

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

413 East 79<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10075

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

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**First Sunday of Lent– Sunday, February 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**

*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**

408 East 82<sup>nd</sup> St., New York, NY 10028

(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 -- God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).  
 Psalm -- Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).  
 Second Reading -- The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).  
 Gospel -- This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).  
 The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-1

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending  
 Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent  
 Wednesday: St. Peter Damian  
 Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday  
 Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence



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## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY February 17th Vigil**  
 5:30 PM Michael McCarthy

**SUNDAY February 18th First Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30 AM Helen & John Flack & Family  
 9:00 AM Foley & Quirk Families  
 10:30 AM Curtis Bryce  
 12 NOON Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Stephen of Hungary  
 5:00 PM Jack Fahey

**MONDAY February 19th Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00AM Calogero Lo Bue

**TUESDAY February 20th Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30AM Warner Hertzell  
 12NOON Christine Reilly

**WEDNESDAY February 21st Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30 AM Kenroy Dolly  
 12 NOON Calogero Lo Bue

**THURSDAY February 22nd Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
 7:30AM Stephen Rafferty  
 12NOON Christine Aimone

**FRIDAY February 23rd Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30AM Ann Shortt Nee Hiller  
 12NOON Margarita Simanca

**SATURDAY February 24th Lenten weekday**  
 12 NOON Michael Kuber

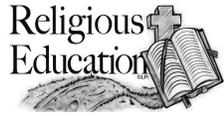
### Sanctuary Lamp



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp  
 In Memory of Jozsef Tomatasch

Offered by Bridget Tomatasch

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



**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



All adults are welcome in the Parish Center, 10:45-11:15am on Sunday mornings, to discuss the Scriptures over a cup of coffee or tea, led by one of our clergy or our pastoral associate. This **Adult Faith Formation** program is open to any adults – drop in any Sunday and check it out! Sessions resume on February 25.

**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!**



*Lent*



*Pray*



*Fast*



*Give*

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

**Msgr. Ivers' Lenten Series** – Tuesdays – Feb. 27, March 6, 13, and 20 – 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.)

## 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, Richard Baldwin, 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

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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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### **Day of Recollection 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

## SENIOR MINISTRY NEWS

### 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



## BUSINESS CORNER

### Parish Mailing Address

When we moved the offices from the rectory to the parish center in September 2016 we changed the official "parish" address from 413 East 79 Street, to 406 East 80 Street. We changed the address so that the mail would arrive to the office, but also so that parishioners and community members would be directed to the parish center when visiting the parish for ministries or information.

We still use 413 East 79 Street as the actual church address, although in reality the church is at 409 East 79 Street while the rectory is 413. Scouts honor, I am not doing my own version of an Abbott & Costello routine!

The USPS was forwarding all mail sent to 413 East 79 Street to the parish center for us, however, a few weeks back they stopped doing so. Now, any mail sent to 413 East 79 Street is returned to sender. So, should you have a need to send any correspondence to the parish, regardless of the content or the intended recipient, please use this address:

**406 East 80 Street  
New York, NY 10075**

### Parish Council

Father Baker had in the bulletin a few weeks back that the parish council meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> is an open meeting; open to any parishioner who may be interested in joining the council.

This has also been part of the announcements, and many of you have probably heard about this from fellow parishioners who currently serve on the council.

To reiterate some of the information that has been relayed, the inaugural parish council that was established at the beginning of the merger, served an essential role in guiding the parish through the beginnings of the merger (and who did a wonderful job doing so). It is time for the council to begin the next phase of its ministry, with that in mind and in correlation with the by-laws of the parish council, several members will be ending their service and will need to be replaced.

The parish council is vital to the life of the parish and its continued growth. Membership on the council is a great way to be involved in the parishes ministry to fellow parishioners, and can be a very rewarding experience.

I would strongly encourage anyone who is interested to come to the open meeting on Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the parish center. If you decide you can come, please call the parish center to provide your name so we can be prepared to host the proper number of attendees that night.

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 February 18th, 2018*

Due to the way bulletins are written and printed, I am writing this just after Father Peter's funeral mass on February 10<sup>th</sup>. When I arrived here in 2015, Fr. Peter had barely been here two years. His declining health led to his need for a rectory that had an elevator, and the diocese judged that St. Malachy's on the West Side, near where he had spent 18 years as pastor of Holy Cross Church, and where there was an elevator in the rector, would be a better place for him to serve.

As a result many people here did not get to know Fr. Peter very well, especially those of us who were from St. Stephen's or St. Elizabeth's not to mention all our newer parishioners. Thus many people expressed astonishment at the size of Fr. Peter's funeral. One long time parishioner was moved to see such respect shown to a priest in our modern world. Another was moved to tears that he would be honored not only by the cardinal and his brother priests, but by city officials, movie stars and millionaires.

But those of us who have known Peter Colapietro for years (I first met him on Ash Wednesday 1995 – A story I'll save for another time!) were not surprised. Fr. Peter was not just a priest, he was a whole kind of a priest – one we unfortunately don't meet that often any more – if only because there are so few of us. He was open, empathetic, and able to make you feel like he was your best friend. And it was no act – befriended by Pete, he remembered you. And many remembered him – especially when they were in trouble. My first two weeks at St. Monica's I was awakened several times during the night by phone calls from people looking for Fr. Peter. Sometimes they were crying –their speech slurred, most likely from alcohol. While I did not like being awakened like that, and I can't imagine Pete did either, I laid awake after those calls thinking about how people felt comfortable enough calling him at that late hour- and that he had given them the private number so that they could.

But most importantly sometimes I think people get it backwards – he was not a “saloon priest” a term he reportedly hated – He was a priest, period. . . who just happened to do a lot of his ministry in bars, and restaurants, and parties and gatherings where he could socialize, and people, who would never speak to a priest, found themselves talking with one, and liking it.

I will always be thankful for the graciousness with which he helped me when I first came here to St. Monica's – St. Elizabeth's – St. Stephen's. Rest in Peace, Fr. Peter.

## **The Saga with the Bathrooms**

IF you could go downstairs into our now deserted parish hall, near the stairs that lead to the street, you would see a hole, about four feet deep and nearly 20 feet long at its widest. It is dug into the DIRT and ROCK beneath our church, exposing the rotten beams and cracked steam pipes which caused the floor there to cave in after years of leaks.

Repairs have been delayed so long (this happened right before Christmas) because Catholic Mutual Insurance Company delayed a decision as to whether they were going to pay for it. They have since decided they would NOT. Now that we have that decision we will move forward and we hope that soon we will be able to use the bathrooms downstairs. Thank you for all your patience during this inconvenience.

## **Principal Search**

As I reported two weeks ago, our School Principal Caroline Walker has tendered her resignation. A search committee has been formed, and we are currently accepting resumes and requests for application. For more information anyone can contact [steven.virgadamo@archny.org](mailto:steven.virgadamo@archny.org). He handles the candidate vetting for the Archdiocese. In 4 to 6 weeks we will begin interviews! We hope to have a new principal hired by the beginning of May.

Father Baker