

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

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The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time- November 4th, 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 -- The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm -- I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).
Second Reading -- Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel -- To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3;
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e,
31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,
8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a,
9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10;
Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Mass Schedule

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| SATURDAY 5:30PM | November 3rd Vigil <i>Richard Surazynski (Living)</i> |
| SUNDAY 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM | November 4th The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Wensley Grima</i> <i>Alice & Robert Laurain</i> <i>Chris Wagner</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Josephine & Carmel Xvereb</i> |
| MONDAY 7:30AM 12NOON | November 5th Weekday <i>Richard Surazynski (Living)</i> <i>Frank C. Tumino</i> |
| TUESDAY 7:30AM 12NOON | November 6th Weekday <i>Adam Armetta</i> <i>Thanksgiving to St. Agata</i> |
| WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 12NOON | November 7th Weekday <i>Richard Surazynski (Living)</i> <i>Msgr. Thomas Modugno (Living)</i> |
| THURSDAY 7:30AM 12NOON | November 8th Weekday <i>Pedro Ant. Litrenta, Sr.</i> <i>John Doherty</i> |
| FRIDAY 7:30AM 12NOON | November 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica <i>Altagracia Bellevue</i> <i>Imelda Litrenta (Living)</i> |
| SATURDAY 12NOON | November 10th St. Leo <i>Richard Surazynski (Living)</i> |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday: Election Day
Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Saturday: St. Leo the Great

*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 4, due to NYC Marathon road closures, or **November 25**, due to Thanksgiving weekend.

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!
- **“Rejoice and Be Glad”** series concludes on Thursday, November 8 at 6pm in the Parish Center, Msgr. Ivers as presenter. Please join us for a light dinner and discussion.
- **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.

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.

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!

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

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

**Lillian Banks, Bette Diwing, Judy Rivera,
Juan Herrera, Mary Corvino,
Sr. Cecilia O'Connor, Esther Byrne,
Mary Foley Meason, Stephanie Smith,
Elizabeth Agudelo & Lillian Geron**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

***Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members***

***Irene Barczewiski, Eileen Lewandoski,
Anita Devaney, Sheila Foley Crane,
Msgr. Thomas Leonard, James Knapp,
Nidia Caba & Andrea Placenti***

Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Pedro Antonio Litrenta, Sr.

Offered by Maria Litrenta

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just two years ago, we engaged in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in "chapter" at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in "chapter" by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don't have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

--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

**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.**

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.

ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY SCHOOL GRATITUDE CANDY DRIVE

We are pleased to announce that St. Stephen of Hungary
School will be holding its Annual Operation
Gratitude Candy Drive and Ronald McDonald
Pantry Drive and Fun Run from 11/1- 11/19.

Operation Gratitude is an organization that the students
at St. Stephen donate all or a portion of their
Halloween Candy to. In addition, the students write
letters thanking our troops for their service. The candy
and letters are then sent to U.S. troops that have been
deployed throughout the world. Last year, St. Stephen
sent 19 boxes packed full of candy and letters to support
our active duty service members.

The Ronald McDonald House is a charitable organization
located on 74th street that provides temporary
housing for children who have been diagnosed with
cancer, and their families, while the child receives
treatment at New York City hospitals. Each year our
students and families collect goods needed to keep Ronald
McDonald House pantry stocked so that the families
there have basic items such as household
cleaning, personal hygiene and baby care supplies. In
addition, the St. Stephen's students participate in the
Annual Ronald McDonald Fun Run were they solicit
sponsorships for participating in up to a one mile run.
All the proceeds raised go directly to the New York City
Ronald McDonald House. Last Year St. Stephen of
Hungary School raised over \$16,000 and is one of the
Top Teams that participates in this event.

To further support these charities, our students will be
at the 5:30 family mass on Saturday, November
3rd collecting any extra Halloween candy you may have
as well as letters you would like to send thanking our
troops for their service. In addition, St. Stephen's families
will also be at mass accepting monetary donations in
support of the students that will be running in the
Ronald McDonald Fun Run.

Thank you in advance for supporting our school
and our community - See you on 11/3!

Thanks,
- Colleen Kisak

Just a word

From your Pastor November 4th, 2018

Good Morning

Did you appreciate it? We awoke, feeling strangely rested. We looked at the clock and it was early, strangely early. Then we realize that last night we set the clocks back as daylight savings time began. It means less darkness as we head off to work, but that early darkness as we head home in the afternoon. It is the sure sign that winter is coming and with it the Holidays and the New Year.

Before that however, the Church begins a new liturgical year Saturday evening, December 1st – the start of the Season of Advent. On that evening, in addition to the lighting of the advent wreath, we will install our new young altar servers. We have 11 in training now! Come and celebrate the start of Advent, and the beginning of these 11 children's service at our altars at St. Monica and in the school at St. Stephen.

And also stay tuned as new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, hospitality ministers and choir members start coming on line as a result of ministry month. We hope to have everyone trained and in service by early December!

Altar of Memory

This year we continue with our tradition of creating an altar where people can place pictures of their deceased loved ones we want to remember during the month of All Souls; November. Please bring pictures of your deceased loved ones and place them on the table in front of the Joseph altar. Please put your name and phone number on the back so we can contact you at the end of the month to come and collect them.

Christmas Bazaar

A long-time parish tradition is to celebrate before the start of the "Holiday Season" a Christmas bazaar, where food, music and a flea market help to get us into the holiday spirit. This year our Bazaar is next Sunday: the choir will sing carols, there will be a raffle and other prizes. See the bulletin for more information, but don't forget to come! Following the concert this year is the second of our concerts in our concert series. The first one was a big success and we look forward to seeing you at the second one next weekend at 3pm.

Hymnals are coming

You have probably noticed that the song books (hymnals) in our pews are rather dog-eared. They are 15 years old, and moreover, have been invalid since 2011, when the new translation of the mass was introduced. People trying to use them to follow the words of the mass are inevitably frustrated.

One way we have tried to address this is to print music fliers with the music and readings in them. ***We will continue to do this***, but when I sit on the altar, I see many people do not have fliers in their hands. In order to provide an alternative to the fliers, as well as to have a beautiful, up to date hymnal in our pews we are purchasing *Ritualsong* From GIA (Gregorian Institute of America). This hymnal is filled with the best of traditional and contemporary hymns and music from our tradition. It will also have the new mass words so people who are unfamiliar with our worship can easily follow what we do. In this way we hope to make our church even more welcoming to all who enter here.

We are also purchasing these hymnals for our school chapel. We are beginning to work on forming our students in worship and these hymnals will be a part of that formation.

We are offering the opportunity to memorialize these hymnals in memory of our loved ones. There are fliers in the back of the church and of course for more information you can contact the parish office. We hope to have the hymnals in the pews come December.

Because December is coming! It is already November. This weekend is Marathon Weekend, a sure sign that the holidays are upon us. If you do not see me today it is because I am away on Sunday morning doing one of my deanery visitations. As dean I am required to visit the parishes in my deanery and get to know the communities there. I am going to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – St. John Nepomucene.

Enjoy the Marathon celebrations this weekend!

F. Baker