

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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –August 4th, 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: 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 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 -- Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).
Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).
Second Reading -- You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).
Gospel -- For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	August 3rd Vigil Ian Michael Valez-Curley (Living)
SUNDAY 8:00AM	August 4th Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Megan, Matthew, Sarah & Ryan (Living)
10:00AM 12NOON 5PM	Jilia M. Taningco All Parishioners Kathleen Downes
MONDAY 12NOON	August 5th Weekday Rosemary Catalano
TUESDAY 12NOON	August 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord Kathleen M. Reddington
WEDNESDAY 12NOON	August 7th Weekday Mary McAuvic (Living)
THURSDAY 12NOON	August 8th St. Dominic Margaret Hericz
FRIDAY 12NOON	August 9th Weekday Cynthia Best
SATURDAY 12NOON	August 10th St. Lawrence Walter Higgins

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Tuesday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday:	St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Thursday:	St. Dominic
Friday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Saturday:	St. Lawrence

*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

- Maryann is away on retreat this week without any internet or email use. Please keep her in prayer, as she will be praying for all of you!
- Have you registered your child for Religious Education yet? Please do so, as soon as possible, so we can know class sizes and purchase enough books and supplies. You can email Maryann for the registration forms, or pick them up in the Parish Center during office hours.
- If you have a rising 1st or 7th grader, please remember that two years of Religious Education (or Catholic School) are required for reception of **First Communion** or **Confirmation**.
- **K-8 Religious Education** gathers on Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:45am, in the Parish Center (406 E. 80th St.) Sessions begin this year on **September 8**. Parents are asked to accompany their children and stay for a **Parent Information Session** on that first day.

Adult Faith Formation

- Our **Sunday Morning Scripture Discussion Group** resumes on September 15, and runs 10:15-11:45am each Sunday that Religious Education is in session. This group is open to any and all adults – you can become a “regular,” or just drop in occasionally as your schedule allows. Either way, your week will be enriched by this informal discussion of the Sunday Scriptures over coffee or tea with your fellow parishioners. Please make plans to join us in the Parish Center!

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. 80th Street). Drop in any week and see what a difference this 20-minute prayer experience can make in your life!

Adult Sacraments

- Adults thinking about becoming Catholic, or Catholic adults who have missed First Communion 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.



LIFELONG *Faith Formation*

Continued....

Volunteers Needed!

- **Sunday mornings** – We need a couple of catechists, and some assistants and subs for our children’s (K-8) Religious Education Program. No experience necessary, and we’ll provide all training and materials. All volunteers must be interviewed, participate in Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training, and agree to a background check.
- **Special events** – Sacramental celebrations, retreat days, family faith formation, and other occasional events require a few extra folks to help them to run smoothly.
- **Sunday afternoons** – Our RCIA and Adult Initiation process is in need of sponsors and event volunteers.
- 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!

Upcoming dates for your calendar:

- **Parish K-8 Religious Education**
 - ◇ Start date for children: Sunday, September 8, 10:15-11:45am
 - ◇ Parents are asked to also stay on September 8 for a Parent Information Session at the same time
 - ◇ Family Faith Formation – Saturday, November 2, 2-5pm – on the theme of Reconciliation and Forgiveness
- **First Penance & First Communion** (2nd graders and up who are in at least their second year of Religious Education or Catholic School)
 - ◇ The Family Faith Formation on November 2 focusing on Reconciliation and Forgiveness will be an important part of their preparation for First Penance.
 - ◇ The First Penance Service will be on Saturday, December 14 at 2pm.
 - ◇ First Communion Family Retreat for Parish & Caedmon students will be on Saturday, March 7, 2-5pm
 - ◇ First Communion Family Retreat for St. Stephen of Hungary School students will be on Wednesday, March 11, 5:30-7:30pm
 - ◇ First Communion Masses: Saturday, April 25 – St. Stephen School students at 10am; Parish & Caedmon students at 2pm
- **Teen Confirmation** (8th-12th graders who are in at least their second year of Religious Education or Catholic School)
 - ◇ St. Stephen School Confirmation Retreat – November 14 during school
 - ◇ Parish Religious Education Retreat – Saturday, November 16, 10am-4pm
 - ◇ Confirmation Rehearsal for candidates and sponsors: April 25 at 4pm
 - ◇ Confirmation Mass: Sunday, April 26 at 2pm

