

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

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 28th, 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**

## Parish Staff

*Pastor*

*Associates:*

*Deacon*

*Pastoral Associate:*

*Parish Manager:*

*Music Director*

*Wedding Coordinator:*

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 12:00pm Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 5:00pm**

**Monday – Friday: 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 -- Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm -- Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel -- Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a,8, 11; Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY** July 27th Vigil  
5:30PM Thomas Dietz

**SUNDAY** July 28th Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM Margaret Hericz  
10:00AM Kristen Palapoli  
12NOON All Parishioners  
5PM John Mahoney

**MONDAY** July 29th St. Martha  
12NOON Dr. Maria Litrenta (Living)

**TUESDAY** July 30th Weekday  
12NOON Jerry O'Donoghue (Living)

**WEDNESDAY** July 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola  
12NOON Christopher Jaick Ginnety

**THURSDAY** August 1st St. Alphonsus  
12NOON Geraldine Williams

**FRIDAY** August 2nd Weekday  
12NOON Thanksgiving to St. Agata

**SATURDAY** August 3rd Weekday  
12NOON Caroline Devaney (Living)

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Martha  
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus  
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori  
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; 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**

- **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. Registering early help us to prepare over the summer.
- **2 years** of Religious Education is required for reception of First Communion or Confirmation, so if you have a rising 1<sup>st</sup> grader or 7<sup>th</sup> grader, please make sure they are registered and attending this year!

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

**Adult Faith Formation** (Sunday Morning program) is on summer break, but will resume on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** – hope to see you there!

## **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, August 7, 14, and 21. 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!**



- Come to church – we're air conditioned now!
- Visit another Catholic church when you are traveling. See how it compares to our church.
- Give a cold drink to someone working outside and thank them for their service.
- Give \$5 (or more) gift cards for coffee shops or fast food places to homeless folks you encounter – this can allow them to take a break in air conditioning during the hottest part of the day.
- Get outside and enjoy some natural beauty. Discover a new park or beach. Go early in the morning or in the evening when it's cooler.
- Play a board game or card game with your family. Take a short break from electronic devices.
- Visit a public library with your family, select some books, and schedule daily reading time at home.
- Clean out closets and donate outgrown clothing. Save coats for our winter coat drive.
- Register for our parish Religious Education program (Grades K-8). Signing up before the fall really helps us to plan and get ready (and have enough books and supplies on hand.)
- Consider volunteering – we need a couple of catechists, assistants, and substitutes on Sunday mornings. Contact Maryann Tyrer to discuss how your gifts could meet our needs.
- When shopping for school supplies, purchase some extras for our upcoming Supply Drive to benefit needy children in the Bronx and Harlem.
- Take some time to thank God for your Summer!

## 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**

**Joseph Di Certo,  
Jose Lebron, Albert Walsh,  
Glenn Allen & Helena Johnson,**

***ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY***

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners  
and family members*

*Geraldine Corvi, Ed Nizza, Nino Niola,  
Mary Sullivan, Rev. Robley Wilson,  
Peter Jellison & Julio Sanchez*

## Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine  
In Memory of  
Nancy Daly

Offered by Nora Martin

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

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**Our next Family Mass will be  
Saturday, August 4th at 5:30PM**

All Families & Parishioners  
are invited

## 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

## Baptism Announcements

Next Sunday, *August 4th*, there will be a Baptism service in the church at 1:30PM.  
At this service we will be baptizing:

**Nicolas Callisto Jean-Jacques**

Please join us in congratulating:  
Michael Jean-Jacques & Sara Madavo  
on their children's new life in Christ.



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

## ST. MONICAS' SOCIAL MEDIA

We have created new accounts on social media to make sure we stay connected with you and to provide you additional means to connect with each other. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat by searching our handle: StElMo79. You may wonder why we chose this handle.

Since platforms limit the number of characters in a username and we needed a name available on all platforms, we decided to abbreviate the names of our patron saints and added the number of our street.

