

ST. STEPHEN R.C. MAGYAR CHURCH
 223 Third St., Passaic, N.J.
 Fr. Béla Török pastor
 Fr. Frederick McKeever, O.F.M.

 JANUARY 1, 1989 850 people attended Masses

 Rectory: 779-0332 School: 773-2543 Bingo Hall: 779-9062

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	-----	SZILVESZTER	
	5:00 P.M.	Rozalia Kassai	Mrs. Steven Erdos
Sunday	-----	ÚJÉV - NEW YEAR'S DAY	
	7:30	Margaret Bizub	Julia Horvath
	8:30	Frank Papp	Wife
	9:45	Joseph Schradi	Wife
	11:00	Sandor Lakatos	Family
Monday	-----	ÁBEL	
	8:00	Louis Schaffner	Parents
Tuesday	-----	GYÖNGYVÉR	
	8:00	Steven Stanka	Tom Bizub family
Wednesday	-----	TITUSZ	
	8:00	Rose Tepfenhardt	Mr., Mrs. E. Leubner
Thursday	-----	EMIL	
	8:00	Dorothy Biro	Tom Bizub family
Frist	-----	VÍZKERESZT - GÁSPÁR, MENYHÉRT, BOLDIZSÁR	
Friday	8:00	Joseph & Elizabeth Horvath/	Daughter Mary
Saturday	-----	ATTILA	
	8:00	Special Intention	Mary Neumany
	5:00 P.M.	Therese Rotter	Mr., Mrs. L. Gieger
Sunday	-----	SZÖRÉNY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
	7:30	Joseph Szarvas	A. & M. Koszkalics
	8:30	Rozalia Kassai	Mr., Mrs. Fred Bodmer
	9:45	Theresa Rotter	Mr., Mrs. J. Holzli
	11:00	Sandor Lakatos	F. Kormann family

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 CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Sunday before the Masses
 BAPTISM: Sunday after the 11:00 o'clock Mass
 HOSPITAL CALLS: Please call the Rectory
 ADULT INSTRUCTIONS: By appointment - Please call the Rectory

 ALTAR BOYS: Saturday 5:00 P.M. Christopher Luke, William and
 Joseph Boyko; Sunday 8:30 A.M. Stanley and David Marszat;
 9:45 A.M. Richard Mozer; 11:00 A.M. Kerkay Béla, Marshall Tamás és
 László, Lendvay Béla és Géza, Dani Tibor.



OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.

We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son we can confidently call God, "Abba".

GRATEFUL THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS CHRISTMAS DONATIONS.

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SO BEAUTIFUL -- the decorators, the choirs, the altar boys, the organists, the Holy Name Society, the Sunday School teachers and children.

MANY THANKS TO THE ENGLISH ROSARY SOCIETY FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS DONATION OF \$200., the HUNGARIAN ALTAR SOCIETY FOR \$150. AND THE CARDINAL MINDSZENTY CLUB

FOR \$100. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

SINCERE THANKS TO THE Hungarian Meat Center for their donation of \$100. and to Mr. & Mrs. George Strobel for their donation of \$50. to our Rebuilding Fund. God bless you all!

WE THANK YOU DEAR LORD FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS AND CROSSES YOU RENDERED TO US IN 1988 AND WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED FATHERLY LOVE AND CARE IN 1989! FATHER MCKEEVER, FATHER MCNALLY AND I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HOLY, HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

VITAL STATISTICS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN 1988:

17 received the Sacrament of Baptism, 5 couples made life commitments by the Sacrament of Matrimony, 4 received their First Holy Communion. May God bless them all with a happy life. Remember in your prayers 37 of our friends and relatives who passed into eternity in 1988. R.I.P.



MINDENKINEK KIVÁNUNK BOLDOG ÚJ ESZTENDŐT. A JÓ

ISTEN ÁLDÁSÁT ÉS A SZÜZANYA OLTALMÁT. 1970 január 1. óta, VI. Pál pápa rendelkezésével újév napján Máriát, az Isten Anyját ünnepeljük. A legősibb időktől fogva "Isten-szülő" névvel tisztelték a Szűz Anyát. A keleti egyházakban - bizánci, szír - az Isten-szülő Szűz Mária ünnepe karácsony másnapján, dec. 26-án van. Az ünnep mottójaként Max Thurián - protestáns teológus - kiemeli Jézus Krisztus emberségének valódiságát és ezzel az ember értékét is felemeli. Hiszen Mária által maga az Isten jött el, hogy boldoggá tegye, megváltsa a világot. Az újév napján szükségünk van erre a vigasztalásra és erősítésre. Különösen most, mikor a háború, a terror rengeteg embertelenséget hozott a világba. Az emberiség, a béke, a jóakarát, a szeretet, amely Mária, az Isten-szülő ünnepén előtérbe kerül. Lehet-e jobb újévi elhatározás számunkra: behelyezkedni Isten tervébe és a Szűz Anya oltalmában készségesen, bizalommal tegyük magunkat 1989-ben a jó Isten kezébe.

A MAGYAR RÓZSAFÜZÉR TÁRSULATNAK MA NEM LESZ IMAÓRÁJA.

