

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

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**The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 16th, 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*

*Associates:*

*Deacon*

*Pastoral Associate:*

*Parish Manager:*

*Music Director*

*Cantor:*

*Wedding Coordinator:*

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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**

408 East 82<sup>nd</sup> St., New York, NY 10028

(212) 288-1989 Fax: (212) 517 – 5788

*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 -- The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).  
Psalm -- I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).  
Second Reading -- Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).  
Gospel -- Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33;  
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a;  
Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13; Ps 33:2-5,  
12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,  
16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;  
Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:  
10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8;  
Jas 3:16 -- 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

## Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30PM	<b>September 15th Vigil</b> <i>Molesphini Family</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	<b>September 16th The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Yun Chon Lyons</i> <i>John &amp; Delia Cassis</i> <i>Gertrude Breen</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Helen, John Flack &amp; Family</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>September 17th Weekday</b> <i>Maria Artiga</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>September 18th Weekday</b> <i>Peter Neforos</i> <i>Msgr. Ferdinando Berardi</i> <i>(Living)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12NOON	<b>September 19th Weekday</b> <i>Warner Hertzell</i> <i>Cecilia Tyrer</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>September 20th St. Andrew</b> <i>Magda Szabo (Living)</i> <i>Frances Marzek</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>September 21st St. Matthew</b> <i>Vivian Migliore</i> <i>Garrett Dillon</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12NOON	<b>September 22nd Weekday</b> <i>Gary Eggers</i>

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Robert Bellarmine; begins at sunset
Wednesday:	St. Januarius
Thursday:	Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions
Friday:	St. Matthew
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*.
- **Upcoming dates:**
  - ◇ **First Religious Education Session** – Sunday, October 7, 10:15-11:45am
  - ◇ **Parent Meeting** – during Religious Education on October 14

### **Sacramental Preparation for Children and Teens Not in Catholic School**

- **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).
  - ◇ Please register your children NOW in Religious Education!

### **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?** Yes, we need more volunteers! Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.

**Please note:** Maryann Tyrer will be in Germany (with the parish tour group) September 12-25. She'll respond to messages upon her return. The office receptionists can accept your registration materials in her absence.

Thank you!

**Beginning on Friday, October 5, we will have Evening Prayer in the Parish Center Chapel each Friday at 5:10pm. All are welcome!** It is a simple prayer service, lasting 15-20 minutes, consisting of psalms, readings, and pauses for quiet prayer. It is a lovely way to end your work week. Please consider joining us! The following article from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will introduce you to the Evening Prayer of the Church.

*Rejoice* always,  
*Pray* without ceasing,  
In everything *Give Thanks*;  
For this is the will of  
*God in Christ Jesus*  
for you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

The Liturgy of the Hours includes several specified times of prayer. The most important times, called the "hinge hours," are Morning Prayer (which takes place upon rising) and Evening Prayer (which takes place as dusk begins to fall). The other hours are the Office of Readings (a service with a biblical reading and a reading from the Fathers or Church writers or a reading related to a saint which may take place at any time of day), a Daytime Prayer (which may take place at Midmorning, Midday, or Midafternoon), and Night Prayer (said before going to sleep).

Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. Their work is organized around this prayer, keeping God always at the center of their days. **Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer. Many parishes in the United States schedule communal Morning and Evening Prayer on a regular basis.**

Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1).

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/vespers.cfm>

## 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, JAMES LANA, MEGAN DRISCOLL,  
ANITA DEVANEY, WINSON JOSIAH, ROBERT URLAP,  
ANN MARRON, IRIS HOROWITZ  
& WILLIAM MACKINNON*

*ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY*

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners  
and family members*

*Rev. James Conte, Sr. Catherine Ryan,  
Joanna Casses & Rev. Charles Szivos,  
Deacon William Donovan, Deacon Ignatius Venezia  
& Carmen Parra*

## Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine  
Intentions for The McHugh Family

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

## Sanctuary Lamp



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp  
Intentions for The Daly Family

Offered By Kitty O'Donoghue

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default. Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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## HONORING OUR SAINTS

**The Parish is honoring our patron saints at the  
Noon Mass on Sunday, September 30th.  
We will be having a reception to follow**

**If anyone wants to bake for the occasion, please  
drop it off to the sacristy on Saturday evening or  
Sunday morning.**

## ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL FESTIVAL 2018

**On Sept 23 the Saint Stephen of Hungary School  
Foundation is hosting  
"The St Stephen Festival", a block party  
celebration to kick off the  
Schools 90th anniversary year.**

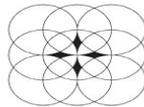
**There will be inflatable attractions, games,  
a magic show, face  
painting and an Irish dance performance.  
It is being held from Noon to 4pm on  
East 82nd St between 1st and York**

**All are welcome!**

## NEW HYMNALS

Why a new hymnal? As most of you are aware, in 2010 the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops approved the language of the new English translation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. When this was done all hymnals printed before 2010 became obsolete. This includes our Catholic Community Hymnal that we are presently using. It has served us well for many years, but its time has come to be replaced. As we invest in a new parish hymnal, we will also invest in new hymnals for the school as well. This way whether we are praying in our church or praying in our school we are all united in prayer as one parish through one hymnal.

