

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

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**First Sunday of Lent– March 10th, 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

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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 Center 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**

**[www.saintstephenschool.org](http://www.saintstephenschool.org)**

Interested in admissions to our parish school?

**[admissions@saintstephenschool.org](mailto: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 -- God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).  
Psalm -- Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).  
Second Reading -- The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).  
Gospel -- Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8  
10,15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,  
16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,  
18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:  
1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6;  
Mt 16:13-19  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,  
7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1,  
7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 4:1  
[3:20 -- 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

# Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY** *March 9th Vigil*  
*5:30PM Carrie Giglio*

**SUNDAY** *March 10th First Sunday*  
*of Lent*  
*7:30AM The Hendrickson Family*  
*9:00AM Dennis DeSesa*  
*10:30AM Richard O'Neill*  
*12NOON All Parishioners*  
*5PM Ruth kandalajt*

**MONDAY** *March 11th Lenten Weekday*  
*7:30AM John O'Donoghue*  
*12NOON Ellen Marie Henry*

**TUESDAY** *March 12th Lenten weekday*  
*7:30AM Mary O'Carroll*  
*12NOON Thanksgiving to St. Agata*

**WEDNESDAY** *March 13th Lenten Weekday*  
*7:30 AM Kathy Handley*  
*12NOON Brian Thompson*

**THURSDAY** *March 14th Lenten Weekday*  
*7:30AM Kathy Pollner*  
*12NOON Werner Hertzal*

**FRIDAY** *March 15th Lenten Weekday*  
*7:30AM Claudette Manswell King*  
*12NOON The Lama Family*

**SATURDAY** *March 16th Lenten Weekday*  
*12NOON The Holland Family*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;  
Rite of Election;  
Rite of Calling the Candidates  
to Continuing Conversion;  
Rite of Sending;  
Daylight Saving Time begins;  
Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence

*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**

- **K-8 Religious Education** meets on Sundays, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center, March 10, 17, 24.
- **No K-8 Religious Education or Adult Faith Formation** on Sunday, March 31 (so that our catechists can enjoy their Catechist Breakfast!)

## **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 31.)
- **During Lent**, we also offer these **Scripture Discussions**, 7-8:30pm on Thursdays in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel in the Parish Center (406 E. 80<sup>th</sup> St.), concluding with Night Prayer. If Sunday mornings don't work for you, consider joining us on Thursday evenings!

## **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.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

**PRAYER** – Could I add 5-minutes of silent reflection to my daily prayer? Could I participate in Evening Prayer on Friday or Saturday evenings during Lent? Could I pray the Stations of the Cross once or twice during Lent? Could I go to Mass with my family on a day that I might not ordinarily? How could I increase my prayer during Lent?

**FASTING** – Is there a bad habit that I want to break? Could I give it up for Lent? Could I fast from, or cut back on, social media use, or gaming, in order to spend more face-to-face time with family or friends? Could I cut back on eating out or buying drinks so that I might donate a bit more money to charity? What might I fast from this Lent, so as to increase my generosity towards others?

**ALMSGIVING** – How might I increase my giving of my time, talent, and treasure this Lent?



**Stations of the Cross** – Fridays in Lent in the church (March 15, 22, 29, April 5) following Noon Mass; April 12 at 7pm

**Evening Prayer** – every Friday at 5:10pm in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel in the Parish Center (406 E. 80<sup>th</sup> St.); every Saturday in Lent at 5pm in the Church.

**Lenten Scripture Reflections with Night Prayer** – Thursdays at 7pm – March 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11 – in the Parish Center Chapel

**Lenten Taize Service**, Tuesday, March 26, 7pm, in the church – a reflective evening of prayer

**Silent Retreat**, led by Msgr. Ivers, Saturday, March 30, 9am-3pm in the Parish Center

**We journey with our catechumen and candidates to the Easter Vigil!** Sabrina Barret is preparing for Baptism, and Chad Scholes, Meghan Hadlock, Priya Rao, Brittany Butler, and Julia Kunin, already baptized Christians, are preparing to make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. We pray with them as we prepare to renew our own baptismal promises at Easter. We will celebrate preparatory rites with them at the noon Masses during Lent.

**Fasting** - Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meal per day, with two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal, and no snacks.

**Abstinence** – Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat and items made with meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday of Lent.

