

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

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The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 23rd, 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

(212) 288-1989 Fax: (212) 517 – 5788

Principal:

Ms. Kelly Burke

www.saintstephenschool.org

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 wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm -- The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading -- The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 -- 4:3).

Gospel -- Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	September 22nd Vigil John Fitzpatrick
SUNDAY 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	September 23rd The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Raymond & Richard Schnabel Luningning Paderon Lidia Pires All Parishioners Msgr. Anthony Frontiero (Living)
MONDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	September 24th Weekday Carol Perez Jimmy Migliore
TUESDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	September 25th Weekday Anthony & Carmen Mallia
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 12NOON	September 26th Weekday Anna Cora
THURSDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	September 27th St. Vincent de Paul Jeremiah O'Donoghue Dr. Maria Litrenta (Living)
FRIDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	September 28th Weekday Robert Mendillo
SATURDAY 12NOON	September 29th Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Thomas Buddy McShare

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; sunset; Autumn begins
Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul
Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

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

LIFELONG *Faith Formation*

K-8 Religious Education

Registration is now open. Please come by the Parish Center to register your child(ren) *as soon as possible*. Registration will close November 1st!

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** (2nd grade or up) or **Confirmation** (8th 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.

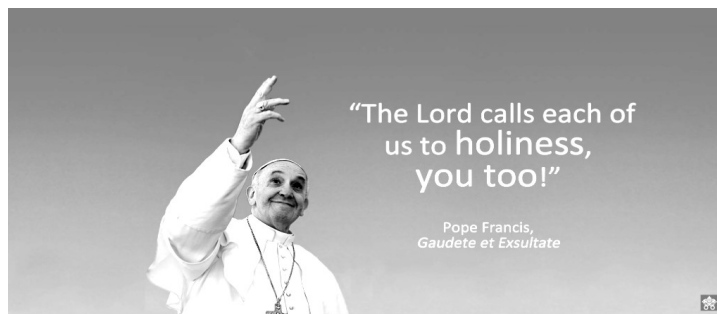
Please note: Maryann Tyrer will be in Germany (with the parish tour group) September 12-25. She'll respond to messages upon her return. The office receptionists can accept your registration materials in her absence. Thank you!



**Saturday, Oct. 6, 12:30pm,
Front steps 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

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!



Coming in October and November – “Rejoice and Be Glad: The Call to Holiness”

- An Adult Faith Formation Mini-series led by our clergy and lay pastoral staff
- Thursday evenings: **October 4, 11, 25, and November 1 and 8** in the Angelo Room of the Parish Center (406 E. 80th St.)
- Begins at 6pm with a light dinner
- Continues with reflection and discussion on *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)* – the latest Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis
- Concludes with Night Prayer at 8:30pm
- No charge to attend, so please save the dates and join us!

Also coming up on Saturday, October 13, 9-3 in the Parish Center:

The Sounds of Silence – a quiet retreat facilitated by Msgr. Ivers, includes Mass, Adoration, Benediction, and time for silent prayer and reading.

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

**Iris Horowitz, William McKinnan,
Lyn Scheuring, Megan Driscoll,
Anita Devaney & Richard Baldwin**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members*

Charles Szivos,

BREAD & WINE



This Week's Bread & Wine
Intentions for Mary & John Joyce

Offered By Kitty O'Donoghue

SANCTUARY LAMP



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp
Intentions for The Goggin Family

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice. In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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BANS OF MARRIAGE



I. Christopher Blass
&
Lauren Canetti

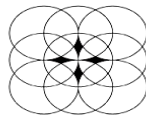
HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour of Reparation on Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the church. We come together as parish to pray for our Church and for all who have been wounded by the terrible crime of clergy sexual abuse. The Holy Hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from Sacred Scripture, communal and private prayer, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We hope that you will be able to join us.

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 23rd, 2018

I am now in my fourth year as your pastor. Can you believe it? I cannot. So much has happened in the parish and the school, since August 1, 2015. People sometimes ask me how I do what I do as pastor. That question always brings me up short. Over the years however, I have come up with some basic guidelines:

Smile and laugh as much as possible.