These are the Parish's official accounts and you should follow these accounts for up to date and accurate information. You will note that our profile picture on all accounts is our brand-new logo and we will begin posting this week. "Get to Know Us" is our first campaign and it features members of our parish staff, school staff, parishioners in ministry, new and old parishioners alike and even those who may be visiting.

Keep an eye out for competitions and special announcements too!

Since not everyone is on social media, we are taking the steps to ensure that our posts on social media are reflected on our website. We will continue to post pertinent information on there and in the bulletin (which will be getting a facelift soon so keep an eye out for that)!

If you are interested in joining the social media ministry team or simply have any ideas for social media campaigns or posts, please contact Pastoral Associate for Parish Life, Jasmine Gomez at the Parish Center.

# Just a word

*From your Pastor July 28th, 2019*

## **I am off!**

One of the things about living in New York is the way the city empties out during the summer months. Yes it can be hot – very hot, especially these days – but there is something about the streets on a relatively cool morning walk that remind me of the old days in New York City, before tourism and Uber, Lyft, Citibikes and now electric bicycles and scooters turned our streets into gauntlets for those of us who live here. People are away, kids are at camp, and the city gets a chance to reset in preparation for the autumn.

Part of that reset for me is an annual trip to Germany. Every summer for the past several years, I have gone to a city called Münster. It is in the German state of Nordrhein-Westfalen. It was founded in the 9<sup>th</sup> century as a monastery to convert the Saxons to Christianity. Hence, the name Münster – it is a corruption of the Latin *Monasterium* – Monastery. It is the same word as in English *minster* – in words like *Westminster*. It is not where the cheese comes from – that is another Munster –in France.

The city has about 300, 000 residents. The parish I work at is the south quarter of the city. Saint Joseph's church was built around the time St. Monica's was, in 1905, and in the same Gothic revival style. For several years St. Joseph's has been part of a larger multi-church parish called Saint Joseph – Münster South, which covers a large portion of the southern side of the city. It consists of three churches: St. Josephs, Holy Spirit, and St. Anthony's. They have services every week in German, Spanish, Tamil (a south Indian language) and Polish.

Father Stefan Rau is the pastor – he has two assistants, who also have other responsibilities. There are several retired priests who say masses. It is difficult to cover masses during the year. When vacation time comes, it is nearly impossible. Which is where I come in. I take two of my vacation weeks and take over the masses at St. Joseph. This way Father Rau can go on vacation. I get to go and practice my German. Also, because I have been going there for years, I have not just celebrated masses but performed weddings, and developed long term friendships.

Because of the way things work, you are reading this on the first weekend I am in Germany. Today I am performing the baptism of the child of a couple I married in 2016. I am looking forward to this joyous celebration.

Don't worry, I do get to take some time off! Masses for me are on Saturday and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday through Saturday morning are free for me. Due to the lack of priests, parishes there often offer other types of weekly services – Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer that are led by the lay pastoral associates (think Maryann Tyrer and Jasmine Gomez here) that make ministry in Germany possible.

Münster is a beautiful city and is a cyclist's dream. People use bicycles to get everywhere. I have access to a bicycle and will be using it to travel, visit friends and hopefully get some exercise. I will have more to report on next week and will write to you from Germany. Perhaps I will be able to tell you a little about the things going on in the German Catholic church, the synod planed there where things such as getting rid of celibacy, admitting divorced and remarried Catholics to the sacraments and even the blessing of gay couples will be discussed. Needless to say, there is a lot going on, and not everyone is on the same page!

But in the meantime, it is summer. Enjoy these blessed few weeks of calm. If you are getting out of the city, enjoy your time away. If not, then enjoy those quieter streets. Fall is coming!

If you are adventurous enough and want to type it in to your computer (watch the spelling!) here is the website for the church.

<https://www.st-joseph-muenster-sued.de/einrichtungen/kirchen/>

Father Baker