

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

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**The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-August 12th, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic Parochial School**

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*Principal:*

**Ms. Kelly Burke**

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

Interested in admissions to our parish school?

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

## 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 -- Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).  
Psalm -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading -- Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 -- 5:2).

Gospel -- Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 1-14; Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 -- 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15  
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

# Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY** August 11th Vigil  
5:30PM Lars Mattson

**SUNDAY** August 12th Nineteenth  
Sunday In Ordinary Time  
7:30AM Slawa Azzi  
9:00AM Jean Janiec  
10:30AM Theresa & Henry Lopiano  
12NOON All Parishioners  
5PM Chris Wagner

**MONDAY** August 13th Weekday  
7:30AM John R. Flack  
12NOON John J. Moritz

**TUESDAY** August 14th St. Maximilian  
7:30AM Paul Yoon (Bday-Living)  
12NOON Mary McAuvic (Living)  
5:30PM Patti & Jay Ryan

**WEDNESDAY** August 15th The Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgen Mary  
7:30 AM Maryjane Russo  
12NOON Matthew Anderson

**THURSDAY** August 16th Weekday  
7:30AM Brian Thompson  
12NOON Katalin Daenler

**FRIDAY** August 17th Weekday  
9730AM Justino Bernas  
12NOON Finola Breslin

**SATURDAY** August 18th Weekday  
12NOON Javier Litrenta (Living)

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus  
Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

*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**

- **Registration** is now open. Please come by the Parish Center to register your child(ren) as soon as possible. This enables us to assign classes and catechists, as well as to order the right amount of supplies. Renewal of registration requires one form and a check for fees. New registrations also require a copy of each child's baptismal certificate.
- **Calendar** – A complete calendar will be available in August, but here are some upcoming dates:
  - ◇ **Family Mass** – Saturday, September 8, and October 6, at 5:30pm
  - ◇ **First Religious Education Session** – Sunday, October 7, 10:15-11:45am
  - ◇ **Parent Meeting** – during Religious Education on October 14
  - ◇ **Religious Education** will meet on Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28. It will not meet on Nov. 4, due to the NYC Marathon.
  - ◇ **Family Faith Formation** – our first event of the year will be on Saturday, November 3, 2-5pm. Please keep that date clear on your calendars for this exciting family event!

## **Sacramental Preparation for Children and Teens**

- **First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation**
  - ◇ The Archdiocese of New York requires **two years** of either Catholic School or Parish Religious Education **before** the reception of **First Communion** (2<sup>nd</sup> grade or up) or **Confirmation** (8<sup>th</sup> grade or up).
  - ◇ First Penance and First Communion have an at-home component that is to be completed in addition to regular attendance in Religious Education. Family packets will be distributed at the Parent Meeting.
  - ◇ First Penance: Saturday, December 1, 9am
  - ◇ First Communion: Saturday, May 18, 10am (school) and 2pm (parish)
  - ◇ Confirmation (teens): Sunday, June 2, 2pm
- **Adult Faith Formation – open to all adults!**
  - Sunday Morning **Scripture Discussions** resume on October 21, 10:15-11:45am
  - Watch the bulletin for upcoming mini-series
  - Friday Evening Prayer in the chapel begins on October 5 at 5:10pm
  
- **Adult Initiation** – contact Maryann Tyrer, Pastoral Associate, if you are thinking about becoming Catholic, or are an adult who wishes to receive First Communion or Confirmation. You can begin the process any time throughout the year.

**Want to volunteer?** Many different opportunities are available – Contact Maryann!

**Encountering the Self, Others, and God in Poetry**  
A Summer Adult Faith Formation Series at  
The Church of St. Monica – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – St. Stephen of Hungary

**Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm,  
in the air-conditioned Angelo Room of the Parish Center  
(406 E. 80<sup>th</sup> Street)**

**Remaining sessions in this 5-part series:**

(Yes, you can join us, even if you missed the earlier sessions!)

**August 15: Making my life poetic and a living poem....**

You are invited to join with others in reading and conversing about, reflecting on, studying, and praying with the experience of religious faith. The language of poetry in its various forms will be our starting point and focus.

The program will be directed by:

**There is no cost for this program, but please pre-register by phone at 212-288-6250, or email [mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org) so that we have enough seating, materials, and refreshments for everyone**

**Jared Barkan,**  
Manhattan resident and member of our parish, and a practicing poet for some 30 years. His most recent publication is in *Emmanuel Magazine*, which is published by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (serving at St. Jean Baptiste parish in Manhattan.)



**Fr. Jim Dugan, SJ,** who returns to our parish for his fourth summer. He is completing his 24<sup>th</sup> year in Rome, where he was a graduate student (3 years), then library in two Vatican Pontifical Institutes of Research: the Oriental Institute (12 years), and then the Biblical Institute (9 years.)

