

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

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The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 2nd, 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?

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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 -- For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm -- The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading -- Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel -- This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-3

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	September 1st Vigil Noreen Flannery O'Kelly & Sherry Lopez O'Dowd
SUNDAY 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	September 2nd The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time Ana Ferreiras Joanie Maher Michael Ward All Parishioners Matthew Chacko
MONDAY 9AM	September 3rd St. Gregory the Great Todd Snedden
TUESDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	September 4th Weekday Adam Armetta Thomas R. McGlynn
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 12NOON	September 5th Weekday Anthony Munafo Walter & Mary Ferber
THURSDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	September 6th Weekday Mary O'Neill Mary McAugh
FRIDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	September 7th Weekday Kavanaugh & Conzelmann Families Thanksgiving to St. Agata
SATURDAY 12NOON	September 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgen Mary Ricky & Karl Kavanaugh

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgen 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, ROBERT URLAP,
& ANN MARRON**

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, Carmen Parra & Ana Ferreiras*

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine
In Memory of William & Mary Mitchell

Offered By Margaret Mitchell

Sanctuary Lamp



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the mensa, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ. From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church."

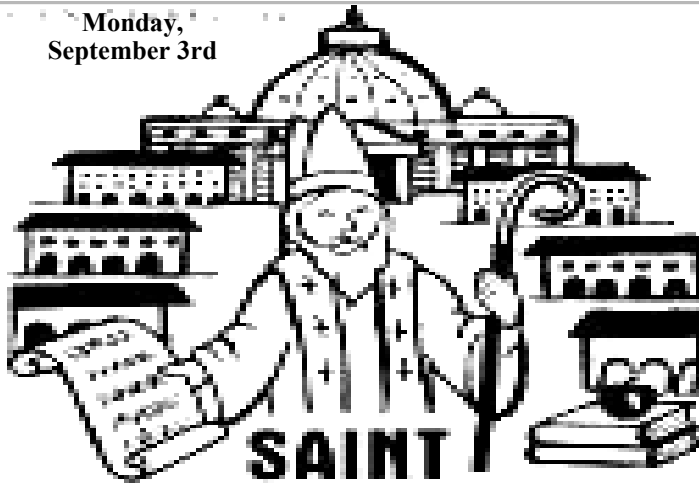
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**Our Next Family Mass
will be celebrated on
Sat. September 8th at 5:30 PM.
All Families & Parishioners are invited.**



Monday,
September 3rd



SAINT GREGORY the GREAT

Wednesday,
September 5th



St. Teresa
of Calcutta

Nativity
of the
Blessed
Virgin
Mary



Saturday,
September 8th

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Monday, September 3rd is
Labor Day
We will have one mass at 9AM.

The Parish Center will be closed,
and we will re-open Tuesday,
September 4th at 9AM



HAPPY LABOR DAY

Just a word

From Your Pastor Will Return Next Week

BUSINESS CORNER

Business Corner

I end all of these columns with an offer to contact me at any time for anything, and that is always a genuine offer. However, I thought I would share with the parish community that on Saturday August 18th, my wife Emily and I, along with our daughter Avery, welcomed the newest member of our family, our son/brother Thomas. (Yes, a recent column I wrote said we were welcoming our 2nd daughter, who says life is not full of surprises!).

I am using some personal time, essentially working part-time in September to help out at home and intend to return to my full schedule Monday October 1. So, in the interim while my office hours are a little scattered, email is the best option for anyone that wishes to discuss a subject. Thanks.

2019 Mass Book

Our Mass Book for 2019 will open on **October 1st** and mass intentions will be available for **all masses from January 1- June 30th 2019**. The masses from July 1- December 31st will open a date to be determined in the Spring of 2019.

You may recall that we did the same thing with the 2018 Mass Book in caution of a need to change in the mass schedule. While we did not change the mass schedule, changes to the parish may create a need to revisit the mass schedule (for example, Fr Joslin leaves us in June 2019, and his replacement, if any, is unknown). There will be more information on this subject from Father Baker in his columns and from the pulpit in the weeks to come.

Christmas Bazaar

We will be holding the Christmas Bazaar on **Sunday November 11, 2018**. This is a date change from the original announcement which was Sunday the 18th. The date change is due to the start date of air conditioning installation which we expect to be immediately after the bazaar (More A/C installation info to come in my next column).

Due to this scheduling conflict, we are losing Deacon Kevin from the bazaar committee. Deacon has worked extremely hard the last few years, setting up Deacon's Café and feeding the attendees of the bazaar. He will be greatly missed this year and we hope to have him back next year. If there is anyone that would be interesting in working on the bazaar committee, specifically to help organize food, please contact me and let me know.

Chapel

As I write this column, there are workers in the chapel setting up the automated doors for handicap access. We are being told the last of the work will be completed next week following the Labor Day Holiday. I do not like being the boy who cries wolf but.... we are very hopeful that we will have the construction completed in the coming week and Father Baker will advise the parish on the opening of the chapel.

As always, any questions on these, or other topics, please feel free to contact me as needed.

Mike Ward
Parish Manager