Never say no when you can say yes.

Never write an email when you can sit and talk in person.

Remember the Catholic Church is universal and so all are called, all are welcome – even those who disagree with you.

Remember that “to live is to change and to live well is to change often” – att. To Henry Cardinal Newman.

“If it’s worth doing, it’s worth doing poorly” – att. To G.K. Chesterton

When all else fails, lower your expectations.

I know – they all sound pretty banal, but they work. Especially numbers 4 and 5. Because to be the Catholic Church is to be a living Church, and to live is to change and grow. It is to let some things go, and begin new chapters in our lives. It is what happens every time a new pastor comes, a new ministry begins, or a church group, once the back bone of the parish, ends. Growth happens when we welcome new people as parishioners, accept new children as students and find new ways to serve those who are not part of our community.

Speaking of growth in our beleaguered Catholic Church is difficult. And yet, all over the US, parishes grow. Our Church has seen growth. This growth has opened opportunities for lay people to exercise their vocation as baptized Catholics. Our pastoral staff has grown, with Maryann Tyrer overseeing education and Christian formation and John Zupan developing a music program that will now include a children’s choir. Kelly Burke continues to oversee the growth of our school, and Deacon Kevin, Msgr. Ivers, Fr. Joslin and I are entrusted with the sacramental and pastoral care of the parish.

And yet. Change is inevitable. Especially in the sacramental life of the parish. For the center of our parish’s life, mass and sacraments, is performed by the clergy. There are plenty of lay people, but as I wrote in last week’s pastor’s column, fewer and fewer clergy.

When we look around at our neighboring parishes we can see many priests who are nearing retirement. And while St. Monica – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – St. Stephen of Hungary looks to be faring better than most, with a Msgr. in his late 60s, a spry pastor of 58 and an international student priest who is in his 30s – looks can be deceiving. Msgr. Ivers lives here but works for the Archdiocese. He is only here part-time. Fr. Joslin is a student, whose time here ends next year. I am the only full-time priest in the parish.

Where will the priests come from to fill empty pastorates? What if Msgr. gets called to fill one? When Fr. Joslin goes, will there be a replacement? And if so, what kind? These are all important questions, and unfortunately, I don’t have all the answers.

However, as I said last week, we have two choices: we can react after the problem is upon us, or we can act, and plan for the challenges we will face in future.

That is one of the reasons that I have spoken so much this past year about pastoral planning. I have not always called it that. But when the parish council had their retreat day last year, the topic was pastoral planning. The listening sessions we sponsored last year which resulted in the greeters at many of the Sunday masses were a part of pastoral planning.

The addition of a Sunday evening mass at 5pm was also a result of this planning. That mass has been very successful, with attendance ranging from between 120 – 180 people. Many of them new parishioners. But it has meant adding a mass to the Sunday Schedule. We now have six Sunday masses. During the week we have two every day. The schedule is doable with three priests during the year, and as long as we can find summer help also doable in the summer.

However, we may only have two priests by 2020. And as we heard from Fr. Jim Dugan, while he would like to return next summer there is no guarantee he will be able to as he has been reassigned. And with only two priests, and two daily masses, days off become very difficult.

So, one of the things we will be talking about over this year is the mass schedule. I will be providing information in columns such as these over the coming months. We will discuss this issue in the parish council, and of course we will be asking to hear from you. No decisions yet, but listening and planning begin now.

However, due to the way that intentions for masses are reserved, we need to plan for 2019-2020 starting *this* fall. As a result when the mass book opens this fall we will open it from January 1 through July 1. This will give us time to discuss and plan, and then whatever changes decide on (if any) can be introduced over the summer of 2019.

I look forward to many more years of being your pastor. As we adapt to the changes in our Church and our world, please know of my commitment to you all. Together we will see to it that Catholic life continues to flourish here in Yorkville.

Father Baker