

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time– February 17th, 2019

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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Deacon

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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

Vespers (evening prayer) 5:10pm in Chapel –406 E. 80th Street

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 -- The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm -- Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading -- Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel -- Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	February 16th Vigil <i>Altagracia Bellevue</i>
SUNDAY 7:30AM	February 17th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Michael & Sheila Maloney</i> (Living)
9:00AM	<i>Christine Aimone</i>
10:30AM	<i>Helen, John Flack & Family</i>
12NOON	<i>All Parishioners</i>
5PM	<i>Michael McCarthy</i>
MONDAY 9AM	February 18th Weekday <i>Msgr. Thomas Leonard</i>
TUESDAY 7:30AM	February 19th Weekday <i>Bob Leblanc</i>
12NOON	<i>Gail Kirwan</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM	February 20th Weekday <i>Nancy Collins</i>
12NOON	<i>Tish Gilvey</i>
THURSDAY 7:30AM	February 21st Weekday <i>Patricia Medici</i>
12NOON	<i>The Connor Family</i>
FRIDAY 7:30AM	February 22nd The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle <i>Matthew Anderson</i>
12NOON	<i>Luiz Felipe Pereira</i>
SATURDAY 12NOON	February 23rd St. Policarp <i>Margarita Simanca (Living)</i>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents Day
Thursday: St. Peter Damian
Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
Saturday: St. Polycarp

*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

- **No sessions on February 17 – Winter Break**
- **K-8 Religious Education** meets on Sundays, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center.
- Mark your calendar: **Family Faith Formation**, Sunday, March 3, 9-11:45am!

Adult Faith Formation – open to all adults!

- Sunday Morning **Scripture Discussions**, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center – join us for coffee and conversation every Sunday that Religious Education is in session! No charge, no registration needed. (No sessions Feb. 17 or March 3.)
- **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!

Adults who are thinking about becoming Catholic, or

Catholic adults who have missed First Communion and/or Confirmation

It's never too late! 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 on Sunday mornings, please! Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.



from the front
of the choir

Both our Children's Choir and Adult Choir are looking for new members. If you like to sing and want to be more active in your church life, joining the choir is a no brainer.

The Children's Choir meets on Wednesdays from 4pm-5pm at St. Stephen School and sings at the Family Mass at 5:30pm in our church. They will also be singing for the Lenten season.

Our Adult Choir meets on Wednesdays from 7:30pm-9pm in the church and sings at the 12 noon Mass each week.

Choral experience is a plus but not necessary. On the job training available! Please see our Director of music, John Zupan for details. Email him at jzupan@stmonicanyc.org



Coming up –

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – Mardi Gras Style

Sunday, March 3, 9-11:45am, Parish Center

- Open to all K-8 children with their family members (at least one parent/guardian *must* attend with the children!) The whole family is welcome and encouraged to attend.
 - Families will rotate through several “stations” and learn something, make something, and bring a family activity home at each station.
 - This year’s stations include:
 - ◇ Mardi Gras – the Feast Before the Fast
 - ◇ Lenten Care for the Poor
 - ◇ The Cross and Our Lenten Journey
 - ◇ Patrick of Ireland – A Lenten Saint
 - ◇ Ashes and Palms and Water and Oil, Oh My! The “Stuff” of Lent
- Please note the start time, and be sure this event is on your family calendar!

WOMEN DEACONS

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE



Gary Macy
William T. Ditewig
Phyllis Zagano

FOREWORD BY
Susan A. Ross

WOMEN DEACONS : PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Please join us at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 pm for a very special evening.

Dr. Phyllis Zagano, a member of the Pontifical Study Commission on the Diaconate of Women, will discuss questions surrounding the restoration of women to the ordained diaconate. Dr. Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. She is currently a senior research-associate-in-residence at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York. She will be available to sign books following the presentation.

*No RSVP required.

Blessed Sacrament Church
152 West 71st Street
New York, NY 10023

www.blessedsacramentnyc.org

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

**JEAN STEPHENS, EILEEN FLYNN,
ANNETTE WILLIAMS, ED SMITH,
SLOHBAH CAHILL, GORDON MILLER,
EDWARD HOGAN & BETTE DEWING**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and family members

**Jaime Garcia, Janet McDermott,
John Dewey, Margaret DiCarlo,
Catherine Campagna,
Jane H. Reeves, Joan Ulich,
Mary Foley-Mesom,
Clementina Flores-Sanchez,
Diana Sweeney & Rafael Guzman**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language.

