

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

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**The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 9th, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic Parochial School**

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*Principal:*

**Ms. Kelly Burke**

**[www.saintstephenschool.org](http://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 -- Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).  
Psalm -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).  
Second Reading -- Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).  
Gospel -- Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY** *September 8th Vigil*  
5:30PM *Maria Teresita Litrenta (Living)*

**SUNDAY** *September 9th The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30AM *Dani Brady*  
9:00AM *Patrick J. Connor*  
10:30AM *Kathleen Schirf*  
12NOON *All Parishioners*  
5PM *Joseph B. Williams*

**MONDAY** *September 10th Weekday*  
7:30AM *Christopher Warner*  
12NOON *Harold Rourke*

**TUESDAY** *September 11th Weekday*  
7:30AM *Rose Rivera*  
12NOON *Catherine Dillon*

**WEDNESDAY** *September 12th Weekday*  
7:30 AM *Michael E. Nallen*  
12NOON *Brian Thompson*

**THURSDAY** *September 13th*  
*St. John Chrysostom*  
7:30AM *Patrick Welsh*  
12NOON *William Keating*

**FRIDAY** *September 14th*  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
7:30AM *Budd McShare*  
12NOON *Marie O'Brien*

**SATURDAY** *September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows*  
12NOON *Bernadette Fahey*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents Day  
Tuesday: Patriot Day  
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Thursday: St. John Chrysostom  
Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

*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
  - ◇ **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 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).
  - ◇ 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?** 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!



## 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:**
  - ◇ **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 - 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Save the Dates for this upcoming Adult Faith Formation Series:**

**Rejoice and Be Glad** – our Pastoral Staff (clergy and lay) will present 5 reflections on Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Thursday evenings, 6-8:30pm (light dinner included) in the Parish Center, **Oct. 4, 11, 25, Nov. 1, and 8.**

## 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 Joseph Cashin

Offered by Mary Cashin

## Sanctuary Lamp



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of Mary McAhugh

Offered By Mary Cashin

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you're in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you. In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us--nation, parish church, occupation, illness--can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the "communion of saints" is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life's struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co

## SENIOR MINISTRY NEWS

### WELCOME BACK SENIORS

Please note: Our ministry activities will be delayed for one month. From September 12th through September 25th, I will be in Germany with other church parishioners.

Consequently, our Wednesday senior noon Mass and Friday late afternoon The Silver Jubilee of "MAGNIFICAT" MAGNIFICAT DAY OF THANKSGIVING with renowned speakers, SEAN CARDINAL O'MALLEY, O.F.M. CAP BISHOP ROBERT BARRON, FATHER PETER JOHN CAMERON, OP, DR. SCOTT HAHN THIS DAY CELEBRATION WILL COST \$29 PER PERSON if we have 10 or more persons attending. Registration begins at 9:30 am. The program begins at 11:00 am; ends at 7:30 pm. Program includes prayer, keynote addresses, music & fellowship.

Please telephone Gladys at the Parish Center Office if you are interested in attending. 212-288-6250. movie will happen in October.

However, I alert you to a wonderful gathering taking place on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn New York: 1027 Flatbush Ave.

Thank You. Best Regards from Anne Sabatini,  
Chairperson for the Senior Ministry

# Just a word

*From Your Pastor September 9th, 2018*

Dear Friends,

Over the past couple of weeks, you may have been hearing that our parish has come into some money! For several years the Archdiocese, on behalf of our parish, has been in negotiations with developers on the Upper East Side. The negotiations are now complete, and we have sold our Air Rights.

## **What are “Air Rights”?**

New York City Air Rights – Transferable Development Rights, or TDRs – originated with the 1961 revamping of the city’s zoning laws. In essence, if a building next to a construction site is lower in height than neighborhood zoning laws allow, the developer can buy that building’s unused air space, add it to his or her project, and erect a taller building. Since the upper floors of a building fetch higher prices, developers consider height to be a prime asset.

