

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

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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 19th, 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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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

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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 -- Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading -- Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel -- I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;

Jn 1:45-51

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



SATURDAY *August 18th Vigil*
5:30PM *Francesco Cellese*

SUNDAY *August 19th Twentieth Sunday*
In Ordinary Time
7:30AM *Grandma Angela Bagmarol*
9:00AM *Joseph Caltabiano*
10:30AM *Eugene Torino*
12NOON *All Parishioners*
5PM *Isabel Litrenta (Living)*

MONDAY *August 20th St. Bernard*
7:30AM *Christopher Wagner*
12NOON *Marion Kramaritsch*

TUESDAY *August 21st St. Pius X*
7:30AM *Werner Hertzell*
12NOON *Joseph Townsend (Living)*

WEDNESDAY *August 22nd The Queenship*
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 AM *Roberto Jallasaco*
12NOON *Catherine Roe*

THURSDAY *August 23rd Weekday*
7:30AM *Janice Ward*
12NOON *Edith Costello*

FRIDAY *August 24th St. Bartholomew*
9730AM *Annie Sweeney (Living)*
12NOON *John Downes*

SATURDAY *August 25th Weekday*
12NOON *Patricia Murphy*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bernard
Tuesday: St. Pius X
Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Rose of Lima
Friday: St. Bartholomew
Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; 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.
- **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** (2nd grade or up) or **Confirmation** (8th 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
- Friday Evening Prayer in the chapel begins on October 5 at 5:10pm

Adults who are thinking about becoming Catholic, or Catholic adults who are missing First Communion and/or Confirmation - contact Maryann Tyrer, Pastoral Associate, to discuss our adult initiation process. You can begin the process any time throughout the year.

Want to volunteer? Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.



Young Adult Ministry

- **Who is a young adult?** Generally it's 18-35-year olds, but we don't check IDs on the upper end! If you consider yourself to be a young adult, you're welcome to join us.
- **Upcoming activities:**
 - ◇ **9-11 Walk of Remembrance** – Sunday, September 9 – Begins at St. Francis of Assisi on 31st Street with 9:30am Mass, followed by a pilgrimage walk to the World Trade Center site, stopping along the way at fire houses and police precincts for prayers. We can then adjourn to a pub for a late lunch....
 - ◇ **Parish Feast Day Celebration** – Sunday, September 30 – noon Mass followed by a reception. Join with the parish community for this festive event!
 - ◇ **Wine & Cheese Social** – Sunday, October 28 – following the 5pm Mass



New York Catholic Youth Day - 8th-12th graders – Be a part of this awesome event! Over 1500 youth from around the archdiocese will gather at the Westchester County Center in White Plains for a full day of activities including: music, speakers, Mass, exhibits, games, lunch, prayer, and conversation. All participants **MUST** register through their parish, so contact Maryann Tyrer if you'd like to be a part of the group going from here!

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**

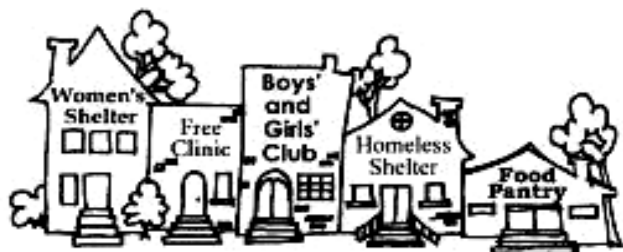
ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members*

Nicholas Babiak, Josephine Marino

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and family members*

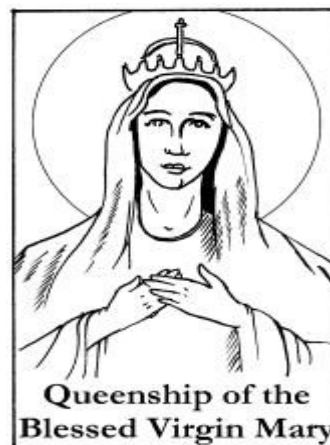


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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

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ADULT CHOIR

Have you ever thought about being more involved at Mass? Do you like to sing? Then why not think about joining the Adult Choir here at St. Monica, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Stephen of Hungary. By being involved in the choir you get to experience Mass on a whole new level. You get to contribute more of yourself by offering your gift of song with others that love to sing. By being in the choir you learn about music. By being in the choir you help make the Mass more beautiful through song. Yes, there is a commitment involved but one that is well worth it.

If you have about 2 hours a week to spare than you can join. Our Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays and sings on Sundays for the 12 noon Mass each week. The Adult Choir runs from September through the middle of June. Our first meeting will be on September 5th at 7:30 PM in the church. The adult choir is open to high school students on up.

And please don't be afraid to join even if you feel you are not a good enough singer because being a choir member is about praising God in song, not about singing on the stage of a Broadway Theater or the Met.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Exciting News! The St. Monica, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Stephen of Hungary Children's Choir is starting up this September and is looking for members. 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 1st & 3rd 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 19th, 2018

The Last Stretch

From the largest forest fire in American history still burning in California, to the highest temperatures ever recorded in the Arctic Circle, from a heat wave which has sent people scrambling for relief in Europe and left us hunkered down in air conditioning here in America, this has been a summer of superlatives. Both the weather and the politics, national as well as international, have left us feeling battered and bewildered.

It can be easy to forget – it is still summer! The city is empty, people are on vacation, and as we move into these last few weeks before Labor Day – and things really begin to heat up even as the weather cools – it is a good thing to stop, take a deep breath, and enjoy these last few weeks. To spend time with friends and family – to get away if that is your thing and use this recreative time as RE-creative time.

And still, it would be good to be aware of a few things as we begin to prepare for the start - up of things in the fall.

As I normally do, I am going to North Carolina to see my brother and his family on August 26th. I will return on September 3rd. As some of you know, he has not been particularly well of late – he was (finally) diagnosed earlier this year with Lupus. He is now getting the medicine he needs to treat this difficult autoimmune disease, but it is difficult.

The Germany Trip

We have been talking about it for a year, but it is finally here: our trip to Germany. Called *Following the Footsteps of Faith*, it is a trip borne out of my desire to share with Catholics one of the fundamental events of Western history – the Protestant Reformation. That event is said to have begun with the posting of 95 Theses – points for debate – on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517 by a young Augustinian monk named Martin Luther. Last year Protestants and Catholics remembered and celebrated this event all over the world.

Given my own upbringing and theological education, I have long wanted to remember and celebrate it as well, and especially to help Catholics understand how that event 500 years ago changed EVERYTHING in Europe, and thus had a profound effect on the Catholic Church.

. . . And also, given my many connections to Germany, I wanted to share something of that land and those connections with my parishioners, and anyone else who wanted to tag along!

The trip begins on September 12th and I return on the 25th. If this is a success, we might do others in the future. One possibility is to go to the Passion Play in Oberammergau in 2020. We shall see!

When we return, things really begin in earnest. The last weekend of September we will celebrate our three Patron saints, Monica, Elizabeth of Hungary and Stephen of Hungary with a Solemn Mass at 12 noon on September 30th. There will be a reception afterwards.

October begins with the annual blessing of animals on October 6th (St. Francis of Assisi's feast day is October 4th, but we will do the blessing on the weekend to make it possible for more people to attend). And this October we will do something which I hope will become an annual event – We will call it Ministry Month, and it will be an opportunity for parishioners to find out about the different ways we can all serve in the ministry of the parish. More on that later.

Enjoy the final weeks of summer! As I always tell the staff – before you know it, we will be putting up the Christmas trees!

Father Baker