



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Roman Catholic Church

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL

Shine like the sun

IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time † July 19, 2020

175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, NY 11747

631 - 271 - 4455

Faith - Family - Fellowship



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Are you interested in receiving emails from St. Elizabeth Church? Have you stopped receiving emails from us but would like to reconnect? Send your updated information (name, address and current email address) to mkies@stelizabeth.org and we will update our records to keep you informed on all parish events.



We invite all new members of our parish community to register at the Center. We also encourage you to join one of our numerous parish ministries, so that you may acquire a deeper sense of belonging and accomplishment serving the needs of others.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday (Monday to Thursday) at 9:30 a.m. in church.

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday) in church.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (outdoors weather permitting) and 11:30 a.m. in church

Holy days usually at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Please check the bulletin or website.)

Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Were you never Confirmed and now find that you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then Faith Formation is for you! Call the Parish Center for more information.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on various Sundays throughout the year at 1:15 p.m. You are encouraged to register for the baptism BEFORE YOUR CHILD IS BORN, so that it is easier to attend the required Baptism Preparation Class. Please call the Center and we will be happy to set up an appointment. Many parents also use this opportunity to register in the Parish as a new parishioner. Information about Godparents is available on the website.

Marriage

We are happy to arrange for your wedding. First, we have the marriage interview and then we can set the date for the wedding. More information is available on the website. Please call the Center for an appointment and we will be happy to help you!

Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please email Fr. Irinel: iracos@stelizabeth.org

Anointing of the Sick

We encourage all those eligible for this Sacrament to be anointed after the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month or by calling the Center. Those eligible are those who are about to undergo an operation; are suffering from serious illness and the condition has worsened; or are enduring the weakening effects of advancing age and it has been one year since they were last anointed.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are always available when the Parish Center is open. If you are unable to come to the Center during our normal hours, you are invited to call (631.271.4455) and request a Mass card over the telephone or email center@stelizabeth.org. Credit cards are accepted in payment of the offering. If you are at the Center during Religious Education hours, feel free to leave your contact information and someone will be in touch with you the next day to fulfill your request!

Outreach Ministry



Feed my sheep...

We are in great need of any donations of nonperishable foods at this time as our pantry is extremely low on everything. Thank you!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Chef-boy-Ardee | <input type="checkbox"/> Oatmeal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boxed or Powdered Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bread (Sliced) | <input type="checkbox"/> Crackers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter & Jelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Oil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meat/Spam | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Tuna & Chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beans (Black/Red - dry or canned) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers, Size 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Products (pads) | |

SPECIAL NOTE:

Nonperishable foods may be left in the Gathering Lobby. We are unable to accept fresh foods at this time.

Outreach is grateful for your generosity!



**HIS LOVE
EXTENDED**

Outreach aims to aid people in accessing the resources that will assist them in meeting their basic needs.

Our Outreach Pantry is currently open
by appointment only

Phone: 631 . 351 . 2136

Outreach provides assistance with food, information and referral to other agencies to meet various family needs and other emergency assistance.

PLEASE HELP WITH OUR
**URGENT
NEEDS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets (cookies / chips) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Hand Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household Cleaning Supplies | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Wash | <input type="checkbox"/> Dish Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo |



—OUTDOOR—
MOVIE
NIGHT



Parish Movie Night

All are welcome to join us for parish movie night on Monday, July 27. We will recite the Rosary at 7 p.m. on the Great Lawn followed by movie night at 8:30 p.m. in the parish parking lot.



Bring your own snacks from home or even come early and have a tailgate party with your family!



July 27 (G)

A college professor bonds with an abandoned dog he takes into his home.



Support our food pantry!



If you are able to bring items for our pantry, they can be left in the Gathering Space! We need paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo, snacks, body wash, cookies, juice, juice boxes and cereal. Please take a look at our other Outreach pantry needs in this bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Free will offering or food items for our pantry accepted.
(Rain date to be determined.)