## **Why Did We Sell?**

A good question. People have expressed concerns about another tall building in the area, the loss of sunlight, and the frustrations that are produced by any building project. Here are our thoughts on the matter:

- 1) Although our parish is a separate corporation under New York State law, we work with the archdiocese as negotiations were made for the benefit of the parish and the diocese.
- 2) Zoning laws have created this asset literally out of thin air. However, this only becomes an asset to the parish if it is sold, otherwise the asset is worthless. Monetizing the air rights is a tremendous financial reward to the parish and will benefit the parish community and its ministry for years to come.
- 3) If we did not sell, we will not be stopping the development of First Avenue. The developer will still erect a building, only a shorter one, and could conceivably obtain air rights elsewhere. If we had declined to sell, our air rights would have been rendered worthless. Only the adjacent developer can use them. If we had chosen not to sell, we would have literally been giving away millions of dollars.

## ***Making All Things New and the Future***

The demographics of the Catholic Church in the archdiocese are shifting, particularly in Manhattan. In 20 -30 years there will be fewer Catholics attending mass, and they will be older. Parish buildings are emptier, and there is much deferred maintenance. *Making All Things New*, the archdiocesan pastoral planning process, looked at the number of priests, demographic changes and financial solvency and stability of parishes and sought to develop parishes which would be more viable and vibrant, both pastorally and financially.

In several cases, merged parishes have unused property that could be sold to create endowments and other investments that will benefit the parishes in the long term.

In our parish, we have the property of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, but its future is still uncertain. However, we do have air rights. Properly invested, our parish of Saint Monica - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary - Saint Stephen of Hungary will be able to continue to offer quality music, good liturgy, education and Catholic life to anyone seeking it for many years to come.

## **The Proceeds of Sale**

Before summarizing our strategy for the monies that we have received, I want to remind everyone that Mike Ward, our parish manager, is always willing to meet with you to discuss the business practices and finances of the parish. Should anyone want to discuss this section in greater detail, please contact Mike in the parish office.

The proceeds of sale, following closing fees, is \$34,837,933.

Both parish and school have debt to the archdiocese. This debt is made up of several components including unpaid bills as well as loans, and most, but not all, derive from our entities prior to merger. The total debt is \$1,346,553 and this obligation will be paid in full before anything else is done with the proceeds of sale.

The balance following debt payment, \$33,491,380, will be split between the parish and the archdiocese, so that it may continue to support needy parishes and schools throughout the archdiocese. Therefore, following this sale, the parish, as well as school, are debt free and the parish has \$16,745,690 in net profit.

It is extremely important that this money be used to secure the future of the parish and school community and the parish administration will work very closely with the parish finance council in order to make the appropriate decisions on how to allocate funds. The use of funds will include some necessary capital projects, a gift of support to our school and an endowment for the parish. We are working out the specific amounts that will be dedicated to each of these applications; in the interim the monies have been deposited into an interest-bearing investment account.

### ***Renew and Rebuild and Sunday collections***

I know the temptation will be for many to say that now that we have an endowment, we no longer need to support our parish in the weekly collection nor complete our pledges to the *Renew and Rebuild* program. After all, many will reason, the church is loaded. Moreover, things like elevators and air conditioning, new boilers and roofs are now assured. Why should I give?

A good question.

First and foremost, we are all called to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given to us. The parish will do that with the proceeds of this sale, as it has always done with the money generously donated by generations of parishioners. Members of the parish family are similarly called to be good stewards and give back generously to God and His Church.

Second, we want to be able to run our parish without using the principal of our investments. We hope that these investments will produce income that will augment and enrich our parish and our school's mission – but this income could never replace other income, such as the Sunday collection – it simply would not be enough. Moreover, a parish where parishioners no longer support the parish's mission is a parish without a mission – it is a dead parish.

What we give isn't so much a payment for services rendered: it is also an investment. The life of a parish flows from many things; the dedication of its workers, the willingness of its volunteers, and the creativity and diversity of its members. Our generosity makes possible the building up of the parish into the Body of Christ here in Yorkville.

The work is not ours; it is Christ's but we contribute to it both by what we do and by what we give. We invest ourselves in our parish's future.

We will keep you informed as more specific decisions are made on the allocation of the funds.

Sincerely,

Rev. Donald C. Baker

## COVER SHEET

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