

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

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**Third Sunday of Lent– March 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:*

*Pastoral Associate:*

*Parish Manager:*

*Music Director*

*Wedding Coordinator:*

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**Rev. Joslin K. Jose**

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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?

**[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 --I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.  
Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.  
Second Reading -- Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.  
Gospel -- I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13: 1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

# Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30PM	<b>March 23rd Vigil</b> <i>Dr. Lita Alonso (Living)</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	<b>March 24th Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Speraza Attard</i> <i>Matthew Youngho Hwang</i> <i>Ralph Cassetta</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>The Conroy Family</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord</b> <i>Andrew Joseph</i> <i>Helen, John Flack &amp; Family</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>March 26 Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Clement Vechir</i> <i>Frank Dolan</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12NOON	<b>March 27th Lenten Weekday</b> <i>The O'Rourke Family</i> <i>Ana Corra</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>March 28th Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Kocses, Huszar, Irene</i> <i>Dr. Jose A. Lopez Ovejero</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>March 29th Lenten Weekday</b> <i>John Dewey</i> <i>Patrick O'Mara</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12NOON	<b>March 30th Lenten Weekday</b> <i>The Miller Family</i>

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;  
First Scrutiny  
Monday: Annunciation of the Lord  
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*



### **K-8 Religious Education**

- **K-8 Religious Education** meets on Sundays, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center, March 24, April 7.
- **No K-8 Religious Education or Adult Faith Formation** on Sunday, March 31 (so that our catechists can enjoy their Catechist Breakfast!) or April 14 or 21 (Easter Break)

### **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**

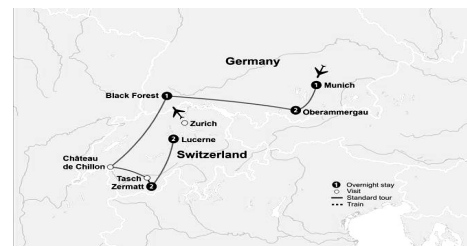
**Catholic adults who have missed First Communion and/or Confirmation – It's never too late!**  
Contact Maryann Tyrer, Pastoral Associate, to discuss our adult initiation process.  
You can begin the process any time throughout the year.

**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.

### **OUR NEXT PARISH TOUR WILL BE.....**

### **Switzerland and Germany with the Oberammergau Passion Play!**

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



### **July 7-15, 2020**

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 Chateau 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!

**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.

You must make reservations early (yes, over a year in advance) to get tickets to the Passion Play (which is only done every 10 years.)



## **LENT 2019**

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

**Lenten Scripture Reflections with Night Prayer** – Thursdays at 7pm – March 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 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 Sundays in 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.)

**Save the dates: ICON WORKSHOP** with Peter Pearson, April 29-May 3, 6-9pm in the Parish Center

## 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**

***JAMES LAWRENCE, 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**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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This Week's Bread & Wine  
Intentions for  
Sean Gerard O'Donoghue

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp  
Intentions for  
Siobhan O'Donoghue

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### 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



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

### 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 TIMEBANK, 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**

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



# Just a word

*From your Pastor March 24th, 2019*

## **Mass Schedule Update**

Two weeks ago, we distributed a letter from me to all of you about the need to change the mass schedule. I asked you all to read the letter and to choose which of three possibilities for Sunday masses and which of two possibilities for daily masses we should institute.

I want to thank all of you who have voted. Today is the last day you can submit your vote. Just drop your choices in the basket at the back of the church. If you have not been here over the past few weeks and have not read the letter there are copies available at the back of the church.

I also want to thank everyone who has commented to me about this change. Most people have been understanding. A couple have been rude. And while I appreciate the support (and of course do not like being yelled at) I understand the anger. People do not like change – especially a change in something as trusted as the Sunday ritual of mass attendance. Moreover, the change is happening because the Church is unable to supply sufficient numbers of priests to serve us as we grew accustomed to for decades. This raises all manner of other issues for people and only increases the frustration.

...for us all. As I said in my letter, there are so many good things going on in this parish – and I hope everyone sees these things as signs of life and health. However, in a world with fewer priests, we have to prepare for the eventuality that we will only have two priests come June – and maybe in a few more years only one. That will in all likelihood be me. We don't have to like this (I don't) but we do have to prepare for it.

Thank you all for understanding. We will announce the final mass schedule on the final weekend in March and it will take effect on July 1.

## **Easter Flowers**

One of the things that makes our celebration of Easter so joyous is after 6 weeks of fasting, both visually and musically as well as with regards to food, Easter erupts in a riot of ritual music, choral song, and of course flowers. We don't even have to sing it; the moment we enter St. Monica's the church shouts "Alleluia!"

Easter lasts eight weeks, but after only two weeks the hydrangeas are dried up, the daffodils droop, the tulips are dead and that symbol of the Easter season, the lilies, are down to their last trumpets.

So many of you are so generous in your donations to the Easter Flower Fund, I thought that you should enjoy the season of Easter a bit longer. So, this year we are going to try something different. We are going to decorate the church elegantly, but reserve some of the Easter flower budget and "refresh" the flowers after a few weeks. In that way the Easter *Season* will retain something of the beauty of Easter Sunday.

Just a note that next week I will not be here. A long time ago Cardinal O'Connor established the custom of giving priests a week off in between Christmas and Easter to "get away" before the craziness of Holy Week. This whole year has been crazy busy, and so this week was the only one I could get away on! I will be back on April 9, just in time to celebrate Holy Week.

Father Baker