

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

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**Corpus Christi–June 23rd, 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**

*Pastor*

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*Deacon*

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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 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 -- Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).  
Psalm -- You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).  
Second Reading -- Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).  
Gospel -- Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15,17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

# Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30PM	<b>June 22nd Vigil</b> Jozsef Tomahatsh
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12NOON 5PM	<b>June 23rd Corpus Christi</b> Louis Campanella Matthew Young Huang Virginia Ferrara All Parishioners Joseph Monte
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>June 24th The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Frank Fredo Frank McConnell
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>June 25th Wednesday</b> Mary Galvin Frank O'Connell
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 12NOON	<b>June 26th Weekday</b> Bernadette Ferguson Frank O'Connor
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>June 27th Weekday</b> Paddy Ferguson Ana Corra
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30AM 12NOON	<b>June 28th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> Peggy Keane Frank O'Connell
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12NOON	<b>June 29th Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b> Jean Hatch

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Monday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Tuesday:	Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Alexandria
Friday:	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday:	Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

*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**

- **We're on break** for the summer....
- **Registration** for next year is now open! Stop by the parish center and check this item off your summer "to do" list.

**Next year:** K-8 Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation will resume in September at the same time (10:15-11:45am) as the past three years.

**Adult Faith Formation** (Sunday Morning program) is on summer break – see you in September!

### **Summer Adult Faith Formation Opportunities:**

- **Roots and Reasons:** Exploring and Affirming Our Religious Identity Today – An Adult Faith Formation Series with Fr. Jim Dugan, SJ. See details elsewhere in the bulletin.
- **Evening Prayer** – every Friday at 5:10pm in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel (in the Parish Center on E. 80<sup>th</sup> Street).

### **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 for the fall on Sunday mornings, please! Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.

**Traveling? Need to find a Catholic Church? Use <https://masstimes.org> to find a nearby church and Mass times. You can also download their app**



## **Preparation for Sacraments of Initiation**

**(Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation)**

### **For the unbaptized:**

- Birth to age 6 – contact the parish office for required paperwork and baptism prep class
- Age 7- adulthood – contact Maryann Tyrer, as the parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) applies. This process can be joined at any time! After suitable preparation, candidates will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

### **For those baptized in another Christian denomination, wishing to become Catholic:**

- Contact Maryann Tyrer, as the parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) applies. This process can be joined at any time! After suitable preparation, candidates will make a profession of faith and celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

### **For baptized Catholic children and teenagers:**

- Catholic baptism is a pre-requisite for all other Catholic sacraments. A copy of each child's baptism certificate must be on file prior to preparation.
- The Archdiocese of New York requires at least two consecutive years of either Catholic School or Parish Religious Education prior to the celebration of **First Communion**. Normally this would be first and second grade. Preparation is provided through the school's Religion program for Catholic School students, and through the Parish Religious Education program for those who attend other schools.
- First Penance is celebrated in late fall, and First Communion is in late Spring, and children must be age 7 or older (second grade) by First Communion. First Penance is a pre-requisite for First Communion.
- The Archdiocese of New York requires at least two consecutive years of either Catholic School or Parish Religious Education prior to the celebration of **Confirmation**. Normally this would be seventh and eighth grade. Preparation is provided through the school's Religion program for Catholic School students, and through the Parish Religious Education program for those who attend other schools.
- Confirmation is celebrated each Spring. Teens must be in eighth grade (or older).

### **For baptized Catholic adults wishing to celebrate First Communion and/or Confirmation:**

- Our parish Adult Initiation Process applies in this situation. Please contact Maryann Tyrer to begin preparation for these sacraments. You can begin this process at any time during the year.

## 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*

*HELENA JOHNSON, GLENN ALLEN,  
& ALBERT WALSH*

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners  
and family members*

*Msgr. John McCarthy,  
Rev. Robley Wilson,  
Peter Jellison, Donina Moreira  
& Yolande Szimis*

## BANS OF MARRIAGE



III Craig Tortorella  
&  
Estefania Asusta

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that nobody wanted. He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an anchoress, a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

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## Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine  
Intentions for  
Annie Sweeney

Offered by  
Kitty O'Donoghue

## Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp  
Intentions for  
Kathleen Coyne

Offered by  
Kitty O'Donoghue

## Summer Program-Fr. Dugan

COMING ON WEDNESDAYS,  
AUGUST 7, 14, and 21 – 7:00-8:30 pm,  
ST. MONICA CHURCH, PARISH CENTER

**“ROOTS AND REASONS: EXPLORING AND AFFIRMING OUR RELIGIOUS  
IDENTITY TODAY”**



Fr. Jim Dugan, S.J., will return to the Church of St. Monica this summer and offer a program of three one and a one-half hour (1.5) Wednesday evening (7:00-8:30 pm) encounters on August 7, 14, and 21 in the Parish Center (406 East 80th Street, NYC).

