Marcus*
9:00AM *John Dalton*
10:30AM *Albert Iavarone*
12NOON *All Parishioners*
5PM *Helen & John Flack & Family*

MONDAY *November 19th Weekday*
7:30AM *Matthew Anderson*
12NOON *Thomas Ayastury Litrenta (Living)*

TUESDAY *November 20th Weekday*
7:30AM *Michael Galella*
12NOON *Hugo Alberto Litrenta (Living)*

WEDNESDAY *November 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:30 AM *Werner Hertzal*
12NOON *Bill Milan*

THURSDAY *November 22nd St. Cecilia Thanksgiving Day*
9AM *Jozsef Tomahatsh*

FRIDAY *November 23rd Weekday*
9:00AM *Msgr. Thomas Leonard*

SATURDAY *November 24th St. Andrew Dung-Lac*
12NOON *Robert Keifer*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day
Friday:	St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín
Saturday:	St. Andrew Dung and Companions

*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 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 18, December 2, 9, 16)
- **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 Evening Prayer and Scripture Reflections** – 7-8:30pm 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.
- **Reconciliation Monday** – December 17, 4-8pm – Confessions heard in the church a great way to prepare for Christmas!

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 time throughout 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.

THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARIST

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.



Christ the King – Next Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – or Christ the King Sunday. It is also the last weekend of the liturgical year. As the Church Year comes to a close, we could ask ourselves if we really put Christ first – over all worldly power – over our own personal priorities. We begin the new Church Year with the First Sunday of Advent on December 2nd. Just as we are accustomed to making New Year's resolutions on December 31st, perhaps we could make spiritual resolutions for the new Church Year – a resolution to put Christ first in our lives.



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

**Corentin Villemeur, Anthony Corradini, Sr.
& Catalina Parra**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and family members

*Judit Csiki, Bishop Robert Brucato,
Fr. Vincent Bartley,
Nancy Connon, Amy Connallon & Nidia Caba*

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine Intentions for The Breslin Family

Offered By Kitty O'Donoghue

Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for The Cahill Family

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

. November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

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Understanding Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Here in the Parish Center of St. Monica's Church
406 East 80th Street, New York, NY 10075

Presented by: Della Frazier-Rios, RN, MS former Senior VP, Director of Education and Outreach, Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter, currently representing the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias Family Support Program of NYU Langone Health.

The program content will include an explanation of Alzheimer's disease (AD), and dementia including symptoms, stages, and treatments; information about common AD behaviors; and available resources.

Air Rights Proceeds & The Parish Finance Council

The weekend of September 9th, Father Baker wrote a letter to the parish regarding the sale of the air rights of St Monica. At that time Father went into detail explaining what the air rights were/are, why we sold, the sale financials and some foreshadowing of looking ahead in the parish. Anyone that missed the letter can refer to the bulletins on the website, or contact the parish office for a copy.

I write this weekend to let you know that we met earlier this month with the archdiocese and finalized the proceeds of sale agreements. The parish and school are now both debt free. In addition to being debt free, we have set up (3) investment accounts with the Parish Assistance Corporation. These accounts will generate interest of 4% annually. The accounts are as follows:

An account for St Stephen of Hungary School of \$2,000,000, to generate annual interest of \$80,000.

An account for the parish of \$7,000,000, to generate annual interest of \$280,000.

An account in the amount of approx. \$7,500,00 (after some recent payments toward the newly renovated chapel and façade of SSH school). This account was established so that these monies are making interest until they are moved for other issues. Uses for this money include capital projects upcoming on the parish facilities as well as a \$2,000,000 allocation toward the renovation of the Francis Building at SSH school. This \$2,000,000 toward the Francis Building is an initial gift toward a larger capital campaign that will be taking place in the school in order to fund the full cost of the renovation. A portion of these monies will also be invested outside of the Parish Assistance Corporation in collaboration with the parish finance council.

