

# 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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**Fourth Sunday of Lent– Sunday, March 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:*

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*Music Director*

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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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*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 wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm -- Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading -- God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel -- The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34: 17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	Saint Patrick

# Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 PM	<b>March 10th Vigil</b> Richard Herman
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 11th Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:30 AM	Marie Ruggiero
9:00 AM	Ann O'Hara
10:30 AM	Stella Novotny
12 NOON	Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Stephen of Hungary
5:00 PM	Josephine & Carmel Xuereb
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 12th Lenten Weekday</b>
7:30AM	Manuel Padilla
12 NOON	Walter & Mary Ferber
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 13th Lenten Weekday</b>
7:30AM	Maryjo Prestiano
12NOON	Brian Thompson
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 14th Lenten Weekday</b>
7:30 AM	John King
12 NOON	Concepcion Alvar (Living)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 15th Lenten Weekday</b>
7:30AM	Alan Naggar
12NOON	The Lama Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 16th Lenten Weekday</b>
7:30AM	Rose & James Graham
12NOON	Maryann Baranco-Byrne
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 17th Lenten Weekday</b>
12 NOON	William & Mary Mitchell

## Bread & Wine



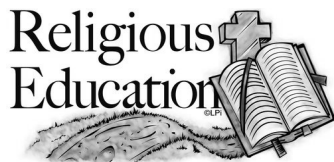
This Week's Bread & Wine  
In Memory of  
Jozsef Tomatasch

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*



# LIFELONG *Faith Formation*



**K-8 Religious Education** - 10:15 – 11:45am in the Parish Center, March 11, and 18. There will be no sessions March 25 or April 1 for Easter Break.



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 (when Religious Education is in session) and check it out!



**Msgr. Ivers' Lenten Series** continues on Wednesday, March 21. It will meet in the Parish Center at 7pm, and all adults are invited to be a part of these presentations and discussions.



**“The Gospel of John”** A dramatic reading, presented by Ken Jennings, Thursday, March 22, 7pm, in the Parish Center.

**SAVE THE DATE!** **Vacation Bible School** will be July 16-20, 2018! This event for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be co-sponsored by Religious Education and Music Ministry. Stay tuned for more details as they develop....



*Lent*



*Pray*



*Fast*



*Give*

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**Stations of the Cross** – Fridays in Lent (March 16 and 23) following Noon Mass

**Msgr. Ivers’ Lenten Series** –Wednesday, March 21 and 28, at 7:15pm in the Parish Center

**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 Stations of the Cross at Noon in the Church  
Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion at 3pm in the Church  
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**

**Richard Baldwin, Rosemary Catalano,  
James Baker, Kathleen Roger & Franklin  
White, John Healey, John Shegina, Tobias  
Bustamante, Victor Worizid, James Leung,  
Raymond Feeley, Broley Gus,  
Katie Kavanaugh, Angelica Pantosa  
Megan Driscoll, Beverly Banks, Gary  
Sweeten & Nathaniel Hernandez,  
Gloria Versas & Porfiria Rivera  
AND ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY**

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

**Fr. Peter Colapietro, James Phalen, Matilde Vargas,  
John Tierney, Bridget Murray, Donald Fitzgerald,  
Patricia McGuire-Randt, John Gambino,  
Gerhard Goede, Sotero Matta, Sebastian Fernandez  
Begne, Carol Dann, Gilbert &  
Ronald Karolczak, Rosa Albino, Kathleen  
Reddington, Matthew Anderson, Beverly  
Rotandaro, Fr. Robert Autiere, Loretta Ponticello,  
Sheila Evelyn Joseph, James Carberry, Susanne  
Wilcox, Marty Kessler, Chris Cowan, Mr.  
Bisoon, Luis Felipe Pereira & Jane Setunge**

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners and  
family members*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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## MSGR. IVERS' LENTEN SERIES 2018



Wednesday, March 21 -Liturgy and Lent

Wednesday, March 28-Preparing for  
Holy Week and Easter

Presentations will take place in the  
Parish Center beginning at 7:15pm



The Aherne Sheehan School of Irish Dancing  
invites you to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us

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# **TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST**

Saturday March 17

9:30 a m - 1 2:00 p m

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St Stephen's School - 408 East 82nd St

Presale tickets available online

[ahernesheeha.com/breakfast](http://ahernesheeha.com/breakfast)

Adults: \$20 Kids under 12: \$10

Kids under 5 are free

Tickets available at the door

Adults: \$25 Kids under 12: \$15

**ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE AHERNE  
SHEEHAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE UPKEEP OF  
OUR BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL COSTUMES**

# Just a word

*From Your Pastor will return next week*

## SENIOR MINISTRY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, FOLLOWING OUR NOON MASS,  
WE WILL CELEBRATE COMING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY WITH  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE PARSH CENTER.

WE WILL REFLECT ON FATHER JOSLIN'S HOMILY  
"CREATE A SPIRITUAL STORY"  
CREATE OUR OWN STORY LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD  
IN FAITH AND HOPE.

PARISHIONERS, PLEASE JOIN THE SENIORS & RE-VISIT  
THE LENTEN SEASON

THANK YOU

CORDIALLY,  
ANNE SABATINI AND THE MINISTRY COMMITTEE

**PS: WE WILL NOT SHOW A MOVIE THIS MONTH. PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK  
BEGIN MARCH 25.**

**SENIORS MINISTRY**



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