



MASS WITH HUNGARIAN BISHOP Above: Bishop Zsolt Marton (center) of the Diocese of Vac in Hungary was main celebrant and homilist of a Mass in St. Stephen Magyar Church in Passaic on Aug 28 in honor of the Feast of King St. Stephen of Hungary. Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney (second from right) concelebrated the Mass. They are pictured outside St. Stephen's with concelebrating priests (from left): Father Laszlo Balogh, St.

Stephen's pastor; Father Ivan Csete of St. Stephen Parish in New York City, and Father Stefan Las, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish/Diocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II in Passaic. Below left: Father Balogh thanks Mass concelebrants and the congregation. Below right: Bishop Sweeney welcomes Bishop Marton to the Diocese of Paterson and St. Stephen Parish at the Mass.

Hungarian bishop visits St. Stephen Magyar Parish in Passaic, celebrates Mass for Feast of King St. Stephen of Hungary



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PASSAIC Bishop Zsolt Marton of the Diocese of Vac in Hungary was main celebrant and homilist at a Mass in St. Stephen Magyar Church here on Aug. 28 in honor of the Feast of King St. Stephen of Hungary. Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney was a concelebrant of the Mass.

Also concelebrating the Mass in Hungarian with parts in English was Father Laszlo Balogh, St. Stephen's pastor, and Father Ivan Csete, a retired Hungarian priest, of St. Stephen Parish in New York City. After Mass, the parish held a feast day celebration with Hungarian favorites on church grounds. This feast is different from the Feast of St. Stephen Martyr, the parish's patron, on Dec. 26.

While in Passaic, Bishop Marton visited other Hungarian parishes and places in the area, and toured New York City. He was invited by Father Balogh, who was ordained a priest in 1997 in his native Hungary and came to the United States to serve St. Stephen's in 2018, at the request of Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli.



WELCOME, BISHOP! Far left top: Bishop Zsolt Marton of the Diocese of Vac in Hungary delivers his homily during a Mass for which he was the main celebrant in St. Stephen Magyar Church here on Aug 28 for the Feast of the King St. Stephen of Hungary. Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney concelebrated. Far left middle: A member of the congregation takes a cell phone photo at the Mass. Above: A banner of St. Stephen's is displayed at the Mass. Left: Sylvia Foldes-Berman, dressed in traditional Hungarian garb, proclaims a reading from Scripture.



PRECIOUS GIFTS Far left bottom: Bishop Zsolt Marton of the Diocese of Vac in Hungary receives Offertory Gifts from Scouts during the Mass on Aug. 28 in St. Stephen Magyar Church in Passaic, at which he was the main celebrant. Above: Bishop Marton blesses a young girl, too young to receive the Eucharist during the distribution of Holy Communion. Left: Food that was blessed before a feast day celebration outside on St. Stephen's grounds after Mass.