

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

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time –September 1st, 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: 7:15am – 3:30pm 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 -- Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm -- God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading -- You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel -- Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	August 31st Vigil Gertrude Burke
SUNDAY 8:00AM	September 1st Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Megan, Matthew, Sarah & Ryan (Living)
10:00AM 12NOON 5PM	Amy Abuan All Parishioners Josephine & Carmel Xuereb
MONDAY 9AM	September 2nd Weekday Walter & Mary Ferber
TUESDAY 12NOON	September 3rd St. Gregory the Great Francine Precipuo
WEDNESDAY 12NOON	September 4th Weekday Thanksgiving
THURSDAY 12NOON	September 5th Weekday Priests of St. Monica's
FRIDAY 12NOON	September 6th Weekday Kathleen M. Reddington
SATURDAY 12NOON	September 7th Weekday Souls in Purgatory

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great
Friday: 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*



K-8 Religious Education begins next Sunday (September 8)!

- 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center (406 East 80th Street)
- If you haven't registered your child yet, please come at 10am to complete the forms. Please bring your checkbook and if this is a new registration, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- Parents are asked to accompany your children for this first session! We'll have a Parent Information Meeting, and then you will have an opportunity to meet your child's catechist in their classroom.
- 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**.

Adult Faith Formation

- Our **Sunday Morning Scripture Discussion Group** resumes on September 15, and runs 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center 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. Parents – this is an excellent way for your family to grow in faith together, and for you to set an excellent example for your children as to the value of formation in the faith at all ages.

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.



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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. Could you help out occasionally?
- **Sunday afternoons** – Our RCIA and Adult Initiation process is in need of sponsors and event volunteers. No experience necessary. Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.

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 on 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

**Bob Mullin, Jose Vasquez,
Jose Lebron, Albert Walsh
&
Glenn Allen**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

***Msgr. Joseph Penna,
Ramon Fabian, Lilian Geron,
John Cassis,
Necitas, Francisco.
Alfredo & Evelyn Enaguas
&
Helena Johnson***

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means high place, yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting Introibo ad altare Dei, or I will go to the altar of God, followed by the altar servers response, The God who gives joy to my youth. Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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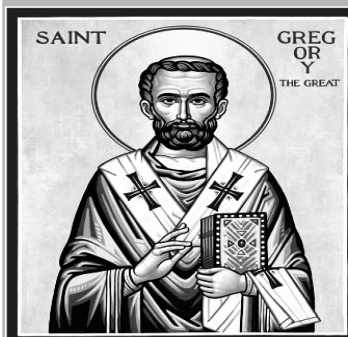
Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Frances Holtheaus

Offered by
Diane Browning Deniega

Saint of the Week



The Feast of
St. Gregor the Great
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd,
2019

CHOIR NEWS

This is an open call for any of our parishioners to join either our Children's Choir or Adult Choir.

Do you like to sing? Have you ever thought about being more involved at Mass? Do you like to sing? Then why not think about joining the Adult or Children's Choirs here at STELMO79. By being involved in one of the choirs you get to experience Mass on a whole new level. You get to contribute more of yourself by offering your gift of song with others that love to sing. By being in the choir you learn about music. By being in the choir you help make the Mass more beautiful through song. Yes, there is a commitment involved but one that is well-worth it. If you have about 2 hours a week to spare than you can join.

ADULT CHOIR

- rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the church from 7 – 8:30 PM.
- sings on Sundays for the 12 PM Mass each week.
- The Adult Choir is open to high school students on up.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

- rehearses on Wednesday afternoons at our parish school on East 82nd Street from 4-5 PM.
- sings at the Family Mass on the first Sunday (the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass) of each month. (October – June)
- The Children's Choir is open to 2nd graders up to 8th graders in our parish.

Both our choirs will perform at our annual Christmas & Spring Concerts.

If you ever thought about singing in the choir now is the time to try!

For more information on our choirs, please speak with our Director of Music, John Zupan after one of the Masses or contact him at jzupan@stmonicanyc.org.

“He who sings prays twice” –St. Augustine

Business Corner

From your Parish Manager September 1st, 2019

Happy Labor Day Weekend! Labor Day tends to be the unofficial end to summer; I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer months as we all begin to enter back into our regular routines and schedules.

Christmas Bazaar

Every year, long before Father Baker and I arrived to the parish, the parish of St. Monica had put on a Christmas Bazaar in November, generally the weekend before Thanksgiving. The bazaar served as a community event as well as a parish fundraiser. Since Father and I arrived, the event has continued, with some changes, but more or less the same concept. I had spoken with the Bazaar Committee last year letting them know there was a chance we would not be able to hold a Bazaar in 2019 due to Parish Hall Construction.

This is unfortunately the case. We will not be holding a Christmas Bazaar this year. We are working in partnership with Caedmon School to renovate the entire hall, to make it a modern, multipurpose space, with handicap access, which would allow for the parish to utilize the hall in a variety of ways. The bidding process began over the summer, and while we do not have a specific start date to construction the goal is to start sooner than later, and therefore we cannot plan out a Bazaar.

Many parishioners have been extremely generous to the bazaar year in and year out, with donations of all kinds, particularly donations to the flea market component of the bazaar. We thank you for your continued generosity to the parish and its events. The parish office needs to respectfully ask that these flea market type donations are not brought to the parish center. We regularly take clothing donations (please bring in plastic garbage bags if you intend to donate clothes) and we send them to the Little Sisters of the Assumption that work out of Harlem. The staff that picks up the donations will not take anything else then clothing, therefore any other type of household donation would just sit in the parish storage, and most likely eventually be garbage.

The last few years, we have had a cocktail party that coincided with our Christmas Concert. We will hold this event again this year. We are also working in the parish office to create another event around the concert series so as we lose the bazaar for both community building and fundraiser, we can offset that with an event this Spring.

I will report more on the actual renovation of the Hall when I can provide greater detail and a more definitive timeline.

As always, any questions on these, or other topics, please feel free to contact me as needed.

Mike Ward
Parish Manager