Faith Formation



REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Classes for kindergarten to eighth grade Faith Formation will begin in October 2020. We are offering classes in the Parish Center twice a month with a significantly reduced number of students in each room, following recommendations of the CDC and New York State requirements. Classes for special needs and older students who want to receive the sacraments are offered too. Our parish's program partners with parents in passing on the Catholic faith and preparing their children for First Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, and Confirmation.

Parent meetings will be offered in the church and through online virtual meeting platforms, giving parents choices to better accommodate complicated family schedules with the unknowns of Covid-19. The Family Program's parent classes requirement will be on hold this academic year (2020-2021) as we determine how and if it can continue with the challenges of Covid-19. A calendar of classes and detailed information is posted on our parish website (www.stelizabeth.org) under the Rel Ed tab.

WHY DO CATHOLICS EAT FISH ON FRIDAY?

Answer: For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from

meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

**LIVE IN
THE LOVE
OF GOD**



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS GIFT CARD DRIVE



**Would You Like To Give A Child
A Great Start To A New School Year?**

For the safety of our Parish community and receiving families, we are asking for Gift Cards this year so children can pick out and purchase their own school supplies and backpacks.



Target, Walmart, or Visa Gift Cards would be most greatly appreciated.

Gift Cards can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass or mailed to:

Saint Elizabeth Of Hungary
Attention: Outreach
175 Wolf Hill Road
Melville, NY 11747

thank you!





What's Happening

The Parish Center is now open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday only through the Main Entrance on Wolf Hill Road.

- 9:30 a.m. daily Mass is celebrated in church Monday through Thursday.
- 5 p.m. Saturday Mass is celebrated in church.
- 9 a.m. Sunday Mass is celebrated outdoors, weather permitting. Should we need to move indoors due to inclement weather, the same guidelines as other indoor Masses will be in place.
- 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is celebrated in church.

We will follow Diocesan directives, keeping every other pew unoccupied and following social-distancing and mask requirements for everyone's safety. If the doors to the church are locked, we have reached capacity for that particular Mass (of course, capacity will not be problem at 9:00 a.m. should we be outdoors.) For the well-being of our entire parish community, the church will be thoroughly cleaned after the 5 p.m. Mass and again after the 9:00 (if indoor) and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Should you not yet be comfortable returning to Church for Mass, you are invited to stream our 5 p.m. Mass live on Instagram or, after 5 p.m., on YouTube by using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAWlh7Pd_xLSPne8iOU-HAg.

You may also continue to follow Fr. Irinel with his "Espresso for the Soul" and other posts by visiting our website and looking for the Instagram logo with the words "[Pray with Fr. Irinel](#)" on the left-hand side of our homepage. Click on the logo and you will be brought to Fr.'s Instagram page, "vobiscum2016."

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. If you are sick or vulnerable, we encourage you to remain home and stream Mass. Celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, as well as Funerals are also now permitted, keeping in mind that the guidelines for these sacramental celebrations remain the same as for Mass.

We will do our utmost best to keep you informed and up-to-date through our website and via Constant Contact emails.

Given the status of the current pandemic, despite our best efforts to mitigate exposure to the virus in the church and church facilities, attending Mass and other Church functions may pose a risk of contracting the coronavirus. The church does not have the ability to supervise every visitor's actions throughout the day and cannot guarantee with certainty that an individual will not contract the coronavirus. Please make your decision to attend Mass, or any other church function prayerfully and thoughtfully, being cognizant of all the risks. Proper face masks are to be worn at all times on church property (bandannas and scarves are not acceptable). Social distancing must be observed at all times (at least six feet apart). For your own well-being and that of other parishioners and guests, if you do not feel well, please stay home. If you feel someone on church property is not adhering to our policies, please report it to us immediately.

Prayer of the Faithful

Sunday, July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathered as one in the celebration of the good things God has done for us, let us ask Him to hear the prayers we bring before Him.

That the people of God may continue to grow in faith and holiness through the power of God's word and the sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.

That God may guide all those in power toward unity and peace for the sake of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

That there be an end to hatred, injustice and violence, as we, with God's help, encourage common good, social justice and respect, let us pray to the Lord.