American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for Ann Creedon

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine Intentions for Anne Nolan

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

SENIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

On Wednesday, February 20th the Senior Ministry will celebrate its monthly noon Mass.

After Mass, we will meet at the Parish Center for some light refreshments. Between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm, we will interview seniors who have immigrated to the USA. Please sign up with Marcelle or Anne if you can come at that time. With your permission, we will record the interview.

On Friday, February 22, there will be a Potluck lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the Oscar Winner - Best Picture of 1966 "A Man for all Seasons."

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Please telephone Gladys at the Parish Center if you plan to attend. 212-288-6250.

Thank you. Anne Sabatini, Chairperson



Just a word

From your Pastor February 17th, 2019

No Vacancy

Back in 2003, when I was a brand-new pastor at St. Teresa, I stood in their parish hall and prayed that one day there would be so many things going on that we would not have enough room to house all of them. It took almost 8 years, but that happened. I said the same prayer back in 2016 in our newly renovated parish center. God must've hired an expediter, because it only took 2 ½ years this time! Many nights our parish center is filled with activity. Let me tell you a few of the things that have happened or are happening – IN ADDITION to the School's *Early Birds* program, religious education, adult faith formation and classes for the Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (RCIA) – all of which happen all year long.

- Last week we had over 20 people come to discuss forming a “Care for Our Common Home” group of Catholics who are concerned about the environment. At that meeting, coordinated by Jonathan Brady, we surfaced actionable items which this group will begin to work on.
- During the month of February, a group of over 40 people are meeting to discuss John Boyne's novel, *A History of Loneliness*. This book club divides into 8 discussion groups and they are tucked into every nook and cranny.
- Every Friday afternoon at 5:10pm a group of people gathers to pray the evening prayer of the Church (Vespers) in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel in the parish center. (Note: not the church on E. 83rd St.) This prayer service includes time for contemplative, silent prayer, as well as the praying of the psalms and canticles of Sacred Scripture.
- Starting in March every Thursday night in Lent we will do a “Weekday Edition” of Sunday morning's Adult Faith Formation in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel – We sit, reflect on the readings for the Sunday to come, learn, and discuss their connection to our lives. Think of it as a Catholic Bible study and reflection – no preparation needed.

And this is just during January and early February, when we have tried to do less in preparation for the coming Lenten season (approximately 2 ½ weeks away!) Stay tuned to this column and the parish bulletin for other opportunities to get involved and deepen your commitment to God through our parish in the coming months.

Parish Survey

Another group that has experienced a new burst of life is our Parish Council. Last week members of the council distributed a survey the council would like you to fill out. If you took one and have not filled it out, please do so at your earliest opportunity so we can tabulate the results. In this way our council can get a better idea how we can serve the parish.

A Changing Parish in a Changing Church

I often say that as a parish we should act rather than re-act. I say this in the context of all the changes our Archdiocese and Church are facing in the coming years.

One aspect of this change is the dwindling number of priests. I will be speaking more about that issue next month. However, the other aspect of this change is the growing number of parishioners! This is due to the quality of the liturgy, preaching, education and pastoral work both here and in St. Stephen of Hungary School. We can be proud and thankful that in such a difficult time for the Church, we are growing. In the school this is due to Kelly Burke, our School Principal and her staff and teachers. In the parish it is due to our clergy, but just as well to people such as our music director, John Zupan and our Pastoral Associate Maryann Tyrer, in collaboration with so many volunteers.

Lay people, taking leadership in parish ministry is the future. For that reason, we are hiring a Second Pastoral Associate. Maryann Tyrer will become *Pastoral Associate for Christian Formation* and this new hire will be *Pastoral Associate for Parish Life*. Part of their job will be to shepherd the new groups that have formed and will form in the parish, to engage in young adult outreach and perhaps most importantly, to over-see the online and social media presence of the parish. We look forward to sharing our new Pastoral Associate with you soon!

¡Bienvenido, Pedro Pizarro!

One last bit of information; As we know next weekend will be the last weekend our sacristan, Michael Blecha, is with us. As he leaves you will notice a new face appearing in the sacristy, working with the parish ministers and staff. He is Mr. Pedro Pizarro. I will speak more about him next week, as he will begin his work in earnest after the 24th. But he is here this weekend for orientation. Welcome, Pedro!

So much information – but then we took the month of January to do a catechesis about the parts of the mass, so there is a lot to report!

Father Baker