

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

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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-July 8th, 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

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Principal:

Ms. Kelly Burke

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Interested in admissions to our parish school?

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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 -- They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm -- Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading -- I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel -- The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY *July 7th Vigil*
5:30PM *Francis Shortt*

SUNDAY *July 8th Fourteenth Sunday*
In Ordinary Time
7:30AM *Agnes Ryan*
9:00AM *Bridget Veronica Ackerly*
10:30AM *Patrick Doherty*
12NOON *All Parishioners*
5PM *Daniel Slattery*

MONDAY *July 9th Weekday*
7:30AM *Adam Armetta*
12NOON *Sara McIntyre*

TUESDAY *July 10th Weekday*
7:30AM *Robert Massi*
12NOON *Walter & Mary Ferber*

WEDNESDAY *July 11th St. Benedict*
7:30 AM *Matthew Anderson*
12NOON *Anthony Grech*

THURSDAY *July 12th Weekday*
7:30AM *Thomas Barnitt*
12NOON *Francie McCarthy*

FRIDAY *July 13th Weekday*
7:30AM *Terry Mason*
12NOON *Brian Thompson*

SATURDAY *July 14th*
12NOON *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*
Michael Cachfoli

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine
Zhao Rong & Companions
Wednesday: St. Benedict
Friday: St. Henry
Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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



K-8 Religious Education is on break until the Fall

Registration is now open for K-8 Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation for the 2018-2019 academic year. Come by the Parish Center to check this off of your "to do" list early!

The Archdiocese of New York requires two years of either Catholic School or Parish Religious Education before the reception of **First Communion** or **Confirmation**. Please do not wait until the planned year of reception to register your children!

Adult Faith Formation is on break until the Fall

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Adult wishing to be confirmed? Contact Maryann Tyrer in the Parish Center to find out how!

CATECHISTS NEEDED *to help lead our children to Jesus*

"LET THE LITTLE
CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT
HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS
TO SUCH AS THESE." - *Mk 10:14*

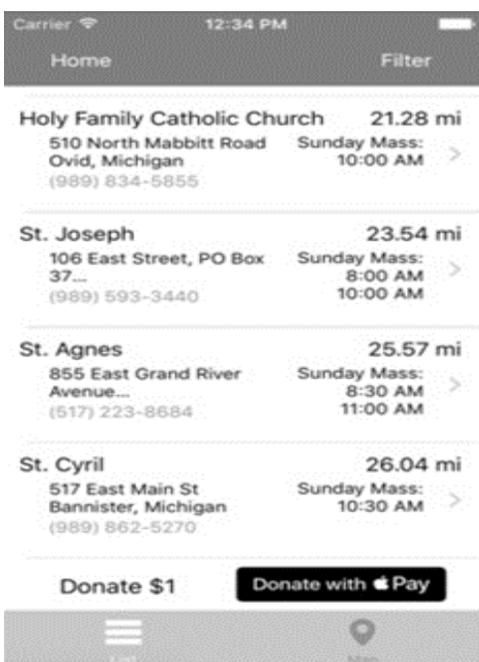


ANSWER THE CALL!

We always need more catechists (those who share their faith with a small group of children) and greeters (those who staff the front door of the parish center during religious education) on Sunday mornings. We also need more folks on our Adult Faith Formation and Adult Initiation teams. If you can give a few hours of your time each month, all training and materials are provided. Contact Maryann in the Parish Center for more information on these meaningful ministries

Why go to Mass when on vacation?

- “Keep holy the Sabbath day” is the Third Commandment. God gives us everything that we have, so we give God back our time on the Sabbath.
 - Christians keep the Sabbath on Sunday – The Lord’s Day – the Day of Jesus’ Resurrection, and have done so since the first decades of Christianity.
 - The Eucharist is the central action of Catholics. It’s what we do, it’s what keeps us Catholic, it reminds us of who we are – and whose we are.
 - We indicate what things are most important in our lives by making time for them. Our relationship with God should certainly be a priority.
 - It can be fun to experience Mass in another community, in another culture, in another language.
 - The Church is universal – despite differences in style, culture, or language, the fundamentals of the Mass are the same all over the world. And we are united with them in prayer when we are at Mass.
 - It’s easy to find a Catholic church when traveling. Here are some resources:
 - <https://catholicmasstime.org/church-near-me/>
 - ◇ <http://www.parishesonline.com>
 - ◇ <http://www.findaparish.com>
 - ◇ <http://www.thecatholicdirectory.com>
 - ◇ <http://www.tourama.net/englishchurches.php>
(find an English Mass in foreign countries!)
 - ◇ <http://catholicmasstime.org>
- **And yes, there’s an app for that!**



