

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent– Sunday, March 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

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Deacon

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Parish Manager:

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Cantor:

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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

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Principal:

Ms. Caroline Walker

www.saintstephenschool.org

Interested in admissions to our parish school?

admissions@saintstephenschool.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm -- Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading -- Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel -- If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1 -15:47 [15:1-39]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY *March 17th Vigil*
5:30 PM *Barbara McFadden*

SUNDAY *March 18th Fifth Sunday of Lent*
7:30 AM *Van Leuwen Family (L&D)*
9:00 AM *Jamie Mendoza*
10:30 AM *Patricia Healey*
12 NOON *Parishioners of St Monica, St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Stephen of Hungary*
5:00 PM *Maria A. Salgado*

MONDAY *March 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgen Mary*
7:30AM *Jack Butler*
12 NOON *Maria O. Velasco*

TUESDAY *March 20th Lenten Weekday*
7:30AM *Matthew Anderson*
12NOON *Gertha Traber*

WEDNESDAY *March 21st Lenten Weekday*
7:30 AM *Bill Milne*
12 NOON *Thomas Costello*

THURSDAY *March 22nd Lenten Weekday*
7:30AM *Matthew Anderson*
12NOON *Luis Jose Litrenta (Living) & Dr. Lita Alonso (Living)*

FRIDAY *March 23rd Lenten Weekday*
7:30AM *Norann Muldering*
12NOON *Andrew Joseph*

SATURDAY *March 24th Lenten Weekday*
12 NOON *Mary Crowley*

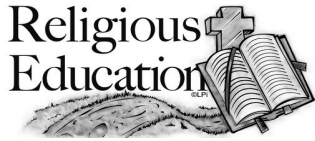
Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine Intentions for The Mackessy Family Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

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 18. There will be no sessions March 25 or April 1 for Easter Break.



All adults are welcome in the Parish Center, **10:15 -11:45am** 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 3rd through 6th graders will be co-sponsored by Religious Education and Music Ministry. Stay tuned for more details as they develop....

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic, but need to be confirmed? Contact Maryann at mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org to begin the conversation. You can join the process any time during the year.

Germany trip - there are still a few spaces available on the “Discover the Trail of Martin Luther” tour hosted by Fr. Donald C. Baker. Contact Maryann this week if you are interested!





Lent



Pray



Fast



Give

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

Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 23, following Noon Mass

Msgr. Ivers’ Lenten Series –Wednesday, March 21 and 28, at 7pm 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**

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. Bisoan, Luis Felipe Pereira, Jane Setunge, John Velasquez, Eileen Mack & Porfiria Rivera

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and family members

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured--knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called Dominus Flevit, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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SENIOR MINISTRY NEWS

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

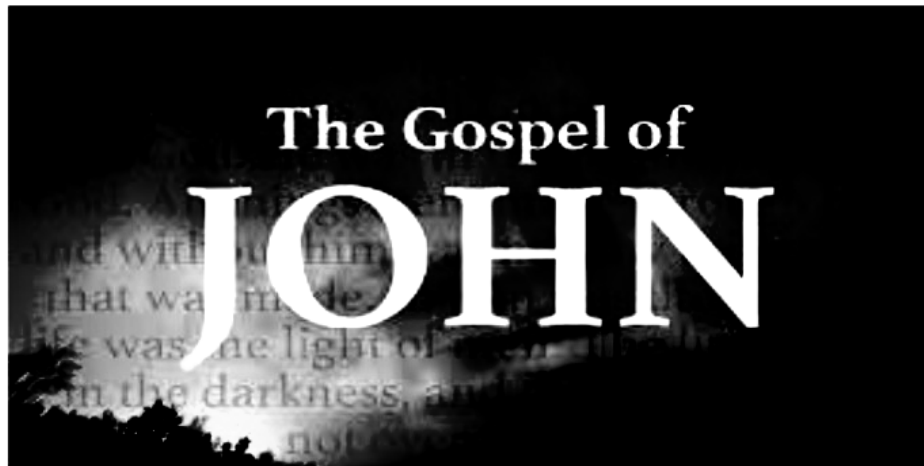
WE WILL REFLECT ON FATHER JOSLIN'S HOMILY
"CREATE A SPIRITUAL STORY"
CREATE OUR OWN STORY LOOKING BACK AND
LOOKING FORWARD IN FAITH AND HOPE.

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

THANK YOU

CORDIALLY,
ANNE SABATINI & THE MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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



**A Reading of the Gospel of John
Presented by Ken Jennings**

**Thursday, March 22nd at 7pm in
the Parish Center**

All are welcome to attend.

Just a word

From Your Pastor March 18th, 2018

Aufgeht's nach Deutschland!

Yes, I know. You don't speak German. What I just said (Pronounced by the way "Owf gait nach doytch-lahnt!") means something like "off we go to Germany!" Because we are. One part of this trip has always been that we needed a minimum number of travelers to make it feasible. That minimum number was 20 – as of our deadline we had 21 confirmed travelers, with a few more still on the fence!

Our larger number will make it possible for this trip to be what I have always wanted it to be – a trip in which we as *Catholics* can learn about the Reformation, the person who started it, and maybe gain some appreciation for its importance to the Catholic Church as well as the protestant churches of the Reformation.

There is still a little bit of time if you are really interested in going. Contact Maryann Tyrer at the parish center ASAP. Her email is on the cover of this bulletin.

Ken Jennings and the Gospel of John

Many parishioners from St. Stephen of Hungary know Ken Jennings; an actor, he has put together a one person dramatic presentation of the gospel of John, which he has offered to put on for us as part of our parish's Lenten journey.

It will take place in the parish center on Thursday March 22nd at 7pm. The evening is free, and all are welcome. Thanks Ken for your sharing of your gifts with us!

Parish Council - endings and beginnings

Over the past few months you have read my thoughts on the parish council, how pivotal it was in making the merger go as smoothly as it did, and how they have been a driving force behind the development of new ministries in the parish.

However, several members of the parish council need to rotate off – it's part of the bylaws that members have limited terms. As you may know we had an "open meeting" two weeks ago, where anyone who was interested could come and find out more about the council. That meeting was a resounding success. We look forward to welcoming many new members into our council for the fall.

After three years, the council has been reevaluating itself and begun the process of becoming the source of pastoral planning so that we as a parish can ACT in the face of the many challenges we will face in the coming years, rather than just REACT. I look forward to working with the council on all of this, so that our parish can be the kind of place that will continue to welcome everyone in the years to come.

Father Baker