

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

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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –September 8th, 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*

*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: 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catholic Parochial School**

408 East 82<sup>nd</sup> St., New York, NY 10028

(212) 288-1989 Fax: (212) 517 – 5788

*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 -- You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm -- In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading -- Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel -- Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

# Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30PM	<b>September 7th Vigil</b> <i>Thomas Leca</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00AM 10:00AM 12NOON 5PM	<b>September 8th Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Joseph B. Williams, Jr.</i> <i>Maria Teresita Litrenta (Living)</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Linda Neary-Doyle</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>  12NOON	<b>September 9th St. Peter Claver</b> <i>Thanksgiving to St. Agata</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12NOON	<b>September 10th Weekday</b> <i>Catherine Dillon</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12NOON	<b>September 11th Weekday</b> <i>Maria Soliven Reyes</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12NOON	<b>September 12th Weekday</b> <i>Maureen Kelly</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>  12NOON	<b>September 13th St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>William Keating</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>  12NOON	<b>September 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <i>Patrick Walsh</i>

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day  
Monday: St. Peter Claver  
Wednesday: Patriot Day  
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Friday: St. John Chrysostom  
Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*If you wish to add the name of a loved one to the prayer list, please notify the parish center:  
(212) 288-6250*



## WELCOME BACK!!

### **K-8 Religious Education begins THIS Sunday (September 8)!**

- 10:15-11:45am in the Parish Center (406 East 80<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> 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. **Sessions begin this Sunday in the Parish**



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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 Session at the same time
  - ◇ Family Faith Formation – Saturday, November 2, 2-5pm – on the theme of Reconciliation and Forgiveness
- **First Penance & First Communion** (2<sup>nd</sup> 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** (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Bod Mullin, Albert Walsh**

**Glenn Allen**

***ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY***

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

***Ramon Fabian, Lillian Geron,  
John Cassis,  
Necitas, Francisco.,  
Alfredo & Evelyn Enaguas  
&  
Helena Johnson***

## Baptism Announcements

Next Sunday, September 15th, there will be a baptism service in the church at 1:30pm

At that service we will be baptizing:

**Lucas Eli Ho**

**&**

**Gemma Begona Zilm**

**&**

**Eamonn Thomas Ashe**

Please join us in congratulating:

Gary Kwong-Leung & Camila Lopez-Jorge,  
Brian James Zilm & Valentina Salkow,  
Thomas Francis Ashe & Kendra Elizabeth Mohr

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.

## Sanctuary Lamp



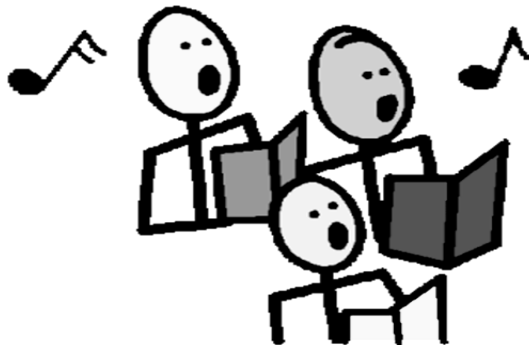
This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Frances Holtheaus

Offered by  
Diane Browning Deniega

# 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](mailto:jzupan@stmonicanyc.org).

“He who sings prays twice” –St. Augustine

# Just a word

*From your Pastor September 8th, 2019*

## **What is a Pastoral Associate?**

Recently people have been coming to me and asking me that question. They have heard me refer to two of our parish employees, Maryann Tyrer and Jasmine Gomez, as Pastoral Associates. They know what nuns and deacons are. They know what a DRE or Director of Religious Education is. They've heard of youth ministers. But Pastoral Associate is a new term.

A **Pastoral Associate** is a man or woman who collaborates in the pastoral ministry of the parish. The office arises from the fact that many of the tasks that Catholics traditionally expected nuns and priests to do, no longer are because there are too few priests and nuns. Increasingly parishes are hiring lay women and men as full or part time employees, who work as part of the ministerial staff. They are not ordained, cannot celebrate sacraments and are not allowed to preach the homily at mass (though they are allowed to lead and give reflections at other prayer services and liturgies). However, otherwise they teach, counsel, organize, plan and serve alongside their ordained coworkers to build up the parish.

Here at St. Monica – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – St. Stephen of Hungary with the care of St. Stephen School, we have one full-time priest: me. Msgr. Ivers is part-time, as he works for the Archdiocese as well. As a result, anything resembling ministry outside of saying mass and performing sacraments would be almost impossible without the involvement of lay employees.

We currently have two Pastoral Associates: **Maryann Tyrer** is the **Pastoral Associate for Christian Formation**. She coordinates religious education, adult faith formation, the Rites of Christian Initiation process (the formation process through which people become Catholic) and assists me with the training and preparation of parish lay ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers). She also works with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in their religious formation in preparation for Confirmation.

**Jasmine Gomez** is the **Pastoral Associate for Parish Life**. Her role grew out of a need we encountered over the past several years. People, especially young adults, connect with religion and form community online. When we asked, they told us that they found St. Monica's by searching for "Catholic Churches" in their area on Yelp or in their browser. The internet, we realized, was just too important to ignore. So Jasmine is responsible for our web presence; our webpage, Facebook, Instagram, and snapchat accounts. She is also the coordinator for our outreach to young adults and is the coordinator for people who have the desire of starting a group in the parish. Social Justice causes will also be in her bailiwick. If you see a young woman walking around church filming or taking pictures with a camera, it's probably Jasmine, creating content for our web presence.

I know Catholics of a certain age wonder about the need for such ministries. We come from a time when we could presume that if a person was Catholic, they'd find the local church and come. But in the wake of secularization and scandal, those days are over. Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said (and I am paraphrasing here): "In America there are not a thousand people who hate the Catholic Church for what it is, but there are tens of thousands who hate it for what they think it is". We know what our parish is and what it offers, but others do not. Jasmine and Maryann are coworkers with the priests (and John Zupan our Director of Music, and Kelly Burke, our School Principal and everyone one else who teaches and serves here!) to make our parish and school, and the Gospel message which gives them life, known.

## **What is a Weekend Associate?**

And while I am at it, I might as well explain this term which we will be hearing more of. **Weekend Associates** are priests, who, while not assigned to a parish, nevertheless help out in a church on weekends saying masses. Ever since last May when Fr. Joslin left for Africa, I have been beating the bushes looking for help with the weekend masses. I am happy to report that Father Jim O'Shea, CP, has offered his services to say a mass a weekend. Fr. Jim is a Passionist Father and will be beginning with us over the next couple of weeks. I am going to try and find a couple of people to help in this ministry, so that when Msgr. Ivers has to be away on diocesan business or I need to be, we will be sufficiently staffed on Sundays.

Welcome, Fr. Jim!

Father Baker