

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

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Second Sunday of Lent– March 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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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 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?

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 -- The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)
Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).
Second Reading -- Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]).
Gospel -- Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	March 16th Vigil <i>Maryanne Barranco-Byrne</i>
SUNDAY	March 17th Second Sunday of Lent
7:30AM	<i>William & Mary Mitchell</i>
9:00AM	<i>Mary Rose & John Vella</i>
10:30AM	<i>Rose & James Graham</i>
12NOON	<i>All Parishioners</i>
5PM	<i>The McFadden Family</i>
MONDAY	March 18th Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	<i>Everet Lee</i>
12NOON	<i>Helen & Richard Kirwan</i>
TUESDAY	March 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgen Mary
7:30AM	<i>Angela Guidetti</i>
12NOON	<i>Walter & Mary Ferber</i>
WEDNESDAY	March 20th Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
12NOON	<i>For the Priests of St. Monica's</i>
THURSDAY	March 21st Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
12NOON	<i>Thomas Costello</i>
FRIDAY	March 22nd Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	<i>Matthew Anderson</i>
12NOON	<i>Mary Crowley</i>
SATURDAY	March 23rd Lenten Weekday
12NOON	<i>Luis Jose Litrenta (Living)</i>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
St. Patrick's Day
Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Tuesday: St. Joseph
Wednesday: Spring begins;
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

*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, March 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. 80th 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.

OUR NEXT PARISH TOUR WILL BE.....

Switzerland and Germany with the Oberammergau Passion Play!

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



July 7-15, 2020

Information Session with our Collette Tours representative – Thursday, March 28 4-5pm, in the Parish Center – bring your questions, enjoy a preview of the trip, and if you're ready, you can sign up in person

Save \$200 by booking by April 19, 2019

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!



LENT 2019

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

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

Evening Prayer on Saturdays at 5pm in the Church, prior to the 5:30pm Mass – March 23, 30, April 6

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. 80th 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*

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members*

**Ramon Trinidad, Joseph Zedrosser,
&
Andre Dudkfewiz,**

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine

Intentions for
William & Mary Mitchell

Offered by Margaret Mitchell

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to give something up for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: What are you taking on for Easter?

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MESSAGE -CHANCERY OFFICE

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Aileen Clifford OP at 646-794-2949. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.victimassistance@archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Open Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council will have its annual Open Meeting.

Wednesday March 27th @ 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

Or call the parish office:

(212) 288-6250



SAINT
STEPHEN
OF HUNGARY
SCHOOL

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.

SENIOR MINISTRY NEWS

On Wednesday , March 20th, we will celebrate our noon Mass. Immediately after, we will meet in the Parish Center for refreshments and continue to interview persons who have immigrated to the United States. Please sing up!

On Friday, March 22nd, we will show the provocative and compelling movie "DOUBT" which takes place in a Catholic grade school in the Bronx. Starring Meryl Streep & Philip Seymour Hoffman, the film juxtaposes the status quo & suspicion against change & certainty respectively. It will seal our trilogy of works devoted to sexual abuse in the church -CERTAINLY

As always, there will be a Potluck lunch at 1:00pm followed by a showing of the film in the Angelo Room beginning at 1:30 PM .

All are welcome

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

Thank you , the Senior Committee

For all Parishioners

On Wednesday, April 10th the Senior Ministry is sponsoring a parish -wide presentation by ARCHCARE from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Angelo Room of the Parish Center.

Mr. Michael Guglielmo, Director of Parish Integration will provide us with an overview of services offered by ARCHCARE, the Archdiocese's Community Care Program, a description of the ARCHCARE TIME-BANK, a free volunteer service exchange program open to everyone , and a way to take advantage of medical & socialization services provided locally

Please notify Gladys at the Parish Center if you plan to attend , Space is limited.

Telephone 212-288-6250 say "YES"

Thank you

Just a word

From your Pastor March 17th, 2019

Happy Saint Partick's Day!

Yes, today is the day – or is it? Today is the traditional day – but wait – the parade was Saturday, March 16th. and today, even though St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of New York, and in NY is ALWAYS a Solemnity (the biggest kind of Catholic feast day, right up there with Christmas and Easter), purple has not given way to white, and we stay with Lenten sobriety rather than Irish mirth. Moreover, if you go to church on Monday, March 18th, you will find – it is St. Patrick's Day! You might be forgiven for thinking that somehow you had celebrated St. Pat's a little TOO hard this year. But fear not. The answer is actually simple: For the Church, NOTHING supersedes the Sundays of Lent: not even a Solemnity. So Lenten Sundays are always celebrated. For most of the country, St. Patrick's will come and go and not be celebrated in church – It is a Memorial – the smallest kind of Catholic feast day. If Memorials fall on a Sunday, they are normally not celebrated. But since St. Patrick's is a Solemnity here, it gets celebrated on the next available day – in this case, Monday, March 18th. The parade organizers are of course not bound by the Church calendar, but they are Catholics and would not march on a Sunday. Given the choice between Saturday and Monday, of course they chose Saturday, making it easier for the marchers. So, whenever you celebrate it – Saturday, Sunday and/or Monday, it is St. Patrick's. . . weekend. *Erin go Bragh!*

The Mass Schedule

Those of you who came to church last week were given a letter from me concerning the changes facing our parish as a result of the leaving of Fr. Joslin in May. If you did not get the letter, there are copies of it in the back of the church this weekend. In it I outline our need to change the mass schedule. I am asking you to vote which mass schedule you would like to see. There will be a basket in the back of the church to place the completed vote. You have until next week. After that we will tally the votes and announce which of the proposed mass schedules will be adopted. The new mass schedule will be introduced July 1st.

Welcome Father Dugan!

Many of us know Fr. Jim Dugan, SJ who has been coming to us from Rome these past several years. This past summer he informed us that he was being reassigned to a church in Buffalo, NY and that it was highly likely that he would NOT be coming as he did in the past. However, he will be! He has arranged to take his vacation and come to the city again this summer. He will be here from August 1st through August 24th. As in the past he will offer the parish an adult education opportunity. But what he offers to Msgr. Ivers and me is the opportunity to go on vacation. I will be in Germany the first two weeks and Msgr. will leave at the end of August.

. . . for remember, Father Joslin is leaving! His last weekend with us is Memorial Day weekend.

Fr. Baker