That God may bless, with abundance, the fields that feed the people of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

That all our First Communicants, as they receive Jesus' Body and Blood this weekend, accept God's presence as real food and drink all their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

That the sick, especially George Gerver, Rosemary Guagliano and those infected with or recovering from the virus find strength and courage in the cross of Christ and discover the redemptive value of their suffering, we pray to the Lord.

That those who have died may soon feast at the heavenly banquet of the Lord, remembering Theresa Katherine Moysak, let us pray to the Lord.

For the prayers we hold deep in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

God of love, you are patient and kind. Hear the prayers we bring to you today. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

AMEN

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to
receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were
already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated
from you.
Amen.



Scripture Insights

Sunday, July 19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is heaven like? Wouldn't we all like to know! It's not surprising that people asked Jesus this question. Instead of telling them about harps, clouds and pearly gates, He told them about seeds. It's true that the Kingdom of Heaven is the hope of eternal life. According to Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven is not only something in our future, it's here already, planted like a seed in the hearts of those who believe. It may be hidden, like the seed under the dirt or the yeast folded into the dough, but it is here, nevertheless. Jesus promised that what is now concealed will someday be revealed (Matthew 10:26).

The time we live in is a time of waiting between the planting and the harvest; that is, between Jesus' first coming and His return. During that time, those who follow Jesus are expected to do some things. We can continue the work of Jesus by spreading the seeds of the Kingdom. When we love our neighbor, when we feed the hungry, when we talk about our faith with others, we are planting seeds.

There is one thing we are not to do and that is to judge others. That means we are not allowed to try to determine who are the "wheat" and who are the "weeds." As our First Reading says, we are to treat others with leniency and kindness. The psalm reminds us to forgive. In fact, forgiving others is another way to plant the seeds of the Kingdom (Matthew 18:21-35). Judgment is God's job and even He is not yet doing it because there is still time for conversion. As long as one is alive, there is still time to turn to God. So, keep spreading those seeds.

Lord, Hear our
Prayers for



the Deceased

Theresa Katherine Moysak

the Sick

Paul Doer; George Gerver
Rosemary Guagliano; Frank McQuade
Nick Montanino

Our Servicemen and Women

Sgt. James Calfa, U.S. Army
Tsgt. Mitchell Ciccarelli, U.S. Air Force
Sgt. Dylan Ciccarelli, U.S. Air Force
Fireman William DeGaray, U.S.C.G.
MIDN Brian Z. DiSalvo, U. S. Navy
Sgt. Victor B. Famighette, U. S. Army
Major Thomas Frey, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Brendan Johnston, U.S. Navy
SrA Britney Ketchum, U.S. Air Force
Cpl. Brad John Peck, U.S.M.C.
First Lt. Kiersten Spencer, U.S. Army
Sgt. Michael J. Stewart, U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Kent Walsh, U.S. Army
Lt. Frederick Zappala, U.S. Army

Bulletin

Reflection



In today's Gospel reading, we are told the parable about the wheat and the weeds. This parable reminds us that the world is not perfect and that on Earth there will be good people and evil people. This parable reminds us to not get discouraged and lose faith when we hear of all the evil in the world.

Mass Intentions, Presiders and Readings for the Week

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 20

Jean Griggs

Tuesday, July 21

Patricia Belejonas

Wednesday, July 22

Ivo Rita Bacic

Thursday, July 23

Nino Alviano

Saturday, July 25

Anne & Dorothy Conboy; Deacon Joseph Mercolino
Rosalie Munafo; Sergio & Dorothea Rafanelli

Sunday, July 26

Michael & Ralph Guigliano; Camille & Frank Moreno
Oscar Reyes; Matthew J. Simeone III
Domenick Torillo and the parishioners of St. Elizabeth

*We welcome into our parish
and our community the following
newly-baptized members:*



*Brielle Marie Capeci
Brandon Harry Gazza
Lily Snow Hill
Mia Jordan Spence
Luciana Vincenza Volpe*

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 20

Reading 1: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21

Reading 1: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22

Reading 1: Song of Songs 3:1-4b

Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, July 23

Reading 1: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 24

Reading 1: Jeremiah 3:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25

Reading 1: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday, July 26

Reading 1: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Reading 2: Romans 8:28-30

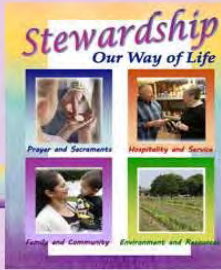
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Eucharistic



Adoration

has resumed
in church
on Thursdays after
9:30 a.m.
daily Mass.