## 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 &  
WINSON JOSIAH**

**ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY**

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

**Nicholas Babiak, Matthew Chacko,  
Helene Erickson**

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

## BANS OF MARRIAGE

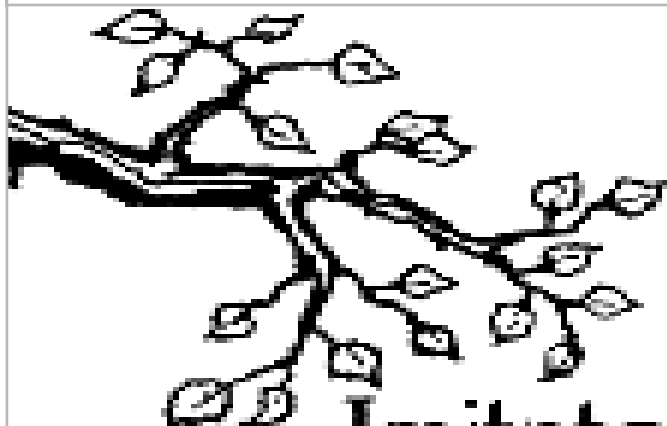


III Adam Martin  
&  
Dominique Girardi

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Careful readers of the "Treasures" will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life. At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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## CHOIR NEWS

This is an open call for any of our parishioners to join either the Children's Choir or Adult Choir. If you like to sing why not think about joining one our choirs here at St. Monica, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Stephen of Hungary.

Our Adult Choir meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Membership is open to high school students on up.

Our new Children's Choir will be starting up this September. Any child from the parish or from St. Stephen School entering grade 2 through grade 8 is welcome to join. The children will rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:15 -5:15 pm in the church. The choir will sing for the 5:30 pm Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month.

Please speak with our Director of Music, John Zupan or Lora Cohen, our Associate Director of Music after one of the Masses. You can also contact our music director via email.

"He who sings prays twice" –St. Augustine



## Back to School Supplies Drive

We are collecting new school supplies for the K-12 students served by the Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Services in East Harlem.

Place your items at the St. Joseph altar any time before Labor Day.

Thank you for helping these children to succeed in school!

### Items Needed:

Notebooks (spiral or stitched)  
Pencils, Pens  
Binders, Folders  
Backpacks  
Loose-leaf paper  
Flash drives  
Markers, Crayons, Highlighters

# Just a word

*From Your Pastor August 12th, 2018*

## **Religion in the Church and Out**

While many of you will see me this weekend, and may even be looking at me as you read this in the pew, as I write I am *just after coming back* from Ireland (I learned that phrase from the Irish – I love it). After my two weeks in Germany, during which I worked, I took a three day mini-vacation in Dublin.

Dublin is beautiful, with new transit systems and highways and a growing tech industry. Ireland's economy barely survived the great recession, but it is back and booming – with one exception: the Church. Churches once full, are now empty. Maynooth Seminary, which once prepared scores of men for priesthood, had just 14 in the 2016 class- for all of Ireland. And of course the priests there are ageing. Everyone I spoke to said it was over for the Church in Ireland.

And yet. Despite the fact everyone has condemned the Church to death, somehow they cannot stop talking about it! Sooner or later, everyone I spoke to, be it in the street, at home or in a pub (Yes I went to pubs) brought up the Church – even when they did not know what my profession was. They criticized, they argued pros and cons of Church teaching, they spoke about their memories of growing up in the Church, and told me why they have left.

And yet. If they can't stop talking about it, have they really left? The Pope is coming to Ireland in August for the World Meeting of Families. Everyone is talking about the visit. Even the tour guide on a day-long bus trip I took worked a 10 minute monologue into his spiel dealing with his opinions about the Church, the pope, the bishops, celibacy, women's ordination, marriage, and abortion as we passed the stadium where the pope will celebrate mass. You might think I was aggravated by this, (and I was a bit) but I was also fascinated. People may have left the Church but it has not left them. They may be critical and angry, but questions about faith and its meaning are still present. They would say that the Church doesn't want to listen - so they seek answers elsewhere.

Why do I share this with you? Because although the Catholic Church is somewhat stronger here, that is largely due to Latino immigration. In every other indication, from the size of our seminaries to the people in the pews, we are experiencing the same trends. There are many who believe (and many who hope) that it is over for the Church in the US as well.

And yet. Those questions of faith that I kept running into in Ireland are present here. I know that because very often people bring them up with me. And in thinking about those questions, both here and in Ireland, I wonder what our response should be.

Yes. OUR response. Because people do not listen to institutions any more. The continuing scandals in the Church have seen to that. If those questions of faith and meaning which still so occupy people's minds are to find any real answer, it will not come from the pope's pronouncements or a bishop's letter. They may be interesting, even helpful, but they are answers to questions that people might not even be asking.

No, if the Church is ever going to be able to respond, what we need to learn to do is listen. To let them talk and do not judge, and then when it is appropriate share with them how we understand their question, and how we answer it for ourselves, as Catholics.

The Pope talks repeatedly about this. He says the Church is called to journey with people in their lives listening and sharing the Catholic faith as our source of meaning and life.

But when he speaks of the Church he means all of us. Sure priests, popes and bishops need to listen. But so do we all. Because it is not true that people no longer believe. They want to believe; what they don't believe is that there are any credible answers to their questions, and that those who claim to have the answers will listen to them.

So this year we as a parish will continue to try – to listen. Our parish council will run more focus groups. Msgr. Ivers and I will continue to encourage people to give feedback on our homilies. We will continue to invite people to the RCIA and adult faith formation classes and groups where they can ask their questions and wrestle with finding their answers. We will listen to you – as many as wish to speak.

But as good as all this is, it is nothing without the listening we all do – or need to do. Because there are still people asking questions. You would not be sitting in the pew reading this if you did not somehow find answers to those questions here. That happens because we try to listen. Imagine what would happen if all of us did – and from the greeting we give people at the door to the welcome at mass, to the invitation to get involved and the encouragement to serve here all of it was done with an ear to what people are really looking for, and with an invitation to continue that search here. Maybe then much of the religion that gets practiced outside the Church might find its root inside it again.

Father Baker