



*Sunday, January 12, 2014*



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Crown Community Care of Yorkville**

**Exercise, Tues., Jan 14 - 10am - \$2.00**

**Exercise, Thur., Jan 16 - 10am - \$2.00**

**Chair Yoga, Fri. Jan. 17 - 11am - \$5.00**

**Bridge, Fri. Jan. 17 - 1pm - \$5.00**

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***St. Stephen of Hungary Parish***

***The Franciscans***

***"Make Strangers Welcome"***

## **The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 12, 2014**

**"I the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness... 'This is my beloved Son, My favor rests on him.' "**

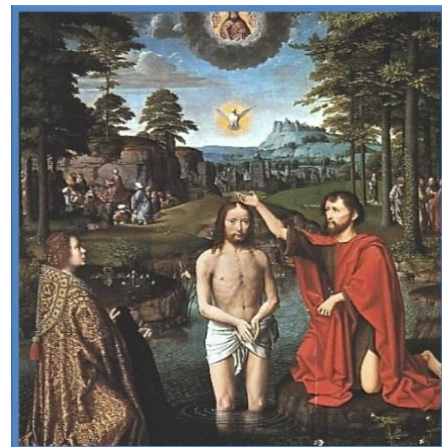
We bring the Christmas cycle to a close and begin the public ministry of Jesus at the Jordan. As we reflect on the passage of Isaiah, it might be easy to apply the words to the person of Christ. It is surely appropriate to do so.

May we fast forward to our own day, and see how appropriate these words are for all disciples of Jesus Christ. The call of the Lord is for us today. Our fears and hesitation are alleviated when we latch on to His hand. I am stronger in my Christian life today, than I was one, five or twenty five years ago, because of my growth in union and knowledge of Jesus Christ. I enjoy the richness of the life of grace, my life in the Lord.

I too have a mission, one selected by the Lord for me alone. It is my task which He places in my hands and on my heart. The blind are those who cannot see the goodness of Jesus Christ in their lives. Criticism and ignorance abound. 'I don't need the church.' How sad. Open their eyes!

Prisoners are the incarcerated for whom I pray, their families left behind, and the victims of injustice. But others are caught in the prison of addiction, evil habits or despair. Rather than flee from them, seek them out, offer support and become a companion for them. A.A. and N.A. and other support groups are viable answers. Invite them!

When I appreciate God's gifts and approach my Christian living in this way, the echo of the words spoken at the Jordan resounds loudly, I too become a light for the nations.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 12

8:30 am Christmas Novena  
11:45 am Elsie & Stephen Milisits  
r/b Patricia Redinger  
10:00 am (Hung)George Skrapits  
r/b M.M Gerencser & Family  
5:30 pm Lawrence & Anne Sweeney  
r/b Annie Sweeney  
7:00 pm Intention of Parishioners

### Monday, January 13

5:30 pm Bridget & Thomas Sweeney  
r/b Annie Sweeney

### Tuesday, January 14

5:30pm Christmas Novena & Novena Mass League

### Wednesday, January 15

5:30 pm Mary Kroski r/b Karen Kraft

### Thursday, January 16

5:30pm Joseph Walsh r/b Yorkshire Club

### Friday, January 17

5:30 pm Mary Scott r/b M. Di Carlo

### Saturday, January 18

5:30pm Michael Egan r/b James Ryan

### Sunday, January 19

8:30 am Christmas Novena  
11:45 am Sam & Florence Lepore  
r/b Anna & Joseph Lepore  
2:00pm (Hung) Erzsebet Koncz r/b Irene Soltesz  
5:30 pm Mercedes Harris r/b Gloria Harris  
7:00 pm Intention of Parishioners

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Stephen of Hungary Parish is a spiritual and cultural community of Hungarian and English speaking Christians. Rooted in the Catholic tradition and informed by Franciscan values, we strive to enliven the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, education, volunteer service, and service with the alienated. Committed to collaborative ministry, we seek to foster an open exchange.*

### R.C.I.A. & Children's Catechumenate

Jayne Porcelli, 212-861-8500

### St. Stephen of Hungary School

(Pre-K to Eighth Grade)

Katherine Peck, Principal, (212) 288-1989

### Baptisms

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Stephens' please call Fr. Bill Bried at least two months in advance. Orientation of parents and God parents is required before baptism.

Fr. Bills' ext. 111.

### Parish Pay

The parish requests that all parishioners begin using Parish Pay for their regular giving to St. Stephen of Hungary. Please register today at [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or 1-866-PARISH1. Please contact the parish office with additional questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for participating in this valuable resource to help the parish's fiscal health!

### Eucharist

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:00 PM (Hungarian)  
5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM

**Monday:** 5:30 PM

**Tuesday:** 5:30 PM

(St. Anthony of Padua Devotion during  
5:30pm Eucharist)

**Wednesday:** 5:30 PM

(St. Jude Devotion during 5:30pm Mass)

**Thursday:** 5:30 PM

**Friday:** 5:30 PM

**Saturday:** 5:30 PM (Vigil)

**Holy Days:** 5:30 PM (Vigil), 5:30 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4:30-5:00 PM in Church, also by appointment

### Marriages

Arrangements for marriage must be made six months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for details (212) 861-8500.