He invites you to join him and those interested to explore contemporary issues in society and the church in order to affirm a more authentic and purposeful understanding of our human, religious, spiritual, Judeo-Christian and Catholic identity by consulting the Old Testament and the New Testament. In addition, we will engage in a dialogue about our individual and shared identity as God's people.

If you wish to attend, please register with the  
Parish Office and Parish Center  
(212) 288-6250

# Just a word

From your Pastor June 23rd, 2019

## Who's minding the store!?

A few weeks ago, we said good bye to Fr. Joslin. He is returning to his religious order, which sent him here 3 ½ years ago to get a degree in pastoral counseling and therapy, so that he could oversee the formation of future priests in his order. We loved having Fr. Joslin in parish, and we enjoyed living with him in the rectory. He will be missed.

By now you have heard that he is not being replaced. While the rearrangement of the mass schedule will make it possible for Msgr. Ivers and me to provide masses on Sundays and weekdays, another issue arises Monday through Wednesday this week that is increasingly common in other areas of the country.

Msgr. Ivers and I will both be away at a conference. From Monday until Wednesday there will be no priests in the rectory. The daily masses will be celebrated by my cousin Fr. Richard Baker, who has generously offered his time. He will also be available for any pastoral emergencies. But until Wednesday night there will be no one here!

. . . As you can imagine, I am uncomfortable with this. However, it might become clear why we have people on staff such as Maryann Tyrer, Jasmine Gomez, Michael Ward and John Zupan. Trained lay staff are becoming the new normal in parishes where there are fewer and fewer priests. In the event of any pastoral emergency they will step up and see to it that either the matter is handled, or that a neighboring priest is called.

I intend to see to it that times where the rectory is empty are rare. But know that I will be back Wednesday night – Msgr. a few days later. I am not leaving again until later in July, when I take my annual trip to Germany to take over a friend's parish so HE can go on vacation. By then however, Fr. Jim Dugan, SJ will be arriving and will stay through August.

## Corpus Christi

This weekend is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. The feast developed in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, but actually has roots going all the way back to the Last Supper, when Jesus transformed the Passover meal into the commemoration of the new Covenant God would make with the world through the death of Jesus on the Cross. His body was offered, his blood was shed, and every time the first Christians celebrated that meal, they were to do it in his memory.

The earliest Christians believed that because Jesus was risen, he was still with them. They came to believe that not only was Jesus present *at* the meal they celebrated in his memory, but that he was present *in* the meal – Jesus meant what he said; the bread became his body, the cup his blood. They were the real living presence of Jesus to the Church. Indeed, the Church was the body of Christ because it received his body in the mass.

Because Catholics believe the Eucharist is the living body of Christ, it made sense that any left-over communion should be consumed, or saved; saved at first so that the sick and dying might receive communion without having to celebrate mass, but then later so that people could pray in the presence of the sacrament and adore the real presence of Christ in it.

In the first millennium a devotion to the eucharist as something to be adored rather than eaten developed. By the 12<sup>th</sup> century, most Catholics had stopped going to communion entirely, but they yearned for the moment when the priest lifted the host over his head (mass was said with the priest's back to the people) so that they could gaze on and adore Christ in the host. That is the reason the priest holds up the host and the chalice to this day, and why bells were rung – to let people know - He is here!

Given these developments, it was only a matter of time until processions developed, with the priest carrying the host through the streets in a golden holder called a *monstrance*, with the faithful following along singing and praying. The Corpus Christi procession was born.

After the Second Vatican Council, this custom died out in any areas. The theologically correct reorientation towards the mass as a meal diminished the devotional aspect of praying in the presence of the Sacrament. However it is still recommended by the Church and an important part of the Roman Catholic Tradition. This year we will begin reinstituting a version of the Corpus Christi procession here. After the 12 noon mass this Sunday, we will walk with the monstrance around to the Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel in the parish center on 80<sup>th</sup> St. There the Eucharist will remain in the monstrance for private prayer until 4pm. At which time we will celebrate evening prayer and benediction.

It is my hope that, in the years to come, this custom roots itself in the parish, offering those who wish an opportunity to participate in the devotional life of the Church more fully.

Father Baker