

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

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord– April 21st, 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?

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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 -- Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm -- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading -- All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading -- Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel -- Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 9:00AM 7:30PM	April 20th Holy Saturday <i>Tenebrae– Morning Prayer</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>
SUNDAY 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON	April 21st Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord <i>Norbert Strissel</i> <i>Joseph Maikish</i> <i>Fr. Peter M. Colapietro</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>
MONDAY 9:00AM	April 22nd Monday <i>within the Octave of Easter</i> <i>Helen, John Flack & Family</i>
TUESDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	April 23rd Tuesday <i>within the Octave of Easter</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>For the Priests of St. Monica's</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 12NOON	April 24th Wednesday <i>within the Octave of Easter</i> <i>Souls in Purgatory</i> <i>Mary Stocxslaeder</i>
THURSDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	April 25th Thursday <i>within the Octave of Easter</i> <i>Mary Jane & Emil Russo</i> <i>Rosemary F. Gianuzzi</i>
FRIDAY 7:30AM 12NOON	April 26th Friday <i>within the Octave of Easter</i> <i>Mr. Michael Egan (Living)</i> <i>Ms. Diane Brickman</i> <i>(Living)</i>
SATURDAY 12NOON	April 27th Saturday <i>within the Octave of Ester</i> <i>Angelo & Joseph Uddo</i>

*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

- **No K-8 Religious Education or Adult Faith Formation** on April 21 (Easter Break)
- **K-8 Religious Education** resumes on Sundays, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center, April 28.
- **Registration** for next year will open up in May!

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. **Sessions resume on April 28!**

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 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!

Our parish has 25 spots guaranteed until May 1, 2019. After that, they are opened up to the general public. **The Passion Play sells out a year in advance, so you MUST book early!** Contact Maryann at 212-288-6250, or mtyrer@stmonicanyc.org, or stop by the parish center to get a brochure.

Upcoming Events:

Play ball! Join the Saints & Sinners Co-ed Church Softball League! Spend your Saturday afternoons playing slow-pitch ball for charity in Central Park. Fellowship continues at a local pub after the games. Anyone 18 or older is welcome, no matter your skill level. Contact Anthony Piscitiello at afpiscit@smumn.edu for more information.



Cana Mass – at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, **April 27**, we will celebrate MARRIAGE. All are invited to come and meet the couples who were married here in 2018, who will be honored at this Mass. A reception for everyone will follow the Mass. Contact Debbie at DBweddingsnyc@gmail.com for more information.

Young Adults - come to the 5pm Mass on Sunday, **April 28**, and stay for a Wine and Cheese Social afterwards. Meet other young adults, and meet our new Pastoral Associate for Parish Life, who will be developing Young Adult Ministry here at the parish!



Icon Painting Workshop – Rev. Peter Pearson returns **April 29-May 3**, 6-9pm each evening, offering his expert instruction. Each participant will paint his/her own icon of the Angel Gabriel. The \$250 fee covers all materials and instruction. You must pre-register by calling the parish office – space is limited!

May Crowning at our next Family Mass, Saturday, **May 4** at 5:30pm. All children are invited to participate



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

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

*KATHERINE FOLEY,
JOSEPHINE BUCK,
JEAN STEPHENS
&
EILEEN FLYNN*

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members*

*Luis Gomez, Robert Torres
&
Francesco Paolo Rucher*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's re-birth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age old wish that Christ Easter in us.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Good Friday; Arbor Day Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Baptism Announcements

I-Next Sunday, April 28th, a baptism will be included as part of the 10:30am mass. During the mass, we will be baptizing:
Raphael Wyatt Treacy

Please join us in congratulating Scott & Joya Treacy on their child's new life in Christ.

Please join us at the 10:30 mass next week to help welcome our newest member.



II-Next Sunday, April 28th, a baptism will be included as part of the 10:30am mass. During the mass, we will be baptizing:
Yvette Cecilia Coelho-Adam

Please join us in congratulating Yvette Daphne Coelho-Adam on her child's new life in Christ.

Please join us at the 10:30 mass next week to help welcome our newest member.

The Concert Series at St. Monica

Spring is officially back and so is the Concert Series at

St. Monica – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – St. Stephen of Hungary.

On Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm Patricia Lazzara, flute and Frances Duffy, harp will be performing works by JS Bach, Bernard Andres, William Alwyn, L. de Rohozinski, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Claude Debussy, Witold Lutoslawski, and Richard Lane's Song - written for Patricia.

Come join us for an elegant evening of music!

For more information on Ms. Patricia Lazzara you can visit her website at:
www.PatriciaLazzaraFlutist.com
This concert will certainly be a treat. The event is open to everyone and is FREE. So – pass the word.

The next installment of the Concert Series takes place on Sunday, May 19th at 2:30 pm with our Broadway Concert. We are excited to have singers from the Broadway community perform an afternoon of traditional and contemporary tunes. Be sure to mark your calendars.

The last concert of the series will feature our Spring Concert. Our very own Adult and Children's Choirs will be performing along with a few guest artists on May 15th at 8pm. We will also have our St. Stephen Show Choir performing as well.

Make sure to mark your calendars



Just a word

From your Pastor April 21st, 2019

Easter greetings such as these get written weeks before the actual event. They must be composed, edited, submitted for printing within the bulletin you hold in your hand. On the day that I write this, Tuesday the Second Week of Lent, we stand on the threshold of spring. Though with temperatures in the 30s and show showers possible later in the week, that can be hard to believe.

Nevertheless. The sun hangs around longer each day. Its light is warmer, even on the coldest of days. The wind has lost its bite, and all over, despite the chill, buds and blossoms are breaking through the dirt. I can't know what the weather will be the day you read this. But one thing is sure: Spring is coming. Nothing can stop it.

Which is welcome, given the winter that rages in both our world and Church. While we might disagree on its causes and dispute its solutions, but no matter how partisan we are with regards to defense or doctrine, liturgy or litigation, party or the papacy, it has been a long and terrible winter for us as Americans and Catholics.

Nevertheless. Here at St. Monica – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – St. Stephen of Hungary, today and for the next eight weeks, we celebrate Easter! For some, Easter is an occasion for family meals and children's games (egg hunt, anyone?). For others, it is a release from Lenten abstinence and the occasion to celebrate. But the gatherings and the eggs, the meals and the celebrations are all because Christians believe that a little less than two thousand years ago, an executed rabbi shocked his grieving followers by returning from the dead.

Jesus' resurrection was not, as many even now imagine, some proof that Jesus was God. It was not the "exclamation point" at the end of his earthly ministry. In fact, it was not the end of anything at all. It was the beginning. They saw this event as the fulfilment of prophecy, the coming of the Kingdom, and the beginning of a new world.

In short, it was spring. It was the promise that, no matter how bad things got – and they would get bad – he would be with them. (read Luke, chapter 24). This Easter, every Easter and every Sunday the Church celebrates that promise. It might not seem so, especially given the winter we find ourselves in.

Nevertheless. Amidst the flowers and the fanfare, the incense and the candles, look around and see the reason for it all. We still journey with Jesus. We strive to be faithful to his mission and his message. In words and wine, in bread and song; in the gathered faces and shared lives of this parish community, we believe he is risen and present here. No matter how cold it is outside or what the storms within, Jesus is risen! Spring is here. Nothing can stop it.

A blessed Easter!

Father Donald C. Baker
Pastor