The parish does in fact have a Finance Council. The council is made up of 8 of your fellow parishioners, 3 of which also have children in SSH School. The council meets quarterly with Father Baker and me in review of the parish's operational finances of the previous quarter as well as to provide insight and support toward future planning for the parish. Beginning with this fiscal year, Head of School, Kelly Burke, is also utilizing the council as a body for the school financials. A sub-committee of 3 members has been established (2 parents and 1 parishioner without children in the school) to work with Kelly and they collectively will bring discussion on school items to the larger council. It is canon law for a parish corporation to have a finance council, and while all parishes have them, their utilization in parishes vary. Here, Father Baker, Kelly and I feel very lucky to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable group and look forward to working with them as we move forward. Our next meeting will be in January and I will report back then on some more specifics to investment discussions. In the interim, anyone with questions on this section, please feel free to contact me in the parish office.

Christmas Bazaar

Last Sunday we had our Christmas Bazaar. It was another successful year, with many parishioners and community members in attendance. Thank you to all of those who donated goods and/or your time, the event does not take place without you. Also thank you to the local vendors who also graciously donated to this event.

A very special thank you to the Bazaar Committee: Arlene Leccese, Susan Leccese, Theresa Skrapits, Marcelle Ferrier, Eileen Flynn and Marie Elena Caufield, who worked for weeks ahead of time to make certain the day is a success. We are all extremely grateful for your hard work.

We raised a net profit of \$7,149. But as always, in addition to the financial benefit of the event, it served as another great day of parishioners and our neighbors joining together.

Thanksgiving

This coming Thursday is the Thanksgiving Dinner being held in the auditorium of Saint Stephen of Hungary School. As of the writing of this column there is about 60 dine-in seats left, but these tickets go fast and it is safe to say there is much less available as you read this column. Tickets are available in the parish office this week Monday-Wednesday.

Christmas Cocktail Party & Auction

On Saturday December 15th the parish is hosting a cocktail party and silent auction, and this year the event is once again in conjunction with the Christmas Concert. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$100. The ticket gets you entrance to the cocktail party, the opportunity to bid on some high-end goods and experiences, and a front row seat to the Christmas Concert following the cocktail party.

I hope each and everyone one of you have a blessed, safe & happy Thanksgiving with your friends and family!

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

Mike Ward
Parish Manager

Just a word

From your Pastor November 18th, 2018

Endings and Beginnings

In 17th Century England, the newly formed Church of England forced all its subjects to submit to its version of the Church. For a small group of nonconformists, their only solution was to leave. They set out for what was called, and they hoped would be, a New World.

Upon their arrival in Massachusetts they struggled with hunger, disease and death. But with the help of God, and the Native-Americans, they established their colony. The rest is quite literally, history. We remember that history this Thursday.

Thanksgiving is the most American of holidays – civic in nature, religious in tone, and celebrated with enormous amounts of family, food and football. We romanticize it, of course. We gloss over the hardships, the religious intolerance of the Pilgrims, their conflicts with the Indians, and we ignore what came afterward: waves of settlers who took the lands the Indians had lived on for thousands of years.

But it is important to remember what Thanksgiving celebrates. It celebrates **immigrants**, who traveled from their old world to a new one. It celebrates **refugees**, who fled oppression and sought freedom. It celebrates the **Pilgrims**, who would have never survived their arrival in the New World were it not for the welcome shown by the **Indians**.

But most importantly, **it celebrates the generosity, the hospitality and the willingness to find common ground that are part of our national DNA**. This Thanksgiving, I wish for us all moments when we get to express that DNA – moments when we are willing to find something to agree on. Moments when we admit we do not know everything. Moments when we are willing to pass the stuffing to that cousin sitting at the table, who just said something that drives us crazy. Moments when we come together around our national Thanksgiving table - just as we do every week around our Church's thanksgiving table, the altar - and celebrate our unity in the midst of the bewildering diversity of races, languages and ways of life which make up our nation.

Happy Thanksgiving! As Americans, may we celebrate the gifts we have been given. As Catholics, may we remember that all gifts are given to be shared. Start with the stuffing but don't stop there.

Father Baker