After thoughtful consideration of what hymnal would best serve our needs we have chosen *Ritual Song—Second Edition*. This hymnal includes classics that have stood the test of time, as well as the best of new music that has been composed since the first edition. It also contains the most successful mass settings and service music written since the implementation of the Revised Order of Mass. With an expanded repertoire of music for rituals surrounding the RCIA, initiation, funerals, healing services and Taizé Prayer services, this hymnal will serve our parish well.



### MEMORIALIZING THE HYMNALS

As we move forward with the purchase of new hymnals, we are offering you the opportunity to celebrate the memory of a departed loved one, commemorate an important event, or simply honor your family name. For \$20, a donor bookplate will be created and adhered directly to the inside front cover of the hymnal, creating a lasting memory for years to come. If you are interested, please fill out the following form and turn it in before October 15, 2018. All checks made payable to “Church of St Monica”. The form can be returned to Mike Ward at the parish office, or Brad Slepian at the school office. You may request a hymnal to be used in parish or school, we will honor the request to the best of our ability. Please write clearly and provide a phone number if there is a question on the language to your memorialization.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Quantity      Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In commemoration of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In gratitude for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Hymnal destination request: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish      \_\_\_\_\_ School

# Just a word

*From Your Pastor September 16th, 2018*

## **What Was the Problem Again?**

People say it's a Church cover-up; but it's really not. A couple of clicks in Google or on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will lead you to the supposedly hidden truth.

This truth is not really scandalous but it is distressing – not sinful but sad. It is the fact that the number of candidates for ordination 2018 stood at 430 men for the entire United States – religious orders included. In 2017 the number was 590.

Given this, it is not surprising that bishops' answers about ordinations are sometimes vague. In our own diocese we heard that 9 men were ordained this year – but since 4 of them were members of a religious order that does not staff parishes, the real number is 5. Given that more priests retire and die every year than are ordained, it is not surprising that the USCCB calls for an increased support of priestly vocations. It is not surprising that some dioceses, our own included, increasingly rely upon international priests to staff parishes. Nor is it surprising that, parishes languish, people drift away, finances falter and bishops throw up their hands, blame a lukewarm laity and decide it's time for more church closures.

What *is* surprising is that bishops do not see that while the ordained priesthood is struggling, in many places, parishes are not. Churches and schools are being built, RCIA processes and Religious education programs are full. That growth is taking place across the spectrum in “conservative” as well as “progressive” Catholic parishes.

There are many reasons for this to be sure, but fundamental to this growth is the dedication of laypeople who staff these parishes and run their ministries.

Many of you have heard me say that **the Church does not have a vocation problem – It has an ordination problem.** This flourishing of the laity in our Church's life is part of what I mean. What motivates these people, who are male and female, married and single, gay and straight, young and old to dedicate themselves to parish ministry? It's not the money - often they work as volunteers, and when they are paid, it isn't a lot. Ask them and they will tell you they feel called to do it. A *Calling* is what the word *Vocation* means. The Church has limited its use to priesthood and religious life, but in reality we all have vocations. And ever since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has challenged the laity to discover theirs.

And they have. The Catholic Church is becoming a lay-led Church. And yet some bishops insist that the only way to increase the number of *priestly* vocations is to push back against this process by producing a priestly culture which reflects the “good old days” of priestly ministry, where clerics celebrate mass and sacraments yet, unlike the “good old days”, they leave teaching, hospital and youth work to the laity. This is supposed to make the priesthood attractive to young men by giving them a sense of identity and authority, but what it effectively does further marginalize the ordained ministry in the church. As numbers dwindle, fewer and fewer people, especially young people, interact with clergy in meaningful ways. Few see priests as “normal” – celibacy sees to that, and fewer understand the purpose of what priests do – their increasing isolation from their people sees to that.

This is another part of what I mean when I speak about our **ordination problem**. It is ironic – by insisting on the ordained priesthood's sacred specialness, bishops are actually fostering its practical irrelevance.

While we can and should foster good healthy vocations to the priesthood, we have little control over what kinds of priests these vocations become. What we DO have a control over however, is what kind of parish we become. In the coming years there are going to be fewer priests. We can **react** and blame our bishops for their lack of willingness to ordain married men and women, but that is no solution. The solution is to **act**. To look for what is growing in the Catholic Church and foster its growth in our parish.

Growth in the parish always entails change. It means speaking and suggesting, listening and learning from each other. Our parish council is going to play an important role in this - But so are you. If you want to. After all, the Catholic Church is becoming a lay – led church. As part of that Church we share in creating the open welcoming, evangelizing, serving Catholic parish we are called to be. It is our vocation.

Father Baker