



St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, NY

Roman Catholic

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Pastor: Fr. Donald C. Baker

Hungarian Church Services: Sun.: 2:00 PM

Hungarian Congregation: 250-300 people

Church History

The pride and joy of New York's Hungarian Roman Catholic community began under very modest circumstances on the Lower East Side. The year was 1901. Upon the formation of the parish and the arrival of the Rev. Laszlo Perényi from Eger, Hungary, a former Presbyterian Church at 420 East 14th Street was purchased. Consecration of the altar occurred on November 6, 1904. As the congregation continued to expand with a sizeable number of them residing uptown, it was decided to erect a new combination of church, parochial school, community center, and adjoining rectory in Yorkville.

After World War II the church became an important center for a wide variety of actions directed at the Soviet Union occupying Hungary and their Communist minions; a role that was reinforced in the aftermath of the 1956 uprising.

Hungarians of all faith extended a hearty reception to József Cardinal Mindszenty upon his visit to New York in September of 1973. Formally welcomed to the city by Terence Cardinal Cooke, who described him as a "symbol of courage, of integrity and of hope," Mindszenty addressed large crowds of Americans as well.



Map: <http://g.co/maps/djb4m>