### **Holy Week – April 14-20, 2019**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday** – normal Mass Schedule with Blessing of Palms

**Reconciliation Monday** – Confessions 3-6pm, Penance Service 7-7:30pm, followed by Confessions 7:30-9pm, in the Church

**Holy Thursday** – Tenebrae Service at 9am in the Church, with Confessions following; Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm in the Church; procession to Altar of Repose in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel in the Parish Center (406 E. 80<sup>th</sup> St.); chapel open for private prayer until 11:45pm; Night Prayer at 11:45pm

**Good Friday** - Tenebrae Service at 9am in the Church, with Confessions following; Stations of the Cross at 12noon in the Church; Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm in the Church; Solemn Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the Church

**Holy Saturday** - Tenebrae Service at 9am in the Church, with Confessions following; Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets at 5pm in the church; NO afternoon confessions or 5:30pm Mass on Holy Saturday

**Easter** – Vigil Mass at 7:30pm Saturday; Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9, 10:30, and Noon. (No 5pm Mass on Easter.)

## 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**

*CHARLIE FLINT, JAMES E. FIORE,  
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*

**Joseph Zedrosser,  
Andre Dudkfewiz,  
Sarah McDermot, John Dewey,  
Margaret DiCarlo,  
Catherine Campagna  
& Joan Ulich**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three pillars of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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**One Does Not Live  
On Bread Alone**

## Open Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council will have its annual Open Meeting.  
**Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in the parish center**

All parishioners are welcome to attend and have an opportunity to meet your parish council, see the format of our monthly meeting and if interested we will be looking to bring on new members starting in September.

If you would like to attend please email:  
[parishcouncil@stmonicanyc.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stmonicanyc.org)  
Or call the parish office: (212) 288-6250



Come celebrate the 90th Anniversary/10th Annual Auction of Saint Stephen of Hungary School on Friday, April 5, 2019 at Gustavino's (409 East 59th Street). For more information, please go to <https://sshs90.givesmart.com> or contact Lyell Lewis at the School at 212-288-1989.

# Just a word

*From your Pastor March 10th, 2019*

I write these words sitting looking out of a hotel room in Seattle! I was coming back from doing a wedding in Carmel by the Sea, California (congratulations Jun and Jessica Lee) when the canceled my connecting flight home due to last Sunday's storm. Seattle is a beautiful city, even though I really will not get to see much of it. I fly home today (Monday).

## **Mass Schedule Flyer**

This Sunday you will be handed a flyer with an important letter. In it, you will hear about the many things that have happened in our parish over the past several years and the growth and development we have had. However, you will hear about a looming problem. The shortage of priests. That is not just our problem, but it is a problem we all are facing. You have heard me say that it is better to act than react. So, in collaboration with the parish council, I am proposing a change in the mass schedule. I am giving all of you the opportunity to weigh in on what you would like to see. things like this are not easy. Some people have already said they do not want a change. I hear that. actually, neither do I. But given the number of priests and the projections over the next several years, it is better to prepare and to plan. With this change I hope to be ready for when Fr. Joslin leaves in May and we are reduced to two priests.

## **Fr. Jim Dugan, SJ**

Good news however: Fr. Dugan will be returning to us this summer as he has done every summer for the last 4 years. This will give Msgr. Ivers and me the opportunity to go on vacation. Thanks Father Duggan.

## **Parish Survey**

A couple of weeks ago, our Parish Council conducted a survey, handed out to parishioners during mass, where it asked a series of questions about what we needed to do to minister to the parishioners of the parish more effectively. At the last Parish Council meeting at the end of February (Parish Council meets the final Wednesday of each month) we were told that 175 people responded! New will review the results at the March Parish Council and then publish them in the bulletin. Surveys and focus groups will be used in the future as well, so that the Council can listen to the suggestions and interests of our parish.

## **Michael Blecha's Farewell**

The last Sunday of February was our sacristan, Michael Blecha's last day. After mass, we had a reception where many people came and wished him well. Michael is moving to New England to be closer to family. I hear the celebration moved to one of the local area's pubs as people continued to thank Michael for all he did for the parish.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the planning and the execution of the reception. I'd especially like to thank the members of our RCIA process who volunteered their time and served at the reception. The RCIA consists of the people who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter.

## **Book Study**

February's book study of John Boyne's *A History of Loneliness* was a big success, with over 40 people participating. Thank you to everyone who participated, brought food and drink and contributed to the discussion of this important topic through the lens of Boyne's novel. I wrote John Boyne and he was happy to hear that his book had been so well received.

Father Baker