



## Saint Stephen of Hungary Church, PA

*Roman Catholic*

510 W. Union St. Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102

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**Pastor: Fr. Gregory Pendergraft**  
**Hungarian Church Services: no**  
**Hungarian Congregation: 60-80 people**

### Church History

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Founded in 1915 by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as the Magyar Catholic parish for Allentown and the surrounding area, St. Stephen's has served the Magyar and wider community of the Lehigh Valley for more than 90 years.

Following both World Wars I and II St. Stephen's received emigrant Hungarians and provided a welcome home for them to preserve both their Catholic faith and ethnic heritage. In the era following the failed Hungarian revolution of 1956, the parish welcomed, nurtured and assisted many to adapt to a new culture while maintaining Hungarian traditions. Today's congregation includes many naturalized American citizens who remain proud of an ancient, rich and vibrant culture.

Magyar culture, language, crafts and arts still form a large part of our parish identity. Connections with a dynamic Hungarian homeland through travel, phone conversations, internet contacts and all modern means keep the parish a site where folks can celebrate the past with hope for the future.

In October 2006, Bishop Edward Cullen established St. Stephen's as the site for the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass in the diocese. In concord with the *Moto Proprio* of Pope Benedict XVI the Traditional Latin Mass, also called the extraordinary form) of the Roman Mass is celebrated each Sunday, on the eve of Holydays of Obligation and some Solemnities, as well as during the week.

Map: <http://g.co/maps/pznt9>