### Knights of Columbus

For information call 212-737-8366

## SPECIAL NOTE

### Collection

Last weeks' collection totaled \$2,816.00. 2nd collection for Catholic Communications totaled \$637.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### Prayer for the Sick

*O God our loving Father, look with kindness on our brothers and sisters who seek your care. In your mercy grant health to the sick; comfort to the sorrowful, peace to the troubled, joy to the weary and eternal rest to those whose work on earth is done, and all for Jesus' sake. Amen*

Please remember those who are sick especially Louie Bettino, Jr., Bobby Weigand, Margaret Lauriano, Gino Mangiafridda, Mitzi Purk, Johannes Kaas, Lino Fenech, Avril Purcell, Isabelle Thompson, Luis Lopez, Laszlo Oroslyany, Nancy Olah, and all those who have died.

### St. Stephen's Web Site.

Check out our ministries, upcoming events, or answers to what various church ceremonies symbolize and why do we observe them in a particular manner at our Web site: [www.ssh-nyc.org](http://www.ssh-nyc.org)

## This Week at St. Stephen

(For further information on listings below, call the Parish Office, #212-861-8500)

### Monday, January 13

AA 7:00pm Francis Room

### Tuesday, January 14

Exercise 10:00am Francis Room

Alanon 11:45am Francis Room

Pantry 2:00pm Francis Room

OA 4:30pm Francis Room

### Wednesday, January 15

Faith Formation 4:00pm Church & Sch.

### Thursday, January 16

Exercise 10:00am Francis Room

Alanon 11:45am Francis Room

### Friday, January 17

Chair Yoga 11:00am Francis Room

Bridge 1:00pm Francis Room

### Saturday, January 18

Tennis 10:00am Large Hall

Hungarian School; 12:30pm Large Hall

### Sunday, January 19

Coffee Hour 3:00pm Large Hall

## PARISH UPDATE



Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Family  
Liturgy

***There has been a change in the Family Mass schedule  
The First Saturday of each month the Family Mass will be at 5:30pm.  
The Third Sunday of each month the Family Mass will be at 10:00 am  
This change is due to families interested in a Sunday Service for  
families***

Dear Parishioners,

On January 1, 2014, the Archdiocese of New York through Bishop Walsh, appointed me as Administrator of this parish until June 30th by which time a new pastor will be appointed by Holy Name Province. As you may know, I did not ask for this position but was requested by my Provincial and I accepted since I have been here almost three years and am acquainted with the parish. At the present time, I am trying to get caught up with many issues of the parish and ask for your patience. Needless to say, I also wish you would keep me in your prayers that I may minister to the people of this parish as I have been called by my vocation.

During times like this there are always rumors spreading around and I ask that we desist in this and get back to work on what is important to all of us that is, building a Christ-centered parish. This can be accomplished by each one of us putting our best foot forward and working together as Christ's disciples and using our God-given gifts and talents for betterment of the parish.

I realize there will be many decisions that must be made during this period and I will do my best to discuss some of these with those who may be involved.

Please be patient!

My main concern today and in the days to come is the welfare of the parishioners, Pope Francis has called the church a "hospital" where we are called to minister to the wounded. This is my responsibility as well as yours if we are to be true disciples.

I know there are many of you who have spoken to me about some of your concerns and these certainly will be discussed. Those of you who feel you have positive suggestions to make; I would appreciate it if you write them down and send them to me by email, drop off at the office, or send by regular mail and make sure you sign them.

The Lord gives you and me one day at a time, so let us use that gift worthily for the betterment of our community.

I will be writing to you again in the weeks ahead and will try to keep you up-to-date as best as I am able.

Peace and good,

Fr. Bill, OFM

### Next Weekend: Special Collection



**Next weekend, January 18th & 19th our Parish will take up a second collection at all Masses for Fuel.**

**The following weekend, January 25th & 26th, the second collection at all Masses will be for Music.**



### **BOOMERS & Beyond**

Join Boomers & Beyond for forum on Human Trafficking, a form of modern day slavery:  
Thursday, Jan 23, 7pm; Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola, 84 St/ Park Ave. RSVP: 212-288-3588.  
***Boomers & Beyond welcomes couples and singles 50+.***



"He's today's greeter."

## Archdiocese of New York

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org) Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

## Church Lift

The lift in the church is working, so please be at Mass 10 minutes before, so we can get you up safely.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

January 18/19: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

January 25/26: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..."

February 1/2: "Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord!"

February 8/9: "You are the salt of the earth."

February 15/16: "For the Spirit scrutinizes everything even the depths of God."

February 22/23: "He redeems your life from destruction."



## Reminder for parents of children receiving sacraments this spring.

**Important Parent Meeting  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at  
6:30pm.**

**We will meet in the Church**

All the information you need to help your child prepare well for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion will be shared at this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you Wednesday evening.

## Catholic Cruise to Alaska

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Father Jose Chacko, August 1-8, 2014 on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call: Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord, Skagway, (Alaska), Juneau, (Alaska), Alaska Inside Passage, (Alaska), Victoria, (B.C., Canada). Prices begin at \$2142 for two passengers; this includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$175 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Dough or Eileen at 860-3998-1785/  
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