KÖSZÖNJÜK MINDENKINEK, AKI SEGÍTETT KARÁCSONYUNKAT SZÉPPÉ TENNI: a templom díszítőknek, ministránsoknak, ushereknek, organistáknak: Isten áldja meg őket.

***** HAPPY NEW YEAR! ***** BOLDOG ÚJ ESZTENDŐT! *****



OUR CHURCH WEEK

Why Have You Come to Mass Today?

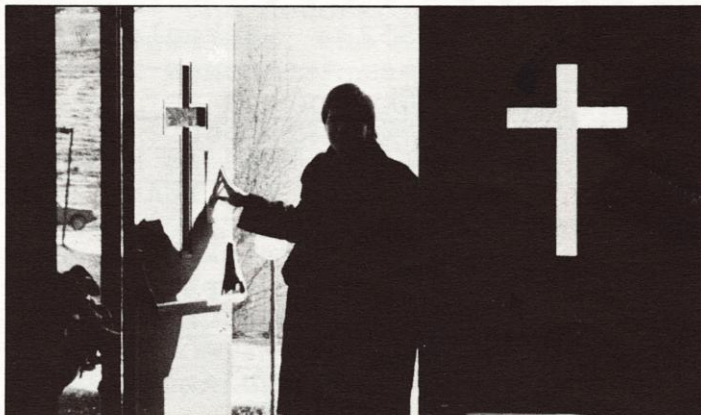
Why have you come to Mass today? Was it because you had to or because you were afraid not to or just because you always go? Perhaps you came today because you love taking part in the Mass!

There are as many reasons for attending Mass as there are people present. Ultimately we all experience a sense of the sacred, the awareness of a space inside that only God can fill. We hunger for the Lord's love.

This sense of the sacred is deeply rooted, yet life's challenges sometimes distract us. Getting to church for weekend Mass can be a struggle; once there, we occasionally feel tired or bored or disheartened. We must learn to use these natural moods and emotions to understand ourselves better and grow closer to God.

Liturgy embraces not only the Eucharist but all the sacraments. Liturgy is the action of God's people and their Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Liturgy is the holy ground where both come together in order to continue Jesus' mission of salvation in our world.

This weekend we have managed to get to church. The Eucharist allows the effects of Jesus' dying and rising to once again touch our lives. We remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper. Liturgy accomplishes what it remembers: the actions of Jesus, by which he continues to save us, to change us, to redeem us.



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IT'S A THOUGHT

Word and Wisdom for Weekdays

MONDAY: My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize to which God calls me — life on high in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).

TUESDAY: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve (Albert Schweitzer).

WEDNESDAY: The affliction of this life is but for a moment, while the glory in the life to come is eternal (Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton).

THURSDAY: My earthly wishes, dear Lord, have almost all come true — I am here at last in America. I am a priest and a missionary (Saint John Neumann, C.S.S.R.).

FRIDAY: How much one actually achieves depends largely on: (1) Desire, (2) Faith, (3) Persistent Effort, and (4) Ability. So concentrate on the first three and the results will amaze you (Norman Vincent Peale).

GOOD NEWS

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Today's Scriptures describe a God and a people who care. The readings challenge us to sing praise to a God who meets our needs.

The first reading catalogs God's gifts. The Israelites enjoy a God who blesses by his bountiful presence, constant protection, and unlimited generosity. The result is "peace," a complete state of well-being. Praise God!

The shepherds, in Luke's Nativity scene, recognize God's presence expressed in "the baby lying in the manger." They cannot contain their exuberance. "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen" (vs. 20).

Mary treasures all these things in her heart (vs. 19). Mary is Luke's model Christian who silently yet dramatically acknowledges God's saving presence. The Mother of God is a woman of praise.

Next Sunday:


Epiphany: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

Blessing

Every good gift comes from the Father of light. May he grant you his grace and every blessing and keep you safe throughout the coming year. May he order your days and work in his peace, hear your every prayer, and lead you to everlasting life and joy.

Happy New Year!

Your Parish Staff



SPOTLIGHT ON SAINTS



American saints are celebrated this week.

Elizabeth Seton was born in New York City in 1774. Widowed at the age of 29, she raised five children while continuing extensive charitable work. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. Canonized in 1975, Elizabeth is the first American-born saint. Her feast day is Wednesday.

John Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He came to America as a young immigrant, was ordained a diocesan priest, and later joined the Redemptorists. As fourth bishop of Philadelphia, he fostered Catholic schools and the Forty Hours devotion. He died at the age of 48. Canonized in 1977, Neumann is the first American male declared a saint. His feast day is Thursday.

DELIGHT SIDE

When a pastor asked the class, "Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem?" a boy raised his hand and replied, "Because his mother was there."

— *The Angels Must Have Smiled*
by Father William Armstrong, S.J.

A young boy stopped at the pastor's office to give him a bag of donuts his mother had just made. The pastor looked in the bag and asked the boy to wait while he wrote a thank-you note to give his mother for the six donuts. The boy replied: "Do you think you could write a thank-you note for a dozen donuts?"

— *Rix R. Landheer*
Jenison, MI