

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

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## **Church Offices and Parish Center:**

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time— Sunday, February 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**

*Pastor*

*Associates:*

*Pastoral Associate:*

*Parish Manager:*

*Music Director*

*Asst. Music Director*

*Cantor:*

*Wedding Coordinator:*

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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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic Parochial School**

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(212) 288-1989 Fax: (212) 517 – 5788

*Principal:*

**Ms. Caroline Walker**

**[www.saintstephenschool.org](http://www.saintstephenschool.org)**

Interested in admissions to our parish school?

**[admissions@saintstephenschool.org](mailto:admissions@saintstephenschool.org)**

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm -- I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading -- Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 -- 11:1).

Gospel -- The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
Monday:	Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday:	Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 14th is  
Ash Wednesday

## Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 PM	<b>February 10th Vigil</b> <i>William Mathis</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12 NOON	<b>February 11th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Berenice Blain</i> <i>Rosemary Frawley</i> <i>Patricia Rosenthal</i> <i>Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Stephen of Hungary</i> <i>Rosa Olga Teresa Litrenta</i>
5:00 PM	
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>February 12th Weekday</b> <i>Monica Duffy</i> <i>Dorothy &amp; Tom Foley</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>February 13th Weekday</b> <i>Adam Armetta</i> <i>Concepcion Campos</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12 NOON 6PM	<b>February 14th Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Rose Gionta</i> <i>Christine Aimone</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>February 15th Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Christine Reilly</i> <i>Barbara &amp; Ted Wilson</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>February 16th Friday after Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Patricia Sloven</i> <i>Altagracia Bellevue</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12 NOON	<b>February 17th Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Dr. Daniel Ellis</i>

### Sanctuary Lamp



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Rosa Olga Teresa Litrenta

Offered by Maria Litrenta

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



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**Ash Wednesday** – February 14 – Ashes distributed only at Mass at 7:30am, 12 noon, and 6pm

**Stations of the Cross** – Fridays in Lent (February 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23) following Noon Mass

**Msgr. Ivers' Lenten Series** – Tuesdays – Feb. 27, March 6, 13, and 20 at 7pm – in the Parish Center

**Lenten Holy Hour** with Benediction, led by Msgr. Ivers, Tuesday, March 20, 7:15pm, Church

**We journey with our catechumen and candidates to the Easter Vigil!** Tais Levenstein is preparing for Baptism, and Kyle Ottney and Melanie Heers, already baptized Christians, are preparing to make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. We pray with them as we prepare to renew our own baptismal promises at Easter. We will celebrate preparatory rites with them at the noon Masses during Lent.

**Fasting** - Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meal per day, with two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal, and no snacks.

**Abstinence** – Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat and items made with meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday of Lent.

**Holy Week – March 25 – April 1**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday** – normal Mass Schedule

**Reconciliation Monday** – Confessions 3-9pm in the Church

**Holy Thursday** – Tenebrae Service at 9am in the Church, Confessions following Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm in the Church

**Good Friday** - Tenebrae Service at 9am in the Church, Confessions following Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm in the Church of St. Monica  
Solemn Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the Church

**Holy Saturday** - Tenebrae Service at 9am in the Church, Confessions following

**Easter** – Vigil Mass at 7:30pm Saturday; Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9, 10:30, and Noon.  
(No 5pm Mass on Easter.)

# **LIFELONG** *Faith Formation*



**This weekend, Family Faith Formation, 9-11:30am, takes the place of regular Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation!**

**NO K-8 Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation** sessions on Sunday, February 18 (for Winter Break!) We resume regular sessions on Feb. 25 at 10:15am

**Considering becoming Catholic? Catholic adult but not yet confirmed?** Contact Maryann to continue your faith journey with our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or Adult Confirmation processes. You can join at any time of the year!

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## **Discover the Trail of Martin Luther** **The Reformation in Germany** *Hosted by Father Donald C. Baker*

September 12 – 22, 2018  
11 days – 14 meals included

### ***Highlights...***

Mainz • Worms • Gutenberg Museum • Erfurt  
Wartburg Castle • Lutherhaus • Eisleben  
Dresden • Leipzig • St. Thomas Church  
Wittenberg • St. Mary's Church • Berlin

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**Our registration deadline of March 6 is fast approaching!! Get your deposit in to hold your place!**

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## 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**

**Fr. Jim Gavin, Rosemary Catalano,  
James Baker, Kathleen Roger & Franklin  
White, John Healey, John Shegina, Tobias  
Bustamante, Victor Worizid, James Leung,  
Raymond Feeley, Broley Gus, Frank  
Krescanko, Katie Kavanaugh,  
Fr. Ronald Stark, Angelica Pantosa  
Alyssa Sardelli, Megan Driscoll &  
Loretta Ponticello, Beverly Banks  
AND ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY**

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

**Bridget Murray, Donald Fitzgerald, Patricia  
McGuire-Randt, Larry Eivens, John Gam-  
bino, Donald Fitzgerald, Luis Gonzalez,  
Gerhard Goede, Sotero Matta, Sebastian  
Fernandez Begne, Fr. Joseph Irwin, Agnes  
Lynch, Carol Dann, Gilbert & Ronald Ka-  
rolczak, Rosa Albino, Kathleen Reddington,  
Matthew Anderson, Beverly Rotandaro,  
Sheila Evelyn Joseph, James Carberry,  
Marty Kessler & Fr. Peter Colapietro**  
*Please pray for our deceased parishioners and  
family members*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well. Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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### **Day of Reflection for Parish Musicians**

Join fellow music directors, adult choir members, cantors, and instrumentalists for a day of prayer, reflection, music-making, and fellowship!

