

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

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– February 24th, 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**

## Parish Staff

*Pastor*

*Associates:*

*Deacon*

*Pastoral Associate:*

*Parish Manager:*

*Music Director*

*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**

**Vespers (evening pray) 5:10pm Fridays in Parish Chapel**

## St. Stephen of Hungary School

**Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic Parochial School**

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*Principal:*

**Ms. Kelly Burke**

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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 -- David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him

(1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading -- We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel -- Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

# Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30PM	<b>February 23rd Vigil</b> Catherine Tuttle
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	<b>February 24th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Gordon Miller (Living) Matthew Youngho Hwang Pedro Ant. Litrenta, Jr. All Parishioners The Flanagan Family
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>February 25th Weekday</b> Gordon Miller (Living) Avery Ward (Living)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>February 26th Weekday</b> Declan Besrne Robert McAuvic
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12NOON	<b>February 27th Weekday</b> Ana Corra Anna & Joseph Uddo
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>February 28th Weekday</b> Margaret Koeppen Elizabeth Ford
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>March 1st Weekday</b> Michael Cachioli Anne Keating
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12NOON	<b>March 2nd Weekday</b> The Finn Family

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Friday: World Day of Prayer;  
First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;  
First Saturday

*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**

- **K-8 Religious Education** meets on Sundays, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center, February 24, March 10, 17, 24.
- 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 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.



### **The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens**

Today, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens with **Sabrina Barret**. Sabrina is preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in our midst at the Easter Vigil this Spring. This is the first of the “threshold rites” of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the first public ritual. In the Rite of Acceptance, a change of identity takes place: from “inquirer” (one who is asking questions about the faith, exploring it, and discerning pursuing baptism), to “catechumen” (a student of the faith, a not-yet-full member of the community of faith, a disciple of Jesus.) In the rite, a person is literally marked, signed, with the cross, the sign of our faith, and claimed for Christ. The entire community welcomes them into our midst to hear the Word of God, and then sends them forth at the conclusion of the homily to “feast on the Word of God,” to study and meditate on the Scriptures, to hear God’s Word speaking to them in their lives. They, and we, look forward to the day when they will join us at the Eucharistic Table as fully initiated members of the Body of Christ.



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!

OUR NEXT PARISH TOUR WILL BE.....

## Switzerland and Germany with the Oberammergau Passion Play!

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/938182#>

July 7-15, 2020



**Brochures available at the Parish Center! Contact Maryann for more info.**

Experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play, performed every ten years since 1634 by the residents of Oberammergau - a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Tour the Black Forest region of Germany, see the castles of Neuschwanstein and Château de Chillon on Lake Geneva. Ride through the Swiss Alps to the Matterhorn. Tour Zermatt and Lucerne. Escape the heat of NYC in July with this exciting tour!

## 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**

**QUENTIN ERTIL, JEAN STEPHENS,  
EILEEN FLYNN, ANNETTE WILLIAMS,  
ED SMITH, & SLOHBAN CAHILL  
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 & Joan Ulich**

## Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine

In Memory of  
Pedro Antonio Litrenta, Jr.

Offered by Maria Litrenta

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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**Our next Family Mass will be  
Saturday, March 2nd at 5:30PM**

**All Families & Parishioners are invited**

# 50th Anniversary

**SAVE THE DATE**

## *Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass*

Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 PM

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

**His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan**

*Celebrant*

The *Golden Jubilee Mass* is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2019.

All those who wish to attend must contact their parish secretary to register.

Pews will be reserved for *Golden Jubilee* couples only. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section in general seating (up to 4 guests).

All *Golden Jubilee* couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

***Registration will close on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM***

# Just a word

*From your Pastor February 24th, 2019*

## **Jews and Catholics, Eating Together**

It may sound strange but that is what happened Friday, February 15, 2019 at the Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont Emmanuell in Scarsdale, NY. The genesis of this interfaith gathering happened months ago when one of our parishioners approached me and said, that he had attended a Bar Mitzvah and that I had to meet the Rabbi there, because his message was one that resonated with mine.

Intrigued, I called Rabbi Jeffrey Brown and we planned an evening where after the Friday evening Sabbath Service, there would be a pot luck dinner and the opportunity to share in an interfaith dialogue.

The gathering was wonderful. The congregation was welcoming and the worship lively and warm. There looked to be about 50 people there and after a delicious vegetarian potluck dinner both Rabbi Brown and I gave 20-minute talks about our faith traditions and the challenges we face. We all remarked at how similar some of them, namely the challenges to attract younger people, to be flexible in a rapidly changing society while remaining faithful to our core traditions and beliefs, and the difficulties of retaining members as our culture secularizes. After our respective talks, the floor was open to questions, and we went until well after 9pm.

Several of our parishioners said they would have liked to go but balked at traveling out of the City on a Friday night of a holiday weekend. You were wise. It took us an hour and a half to get there. Thank you to Toni Giangrande for driving and to Maryann Tyrer for accompanying me. And to not worry: We have invited Rabbi Brown here for a similar night later in the spring. When we have more information on this, I will let you know!

## **Welcome Jasmine Gomez!**

Last week I mentioned that we were interviewing for a second Pastoral Associate to help our parish focus on outreach to young adults and to build out our social media presence. After a series of interviews with candidates we are happy to announce that we have hired Ms. G. Jasmine Gomez to be our *Pastoral Associate for Parish Life*. Thank you to the members of our search team: Raymond Suh, Mary Ellen Costello and Matt Jacobs. We will let Jasmine introduce herself when she arrives, which will be sometime in March.

It is our hope that with this increased staff we will continue to be able to grow our ministry to all our parishioners, and everyone who comes to pray, question, worship and learn here.

## **Fare Well, Michael Blecha!**

Even as we say hello to new staff, this weekend we say goodbye to Michael Blecha, who has served this parish faithfully for several years. He came with Fr. Peter Colapietro as his personal assistant, but then took turns working in the office and finally in the church as our sacristan. Earlier this year he announced that as of this Sunday he would be moving on, to work and live closer to his daughter in New England. Following the 12-noon mass this weekend we will have a reception in the back of the church to say our goodbyes. Thank you, Michael for all you have done for the parish. We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

## **Where in the world is Father Baker?**

If next weekend you look around the parish you will notice I am not here. One of the things that happens to priests who prepare couples for marriages in other places is that they get asked to celebrate them. On Friday March 1, I am flying to California to celebrate a marriage at Carmel-by-the-Sea in California. I know you are thinking, "Priesthood – what a tough life!" Well, it is, but not because I get to fly to California to do a wedding! Actually, I will fly out on Friday and fly back on Sunday. So, it will not exactly be a vacation!

When I return, it will only be a few days until Lent begins. I don't know about you, but for me Lent is not about penance and sadness – but joy. The wheel of the year is turning. The days lengthen, the air warms. Lent to me always means spring, and with it, Easter, are coming.

Alleluia.

Father Baker