

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent– March 31st, 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 Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalms -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading -- Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel -- This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	March 30th Vigil Mildred Fargas
SUNDAY	March 31st Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30AM	Maureen Porter
9:00AM	Richard Kavanaugh
10:30AM	Maureen Moore (Living)
12NOON	All Parishioners
5PM	The Moon Family
MONDAY	April 1st Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	Judie O'Brien
12NOON	Marcella Bugda
TUESDAY	April 2nd Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	Living & deceased members of the Frazzetta Family
12NOON	Thanksgiving to St. Agata
WEDNESDAY	April 3rd Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM	Margaret DiCarlo
12NOON	Rita Saulino
THURSDAY	April 4th Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	Margaret Killeen (Living)
12NOON	Kathleen Redington
FRIDAY	April 5th Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	Margaret DiCarlo
12NOON	Adam Armetta
SATURDAY	April 6th Lenten Weekday
12NOON	James Graham

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
Tuesday:	St. Francis of Paola
Thursday:	St. Isidore of Seville
Friday:	St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday:	First Saturday

*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, **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)

Living Stations of the Cross – Friday, April 12, 7pm in the Church – a great, family-friendly way to reflect on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus – presented by the 7th & 8th graders of St. Stephen of Hungary School.

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, or April 14 or 21).)
- **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.

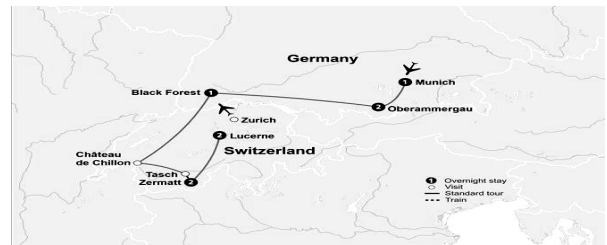
Want to volunteer? Yes, we need more volunteers on Sunday mornings, please! Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.

OUR NEXT PARISH TOUR WILL BE.....

Switzerland and Germany with the Oberammergau Passion Play!

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!

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) in order to get tickets to the Passion Play (which is only offered 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. 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.)

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

*CHRISTINE BRUNO, KATHERINE FOLEY,
JOSEPHINE BUCK,
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*

James Devaney, Joseph Zedrosser,
Dr. Dezso Sulkok, Anthony Grant,
Edward Moreno & Andre Dudkfewiz

Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Jorge A. Lopez Ovejero

Offered by Maria Litrenta

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, Laetare Sunday, breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness, and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the elect were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

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**Our next Family Mass will be
Saturday, April 6th at 5:30PM**

**All Families & Parishioners are
invited**

YOUNG ADULT MASS

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, April 3rd at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, New York, NY for Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30-7:30 pm. Mass begins at 7:30 pm. Music by Audrey Assad.

There will be a social after the Mass at Haswell Green's 240 West 52nd Street .

For more information ,
visit www.catholicnyc.com



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

Just a word

From your Pastor March 31st, 2019

Laetare Sunday

Given the current climate in the Church and in Society, with all manner of accusations being levied at Catholic priests and bishops, it might seem more than a little bit strange today to see priests all over the world wearing . . . pink. At least that is what people tell me. Every year. "Father, really. . . Pink?!" It really doesn't help to clarify, as I once did, that, "the color is ROSE, thank you very much!" That comment was greeted with guffaws.

To many it is a new custom. But only because it fell out favor for years. Actually, it is an ancient one related to the use of a pink candle on an Advent wreath. Lent is, as Advent was, a penitential season. A time to fast and abstain. Those fasts could be severe and of course Lent lasts for six weeks. Thus, during the fourth week of Lent, like the third week of Advent, the fast was lightened for a week. Since colors were used to highlight the Church's liturgical year, the purple of Lent gave way for one Sunday to a lighter shade of pink (or, sorry, *rose*).

The name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare* Sunday, comes from the old custom of naming the weeks of the Church year after the first word of the very first thing we would sing in the mass were we monks or nuns in a monastery. The Introit (which our choir has been singing right before the 12-noon mass during the Sundays of Lent) begins with the word *Laetare* or *Rejoice*. It is both a fitting title for this Sunday when the fasts and penances of Lent were lightened and a reminder that all fasting has an end in the Easter feast.

For me *Laetare* Sunday has always been a reminder that the darkness of the winter is ending, and Easter is coming. Perhaps this year it is also a reminder that the darkness we are all experiencing in the Church and the world will one day end as well. For what is Easter about if not that hope?

The Mass Schedule

It is one of the strange things about this column is that it gets written over a week before you read it. I am writing it on a rainy March 22nd, but you are reading it on March 31st. Thus, you know something that I do not yet: the results of the vote on the new mass schedule. Our parish manager, Michael Ward, has been tallying the results and I will be given them on Wednesday, March 27th. I will then present them to the Parish Council. This weekend they are being made known to you.

If you have read my letter you know how I feel about this change. I would much rather things stay the way they are. But we have to begin to prepare for the future and to do that means to act; not to wait until it reaches a crisis and we are forced to react.

Over six months ago I planned for a week's break before Holy Week. That is taking place this week, so you will probably not see me this weekend unless you are at the 5:30 Saturday vigil mass. I will be back on Tuesday April 9th. I thought to delay the announcement of the results of the vote until I got back but then Holy Week is upon us and it would really mean waiting until After Easter. I felt that it was better for you to know the results as soon as possible.

The new mass schedule will take effect on July 1, 2019, and as soon as it is announced we will be opening the Mass Book for the second half of the year for your intentions. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this complex process.

Father Baker