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

**Richard Baldwin, Joseph Di Certo,
Jose Lebron, Albert Walsh
&
Glenn Allen**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and family members

***Rev. Alfred Pizutto,
Geraldine Corvi
& Ed Nizza***

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes. Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine
In Memory of
Pat Daly Mast

Offered by Nora Martin

**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

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 August 4th, 2019

Greetings from Germany

As I said last week, the next time you would be hearing from me would be from Germany. I flew over here on Sunday, July 21st, and have been staying the first few days with a priest friend of mine. He lives in Sürth, a town just to the south of downtown Cologne. He teaches at the seminary and in a church college, and helps out in the local parish, which like many parishes in Germany consists of six churches: St. Joseph, St. Remigius, St. Maternus, Old St. Maternus, St. Georg, St. Georg Chapel.

While people in Germany are as tired of the political circus in the world as many Americans are, one thing they continue to talk about is the weather. Yesterday (Wednesday July 24th) they recorded the highest temperature ever recorded in Germany: ca. 104.5 degrees. That is until today – it is supposed to be even hotter.

The heat has precluded my doing much. Tomorrow the weather should start to break, and next week return to normal temperatures in the low 80s. Just in time for me to go to Münster!

Looking forward

Although we are in summer mode, with staff taking vacation and religious education and school and parish groups on hiatus, that does not mean that nothing is happening. The air conditioning project for example, is basically done, with a few, mostly cosmetic, things that need to be completed. However, there are many projects percolating that you will begin to see in the months ahead. Although I will be speaking about them many times, I figured I would give the summer readers of our bulletin and our social media accounts, a preview of these projects.

A New Reconciliation Room – When you look to the left as you face the altar at St. Monica, there are three bays along the west wall, which hold three confessionals. Decades ago, one was jury-rigged to allow for face-to-face confession. The other two were left to decay. All are now in sorry shape.

We are planning to take the bay closest to the church doors and turn it into a modern reconciliation room. There will be comfortable places for penitents to kneel behind the screen or sit facing the priest. It will be well lit and private, though at the same time obey safe environment regulations.

A New Parish Hall – Many parishioners do not realize that underneath St. Monica lies a parish hall almost as big as the church itself. The hall is underutilized, because back in the 1980s the pastor gave up its Permit for Public Assembly, so that the 79th Street Workshop could build a separate meeting space in the hall to run their substance abuse programs. One of the projects we established as part of the *Renew and Rebuild* capital campaign was to reconfigure the parish hall so that the 79th street workshop might continue to meet and guarantee that we could obtain a new Permit for Public Assembly.

The Caedmon School has long been interested in having a large indoor space for use by its students. We are entering into a partnership with them to renovate the hall, obtain the permit for public assembly and then share its use, with the parish getting it on nights and weekends.

New Lighting – Many of you will remember that the lights in the church were incredibly dim. That was because a lighting company exchanged our Halogen lightbulbs for LEDs which were inappropriate for the size of our church. The problem was resolved when we forced them to go back to the halogen bulbs.

However, this does not solve the problem of how underlit our church can sometimes seem. We have entered into a contract with a new lighting company to do a complete redesign of our lighting in church. After this is completed, we hope to have a far brighter church with more flexibility as to how we light it.

Parish Center Projects – The lighting redesign will also include a **renovation of the lighting in the parish center**, so that it better serves its role as an administrative center and a gathering place for parishioners.

In addition to the lighting, the parish center will be getting a **new roof**, and as part of the *Renew and Rebuild* campaign, we committed to putting a **new high efficiency boiler** in the parish center. The boiler project is also underway, and we should see the work completed sometime in the first half of 2020.

This is all happening in addition to the various programs, events, concerts and classes we are offering in 2019-20. We will be talking more about those as we get closer to the fall.

There is a lot going on, and even though it is still summer, we invite you to get involved in something this year that will grow your faith, expand your knowledge and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Father Baker