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

**MEGAN DRISCOLL, ANITA DEVANEY,
IRIS HOROWITZ, JUDIT CSIKI & ARTHUR PARCETTI**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

***Vincent & Helen Healey, Carlos Toledo,
Marthese Miesud,
Msgr. Thomas Gilleece,
Rev. Donald Fussner, Christopher Wagner,
Richard Kavanaugh, Karl Conzelman
& McKayla Elizabeth Hirschy***

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

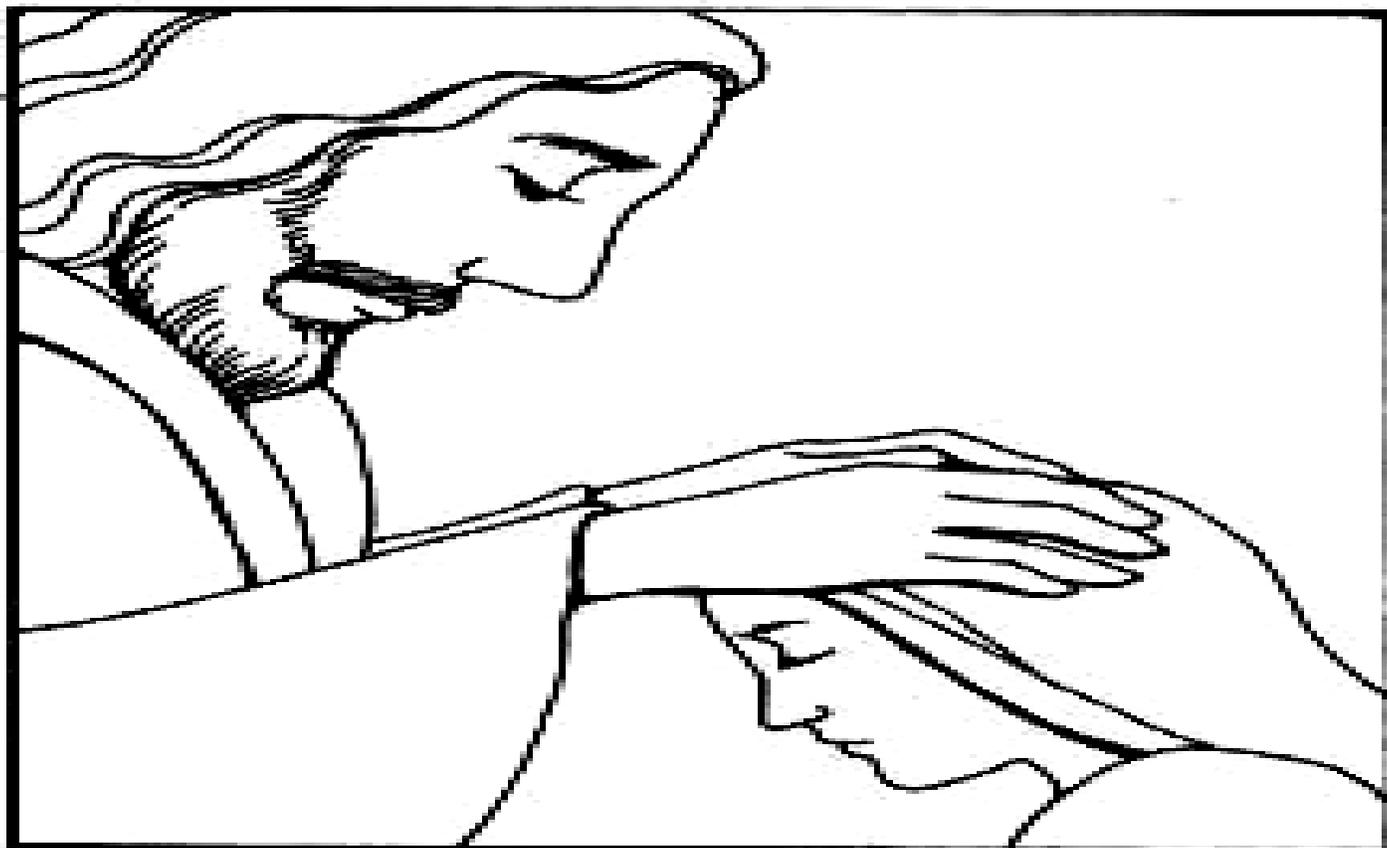
Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

