

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

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Third Sunday of Easter – May 5th, 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 -- God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).
Psalm -- I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).
Second Reading -- To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).
Gospel -- When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY *May 4th Vigil*
5:30PM Mary Foley Mesom
SUNDAY *May 5th Third Sunday of Easter*
7:30AM Frank Bajada
9:00AM Megan, Matthew, Sarah & Ryan (Living)
10:30AM Adam Armetta
12NOON All Parishioners
5PM Thanksgiving for Matthew Pabis

MONDAY *May 6th Easter Weekday*
7:30AM Dr. Yera Powers
12NOON Christopher Hogan (Living)

TUESDAY *May 7th Easter Weekday*
7:30AM Bridie Breslin
12NOON Thanksgiving to St. Agata

WEDNESDAY *May 8th Easter Weekday*
7:30 AM Joseph Kiefer
12NOON Patricia Hogan (Living)

THURSDAY *May 9th Easter Weekday*
7:30AM George McGlinchey
12NOON Giselle Peña

FRIDAY *May 10th Easter Weekday*
7:30AM Walter & Mary Ferber
12NOON Beatrice O'Carroll & Mary Crawley

SATURDAY *May 11th Easter Weekday*
12NOON Charles Murphy

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Friday: St. Damien de Veuster

*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** - Sundays, 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center. Sessions meet on May 5, 12, and 19, and June 2.
- **Save the date:** Family Faith Formation 9-11:45am on Sunday, June 9. This is the final event for the year!
- **Registration** for next year will open up later 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.

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 –

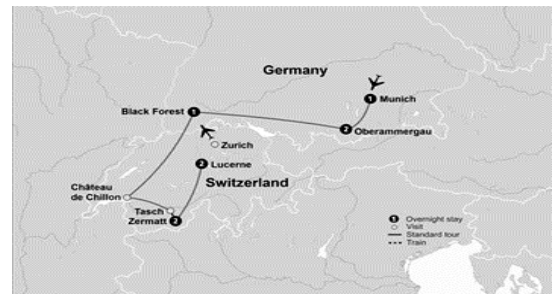
Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.

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 15, 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



Congratulations

To our neophytes (newly initiated!) from the Easter Vigil:

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist:

Sabrina Barrett

sponsored by Grace Nielson

Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Eucharist:

Brittany Butler

sponsored by Stephen Safina

Meghan Hadlock

sponsored by Kelly Burke

Julia Kunin

sponsored by Michael Behan

Priya Rao

sponsored by David Hanzel

Chad Scholes

sponsored by Tom Porrovecchio

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.



Family Faith Formation – Sunday, June 9, 9-11:45am in the Parish Center – this will be a year-end celebration for all of our Religious Education families! Mark your calendars.....

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

***KATHRYN FOLEY, ALBERT WALSH,
PAULINE TIAMBO, DR. PAUL OCTAVIONO
&
BETH SOUCY***

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

***Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members***

***Geraldine Corvo, Joan Dwyer,
Aidan Parigen,
Hedwiga Jankowski,
Jean Hatch
&
Aristide Tiambo***

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light. In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday blackouts, perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.
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Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine
Intentions for
Mary Joyce

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp
Intentions for
Anne Sweeney

Offered by Kitty O'Donoghue

SENIOR MINISTRY COMING ATTRACTIONS

All activities are open to parishioners

WED. MAY 15TH NOON MASS & SOCIAL: ANGELO ROOM
FRI. MAY 17 MOVIE 1-3:30PM: ANGELO ROOM
WED. JUNE 19 MASS & SENIOR LUNCHEON: ANGELO ROOM

The movie on May 17 will be "Sister Act" a light & funny finale to the movie season

The luncheon on June 19th will be hosted by the Senior Committee

Please call Gladys if you plan to attend the events 212-288-6250

Thank you

Anne Sabatini & the Senior Committee

Baptism Announcements

Next Sunday, *May 12th*, there will be a baptism service at *12:00pm* in the church.
At that service we will be baptizing:
James Henry Peters

Please join us in congratulating
Jim & Cody Peters
on their child's new life in Christ.

