

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

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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time-August 26th, 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?

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 -- The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Second Reading -- Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel -- We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	August 25th Vigil <i>Dr. Harvey Lincoff</i>
SUNDAY 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	August 26th The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time <i>Kathleen Coyne (Living)</i> <i>Cecilia Yoon (Living)</i> <i>Mary Mitchell</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Chris Wagner</i>
MONDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	August 27th St. Monica <i>Anna Cora</i> <i>Frank & Marie Blecha</i>
TUESDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	August 28th St. Augustine <i>Aaron McAndrew</i> <i>Sandra Portugal</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 12NOON	August 29th The Passion of St. John the Baptist <i>Bruno Mitera</i> <i>Walter & Mary Ferber</i>
THURSDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	August 30th Weekday <i>Susan Dale Frye Beitson</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>
FRIDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	August 31st Weekday <i>Julia Kaminski</i> <i>Michael Berry</i>
SATURDAY 12NOON	September 1st Weekday <i>Nine Souls of Lima</i>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Monica
Tuesday :	St. Augustine
Wednesday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

*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.



CONTINUES THROUGH LABOR DAY



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

Sister Catherine Ryan, Joanna Casses, Carmen Para

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and family members



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given "extraterritorial rights," meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There's still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don't have a personal castle in the hills!

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK



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CHOIR NEWS

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. 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.

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 after one of the Masses. You can also contact our music director via email.

“He who sings prays twice” –St. Augustine

Just a word

From Your Pastor Will Return Next Week



TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

August 15, 2018

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Member of the Family of the Archdiocese,

Yesterday's report of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury that investigated cases of the sexual abuse of minors committed by priests and deacons once again brought forward the pain and suffering of those who experienced that abuse, and the shameful way that those in positions of authority, including bishops, responded – or failed to respond – when informed of the abuse, and in many cases permitted it to continue and new victims to be harmed. I am sure that everyone, particularly victim-survivors and their families, but also the laity, good and faithful priests and deacons, and, yes, even bishops and cardinals, is feeling nauseous, hurt, and betrayed by the details contained in the report.

Although the report focused on six dioceses in Pennsylvania, we have thus far found three clerics from this archdiocese mentioned in the report. In case you have not seen the report itself, I wanted to share with you what the report contains, and let you know the status of each of these cases.

1. Fr. James McLucas was alleged to have sexually abused a 14 year old girl. However, we have an affidavit from the woman involved who states that a sexual relationship did not begin until she was in her 20's and in college. This does not excuse the behavior in any way, which is unquestionably and categorically wrong, but it is not a case of abuse of a minor. McLucas has not had an assignment since this came to our attention.
2. Deacon James Rush was alleged to have had an inappropriate relationship with a 14 year old girl. He was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of New York in 1979, but has not served here since 2002. He has been living and working in the Diocese of Harrisburg since that time. The Diocese of Harrisburg determined that there was no sexual abuse, but that grooming had taken place. Rush was suspended canonically by the Diocese of Harrisburg in 2016, and the Diocese then alerted the Archdiocese of New York to the suspension. The archdiocese immediately suspended him as well.
3. Ed Parrakow was a priest of this archdiocese who, in the 1980's, was found to have committed multiple acts of abuse of minors. He was sent away for treatment, and then given an assignment in the Diocese of Greenburg, where he continued to abuse. As much as it pains us to admit it, this is clearly an example of the wrong way that these cases were handled in the past. Parrakow was eventually suspended, and then laicized.

While I have not had time to read the entire report, it clearly lays out the pain experienced by victim-survivors, pain which continues to this day, and the terribly wrong way that these incidents were usually handled by the Church in the past which contributed to their suffering. While it is true that the abuse of minors was badly handled by all segments of society, if there is one segment that **should** have done a better job, it is the Church. And while the Church in the past may have been an example of what **not** to do, today I believe it is a model of what **to do** to prevent sexual abuse, and how to respond when an accusation comes to light.

Although the situation in the Church is very different today, especially since the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* in 2002, that does not mean that we can become complacent or think this is all behind us. We must continue to do all that we can to address the pain and suffering that victim-survivors continue to feel. That is the reason that the archdiocese instituted the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP), as way to help bring a sense of healing for those who were harmed. We must also continue to be ever rigorous in performing background checks and safe environment training, so that, as much as possible, we can prevent abuse from happening again in the future.

I believe that the recent case involving Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, as gut-wrenching as it was, exemplifies the progress that has been made in dealing with such cases. When the Archdiocese of New York received the complaint, we followed our normal protocol as we would for any priest, and everyone involved – from the Vatican on down – agreed that we must deal with the case openly and honestly. It is hard to imagine that such would have been the case 30 years ago.

Let me close by not only offering an apology to those who were harmed by such abuse and the response they may have received when coming forward, but also my gratitude that they did come forward, especially those who testified before the grand jury, participated in our IRCP process, or otherwise made their voices heard. And I would invite other victim-survivors in this archdiocese to come forward, to notify law enforcement, and contact our victim assistance coordinator (victimsassistance@archny.org). I assure them that they will be met with respect, compassion, and understanding.

Our God can make good out of evil. He proved that most dramatically on that first Good Friday. It surely feels as if we are experiencing another Good Friday today. Fortunately, we know that the darkness of Good Friday did not have the last word, and that the light of Easter Sunday was not far behind.



Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York