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Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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SAINTS OF THE WEEK



ST. BENEDICT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH



ST. KATERI

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH

Just a word

From Your Pastor July 8th, 2018

Notre Dame, come and gone

Due to the ways our bulletins have to be prepared around holidays, I am writing this at the end of June. Msgr. Ivers and I have just returned from a three day seminar at The University of Notre Dame. Most of you know about the year-long program designed to help priests rediscover preaching and root it more firmly in the service we provide for our communities.

Although the weather was terrible, with rain and fog, the seminar was great. It was a packed three days which gave us the opportunity to meet with the next group of guys going through the program. They come from the Dioceses of Dallas, TX Joliet, IL and Kalamazoo, MI. We were with them for one day, and then the next two were ours.

In the course of the three days we reviewed how to prepare for a homily. The process emphasized that sermon preparation was not divorced from the rest of our lives. Sermon preparation should be connected to our spiritual lives, so that we learn to pray over the scriptures, before looking in them for something to say on Sunday. We reviewed the need to be attentive to those for whom we preach, and to listen to your criticisms; and to invite your comments.

Msgr. and I came away from this final session energized. Some of you commented that you had seen an evolution in our preaching over the year. Msgr. and I welcome your comments, as we try to be more effective preachers in our community.

Es wird wieder langsam Zeit . . . (it's slowly getting to be that time . . .)

Next weekend will be my last with you for a few. I will make my annual trip to Germany to take my friend's parish for 2 weeks while he goes on vacation. I am going to the parish of St. Joseph in Münster, Germany. I will not be staying as long as I have in the past however. I am conscious of the need for other priests to take vacations, and it is getting harder for us to find replacements. However, This year I will be in Germany for two weeks, and then go to Ireland for a couple of days – which will be my real vacation, I think. I will be home on August 5th.

But no worries! As in the past I will try to keep you abreast of my travels through this column. I will write from Germany.

Why do we do that? – The Sign of the Cross

We do it at the start and at the end of mass. We do it when we are afraid, when we pray, and when we pass by a church. We do it, dipping our hand in the holy water font at the back of the church both when we enter and leave.

The sign of the Cross. We bless ourselves in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the most basic of Catholic gestures. Catholics do it; most protestants do not. The Eastern Churches do it but they have their own version. But why?

To understand the gesture, we have to understand something about what it means to bless. As I tell people in baptismal prep class, the word *to bless*, comes from the French word, *blessor*. – “to wound”. It is associated with the ancient idea of sacrifice. In order to give something to God it had to be wounded – broken – burnt – removed from the use of this world but just so given to God.

We bless things; Water, Oil food and wine; cars and boats, apartments and homes. It is meant to claim something for God; it is a visible prayer, which asks that evil depart and that God be present.

But of course we bless people as well. We bless children and married couples, and of course when someone sneezes we say “God bless you” – because the ancient idea was that a sneeze was an evil spirit escaping – bless the person quick before it gets back in!

However the foundational blessing for humans is baptism. In this sacrament of the Church, the ancient separation caused by original sin is healed, and we are made members of God's family by being part of the body of Christ. It is through baptism that we are claimed for God and first entered the Church. Thus whenever we enter a church we bless ourselves with baptismal water, making the sign of the cross in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We want to remember that because of that baptism, we belong there.

But actually, every time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism. We remember that we are members of the Church through baptism, and we give thanks to God for protecting us from evil and forgiving our sin as baptized Christians.

Something to think about the next time we do it.

Father Baker