Maryknoll Seminary (Ossining)  
Saturday, March 3, 10am-3pm  
Presenter: Fr. Joel Warden, c.o.

Registration fee: \$15 (to defray the cost of lunch)

More information and registration: [nyliturgy.org/  
workshops](http://nyliturgy.org/workshops)

Contact: [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or [914.968.6200](tel:914.968.6200), x8177

**Dear Senior Ministers & Parishioners,**

Wednesday, February 21st, following the Noon Mass, we will celebrate coming together as community with cookies, cake, coffee or tea at the Parish Center.

We will reflect on and discuss Fr. Baker's homily on CHANGE.

Friday, February 23 the Senior Ministry committee will show the movie "The Way" in the Angelo Room of the Parish Center . This movie, which deals with one man's journey on the famous pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, stars Martin Sheen . Fr. Baker will also be present to talk about his experience of making that pilgrimage in 2010. There will be a pot luck lunch served. Food begins at 1PM, the movie and presentation at 1:30. If you wish to attend, please call the parish center to sign up.

ALL are invited to attend.

Please sign up at the parish center with Gladys.

The Senior Ministry Committee looks forward to seeing you.

Cordially,  
Anne Sabatini

Music in the Lenten Season

As we begin Lent, a season of prayer and fasting, we notice how our Sunday liturgy transforms us to a more simpler and inward tone. The Gloria is omitted. The Gospel Alleluia is replaced by the acclamation, "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of endless glory". That joyous Alleluia won't return until the Great Vigil. Even our memorial acclamation this season will change to "save us, Saviour of the world for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free." A reminder of the great Paschal Mystery.

It is interesting to note that many Catholics think of the 4-hymn model - entrance hymn, offertory hymn, communion hymn and recessional hymn - as the definitive model for Mass. This however is not the case. The singing of antiphons and psalms during the entrance procession and communion procession have been the long-standing tradition in the Roman Liturgy. These texts are drawn from the official liturgical books - the *Graduale Romanum* or the *Graduale Simplex*. In fact, antiphons and psalms are the preferred choice of musical form over hymns and songs.

Both the entrance procession and communion procession have assigned texts for each Sunday. Many composers have been inspired by these texts and have written numerous hymns and songs from them. But for over a decade the church has been nudging us, those who prepare the liturgy, to restore and return to the proper entrance chants and communion chants.

Does this mean we aren't singing hymns anymore? The answer is a resounding, no. What we will be doing for this season of Lent through Holy week is introducing the proper antiphons. You are already familiar with the form. It is like the responsorial psalm we sing at Mass. For the entrance procession we will all sing the proper antiphon to a tune most of us know. Then the cantor and choir will sing the psalm verses with all of us returning to the antiphon. For the communion procession, the cantor will sing the antiphon and we will all sing a short refrain as we receive holy communion. Then the psalms verses will be sung by cantor and choir.

So as we journey through this season may our antiphons, psalms and hymns help us to reflect and deepen of our own spiritual life. Remember, some hymns will be familiar, some will be new. All are meant to draw us into the season on our way to the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

John Zupan



# Just a word

*From Your Pastor February 11th, 2018*

## **School Changes**

While the parents of students have known this now for a couple of weeks, it is important that everyone in the parish know that the Head of School at St. Stephen of Hungary School has resigned. Ms. Caroline Walker became principal when I arrived in August 2015.

We have begun the process of selecting Ms. Walker's successor. A Search Committee has been formed and met with Archdiocesan representatives to begin the process of finding and vetting candidates. A strong and growing school is an important part of our parish's life and I will keep you informed as the search continues.

## **Catholic Schools Week**

Every year Catholic Schools celebrate their values their achievements and their faculty and staff during Catholic Schools Week. For us, it culminates in the Family Mass on the first Saturday in February. Thank you to Ms. Walker, the school's show choir who sang and the members of the Parents Association and faculty who make that mass possible each year.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Every culture develops signs, symbols and rituals to express sorrow and grief to the wider community. Think of our custom of saying we're sorry to one we've hurt with flowers, or some other gift or act of service. Many western cultures wear black to express mourning. In the Biblical world, sorrow, especially sorrow for sin, was expressed by wearing sackcloth (burlap) and sprinkling ashes on one's head – in short, taking on the appearance of a poor homeless person – perhaps because we are all beggars before God.

The custom of wearing ashes as an expression of sorrow for sin and the desire to repent was continued by the Church in its rituals. On the night before Easter, converts were baptized and people celebrated the Easter Vigil in expectation of Christ's resurrection.

It was the custom of the Church to have a period of purification prior to this celebration for those preparing for baptism. The length of this period was fixed at 40 days, reflecting the 40 days period Jesus spent the wilderness preparing for his public ministry. This period of fasting prayer and penance, which we call **Lent** (from an old word meaning "springtime") was begun with a day of penance where ashes were sprinkled on the heads of those preparing for baptism as a sign of their desire to repent of their sin and commit to a new way of life in the Church. Over time EVERYONE joined in this yearly celebration and Ash Wednesday was born.

In recent years many protestant churches have adopted the practice of distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday. We sometimes see them in the streets, in stores or train stations, giving them out to whomever they meet. Because of our concern that thereby the meaning of ashes as a symbol of the desire to turn to God in repentance is being lost, in Roman Catholic churches, ashes are only distributed after the homily at mass on Ash Wednesday, or at the conclusion of a prayer service which can be conducted by lay people. Ashes are not a sacrament and can be given and received by anyone. But they are a symbol of our desire to repent and draw closer to God as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

Father Baker