

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

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time– March 3rd, 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

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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 -- One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm -- Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading -- We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel -- A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	March 2nd Vigil <i>Teresa Mulvey (Living)</i>
SUNDAY 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	March 3rd Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>John A. Grace & Brother Kent Megan, Matthew, Sarah & Ryan</i> <i>Maria De Palma</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Thomas Elsasser</i>
MONDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	March 4th Weekday <i>Grissel Serrano (Living)</i> <i>Kathleen Reddington</i>
TUESDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	March 5th Weekday <i>Noreen Derick</i> <i>Adam Armetta</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 12NOON 6PM	March 6th Ash Wednesday <i>John Joyce (Living)</i> <i>Christine Aimone</i> <i>Gaitano Frarone</i>
THURSDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	March 7th Thursday after Ash Wednesday <i>The Grogan Family</i> <i>Laura Pizzi</i>
FRIDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	March 8th Friday after Ash Wednesday <i>Michael Egan (Living)</i> <i>Jane Sentuge</i>
SATURDAY 12NOON	March 9th Saturday after Ash Wednesday <i>Giselle Peña</i>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Casimir
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;
Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

*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

- **Family Faith Formation**, Sunday, March 3, 9-11:45am!
- **K-8 Religious Education** meets on Sundays, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center, March 10, 17, 24.

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.

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.

-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

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!



Ash Wednesday – March 6 – Ashes distributed only at Mass at 7:30am Mass, 12 noon Mass (with music), 3:30pm Prayer Service, and 6pm Mass (with music)

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent in the church (March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5) following Noon Mass; April 12 at 7pm

Lenten Scripture Reflections with Night Prayer – Thursdays at 7pm – March 7, 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. 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

**GLENN ALLEN, ALBERT WALSH,
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*

**Andre Dudkfewiz,
Sarah McDermot, Jaime Garcia,
Janet McDermott,
John Dewey, Margaret DiCarlo,
Catherine Campagna & Joan Ulich**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and clear the air by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine
Intentions for
Michael O'Donoghue

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp
Intentions for
Jerry O'Donoghue

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

Announcement of New Hire

Pastoral Associate-Parish Life

Father Baker has written in his columns the last few weeks on the adjustment being made to the staff, that Maryann Tyrer's role was changing to *Pastoral Associate-Christian Formation* and that we were searching for a person to take the position of *Pastoral Associate-Parish Life*. Last week specifically, Father's column named Jasmine Gomez as the woman who would be taking on this position.

This past week Jasmine came in for an orientation day. She joined in on our staff meeting and immediately contributed. Jasmine's official start date will be Wednesday March 13th and she will follow a similar work week to most of the liturgy team, working Wednesday-Sunday with Monday and Tuesday as days off.

In time, Jasmine will write a full column further introducing herself and sharing her ideas to expand our parish. In the interim we asked her for a small introduction to share with the parish base, which follows below:

A lifelong resident of the Lower East Side, I am on the behavioral health team for a company contracted by the state to improve services for all Medicaid recipients throughout Brooklyn, The Bronx, Manhattan and Queens. I volunteer for Thrive for Life Prison project which services local jails and prisons and I also serve on the board of The Cooper Square Mutual Housing Association. I am pursuing a Masters in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Fordham University. Most recently, I have been working with The Cooper Square Community Land Trust and the NYU Democracy Lab on a project that if successful, will create over 400 units of affordable housing on the Lower East Side. Occasionally, I speak at retreats lead by the Archdiocese where I share my faith and encourage others on their faith journey. I am super excited to join the parish team and look forward to meeting you all!

Jasmine Gomez

THE LITURGICAL MUSIC OF LENT

I am amazed at how quickly the year is moving. Our Christmas season just seemed to end and here we are ready to begin our Lenten season. We as a parish community begin our journey of renewal and purification. The season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that leads us to nurture humble, contrite and merciful hearts is upon us. This year through our RCIA program, we have Sabrina Barret who will begin her final weeks of preparation for her baptism which will take place at the Easter Vigil. Her journey, as she grows through the process of understanding the riches hidden in Christ, becomes our journey as the baptized to further understand those riches and repent.

As you may have seen and heard over the past year, we have been trying to shape our liturgical seasons and make each one distinct. As we begin the liturgical season of Lent, you will notice two changes that happen every Lent; the Gloria is omitted, and the Gospel Alleluia is silenced.

In the *Ceremonial of Bishops* we are reminded of the dual nature of Lent: “Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery” (CB, 249). In the *Paschale solemnitatis*, it recommends that on the First Sunday of Lent, “there should be some distinctive elements that underline this important moment; e.g., the entrance procession with the litanies of the saints.” (PS 23) So, with the emphasis on baptism and the importance of marking the season, we will begin our first Sunday of Lent by gathering and singing the Litany of Saints. What a wonderful way to begin our Lenten journey in communion with the saints that will accompany Sabrina to the baptismal font at the Easter Vigil!

To highlight the penitential nature of Lent, we will be extending the Penitential Act. We will be asked to kneel (if you are able) and pray in silence. Then we will sing Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. This Kyrie is from a Gregorian Mass known as Missa Orbis Factor and is a plainsong mass that is traditionally sung a capella.

In the *Paschale solemnitatis* it also states: “In Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments may be played only to give the necessary support to the singing. This is in order that the penitential character of the season be preserved” (PS 17) In addition, it is recommended that the Eucharistic acclamations used for Lent be very simple and sung with as little accompaniment as possible. With both guidelines in mind, we will be using a simple chant setting – the Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, and Lamb of God – (in English) from the Roman Missal. Many of you will be familiar with the setting. For those that are not it is relatively easy to learn. It can be found in our Ritual Song 2 Hymnal #239, #242C & #245.

The last notable change for our Lenten season will be in the concluding rites of the Mass. In all our church documents there is no appointed recessional psalm/hymn/song. The Mass simply ends and we as Catholics are sent forth into the world to spread the Gospel message. A final hymn certainly helps with the movement of the presider and liturgical ministers from the altar but again nothing is appointed. So, to further move into the reflective nature of Lent we will have instrumental music in place of a hymn.

Lastly, before the 12 noon Mass begins, our choir will be chanting the Introit – an antiphon and psalm appointed for each Sunday of Lent. If you would like to listen to the old chants from centuries past, I recommend you get to church a little early. It is a beautiful way to help prepare you for the celebration of the Eucharist.

John Zupan