Baptism Services are open for members of the parish to join in the welcoming of our newest members.



LADIES OF CHARITY-PARISH DONATION



Making a Difference

The Ladies of Charity would like to give a big Thank You to Fr. Baker and the parishioners of St. Monica's for their generosity to our outreach. We were so touched by the welcoming spirit at St. Monica's. Your donations will help us continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need to assistance

Just a word

From your Pastor May 5th, 2019

Priests and Priesthood

24 years ago, my life came to a complete stop. I lay with my face pressed against the cold marble floor of St. Patrick's Cathedral as the choir and congregation invoked the names of more saints than I ever knew existed.

Ordination day, 1995. After the litany of saints concluded, we stood, and were blessed and anointed, asked to obey and handed a chalice and paten, but most importantly, the cardinal laid his hands upon our heads. Long. Hard. Heavy. In silence. It was that act, and the prayer that followed, that was supposed to change us in the very core of our being so that whatever happened from that moment on, we would always be priests.

The full stop on the floor of St. Patrick's, when I literally gave my life to God, was for me a new beginning. I could hear confessions, bless and anoint, but most importantly I could offer the sacrifice of the Mass. I had become a priest!

Except for the fact that I already was. We all are. Look it up in the Catechism. "by Baptism, (the baptized) share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission" (CCC, 1268). Because we are baptized, we are called to offer ourselves in service of God – a sacrifice.

The **ministerial** priesthood, (which I received in May of 1995) is rooted in that universal priesthood and exists to serve it. That universal offering is expressed at mass when the priests take your sacrifice, symbolized by the bread and wine brought forward by members of the congregation, and offers it to God so that it might become the body and blood of Christ, offered for us and to us, so that we might continue our self – offering as servants of God in the world. We each have our role; the **common** priesthood is the Body of Christ in the world; the **ministerial** priesthood represents Christ to the Body as its head. The physical analogy is important. A body without a head is a corpse. Even though they are different in kind, they belong together.

I bring this point up because there have been many who argue that one of the reasons the ministerial priesthood has been suffering so much of late is that we have lost a sense of its "specialness". For years now there has been an attempt to define the ministerial priesthood as over against the common priesthood of the baptized, thinking that this will make it - and the sacrifice it demands - more attractive to young men.

And yet despite the special clothes worn and precious vessels used, despite the insistence on black collars and cassocks and of course the ubiquitous use of "father", the number of vocations continues to plummet. And some of the young priests who have been ordained during this period of re-sacralization have run into problems. Over the last few years many have had to be repeatedly reassigned. To talk to some of them is to meet men disillusioned, and sometimes dismissive of parishioners' lack of understanding and respect for the priesthood.

But on the contrary; they do understand and respect it - because they live it and expect their priests to do to same. I wonder sometimes if we don't have it backwards. Instead of telling people how different the ministerial priesthood is, maybe we should emphasize how priesthood is rooted in the sacrificial service of parents for their children, spouses for one another, and Jesus for us all. To be **priests** and offer our lives in service of God and the Church; each in our own way. It might not make the ministerial priesthood any more attractive; Financial compensation trumps sacrificial service in today's society. And the obligation to celibacy is a deterrent. But I can't help thinking that this refocus would make the life of a priest more comprehensible to someone discerning a vocation, and just so, more attractive.

And it might keep some who have other reasons for wanting to be priests, from joining.

On May 25th, five young men will lie on the floor of St. Patrick's Cathedral as their lives come full stop. They will be our newest priests. One of them, Roger Kwan, will be celebrating his first mass here at St. Monica's at 3pm later that day. Roger was "our seminarian" at St. Teresa's when I was pastor there, and when it came time for his first mass he asked if he could celebrate it with us. I hope you pray for him, maybe even come to pray with him as he offers the sacrifice of the mass for the first time. In fact, pray for them all. This is not an easy time to become a ministerial priest. These young priests, even though they may not realize it, need your priesthood; and of course, we need theirs. For only together are we truly the Church.

Father Baker