Stewardship Corner

Stewardship Committee

Father Irinel Racos
Pastor

Harry Perepeluk
Business Manager

Doreen Boehme
Chairperson

Committee Members

Gayle Brady
Denise Ferrari
John Ferrante
Marguerite Melone
Joseph Monestere
Kathy O'Donohoe
Evelyn Polvere

Welcome New Parishioners!

Are you a new parishioner? Welcome! The Stewardship Committee is available to speak with new parishioners and answer any questions you may have. We're available at masses and at Hospitality Weekends. Look for us, we're wearing our name tags!

Welcome forms are available in the gathering area next to the bulletins or at the Parish Center.

Gifts & Talents

Are you being called to share your gifts & talents? The Stewardship Committee is able to help you discover your gifts & talents and help you determine a ministry that fits for you.

Come visit us on Hospitality Weekends for more information.

Stewardship Committee Mission

To welcome and encourage all parishioners to become vibrant participants centered in the Eucharist and to provide an opportunity to deepen our faith so as to flourish as disciples of Jesus. As the Body of Christ, we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure by:

- *Witnessing and serving in deed and action for Christ's work of justice and peace in our ever-changing world.*
- *Gathering as a community to be nourished in love and care for one another.*



Stewards of Creation: July

We are not only invited to share in the work of creation and to cultivate it, to make it grow and to develop it. We are also invited to care for it, to protect it, to be its guardians. Nowadays, we are increasingly aware of how important this is. It is no longer a mere recommendation, but rather a requirement, "because of the harm we have inflicted on [the earth] by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will... This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor" (Laudato Si', 2), that exist today in the world. (7/7/15, Educators)

Living Stewardship: Pillar of Hospitality

In today's Responsorial Psalm, we praise God for being good and forgiving. We are also called to practice a good and forgiven nature. This week, pray for those who have hurt you and begin on the path of forgiveness.

Stewardship.....Treasure

The following is a summary of total donations for the months of March through June 2020 compared to the same period last year.

2020: \$260,621

2019: \$368,139

20% decline from 2019

Thank you to all our parishioners who have continued to support our church during these trying times. Many of you are using the self-addressed, postage free envelopes included in the monthly mailing of our blue weekly donation envelopes. *Thank you!*

Thank You For Your Continued Support To Our Parish

We are so grateful to all who continue to mail their weekly envelopes and those who have signed up for automatic giving. While we face this difficult time together, your continued generosity shows that our parish is still unified and can recover with one another's support.



Alternative Ways Of Giving



- Weekly and Easter Offerings can still be mailed to the Parish Center using the self addressed return envelope that comes with your offering mailing.
- One time donations or ongoing offerings using your credit card or direct bank withdrawal can be accepted using the authorization form below. You can mail it to the Parish Center or email kmergl@stelizabeth.org for assistance with this process.
- You can contact your bank to issue a donation check to the parish on your behalf. Following your instructions, the bank will mail a one time or recurring check, with no additional fees to you.

We Appreciate Your Ongoing Support and May God Bless You And Your Families.

Credit Card Authorization *Please Write Clearly*

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Security Code: _____ Card Type: Visa Mastercard American Express
Card Holder Name : _____
Billing Address: _____

I authorize Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church to charge my credit card as authorized here:

- Recurring Donation Of \$ _____ charged on the 15th of every month.
 One Time Donation Of \$ _____ charged upon receipt of this authorization.

* Signature: _____ Date: _____

Direct Bank Withdrawal Authorization *Please Write Clearly and Include a Voided Check If Available.*

Account Type: Checking Savings Bank Name: _____
Account Holder Name: _____
Routing Number : _____ Account Number: _____
Billing Address: _____

I authorize Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church to withdraw from the bank account provided as authorized here:

- Recurring Donation Of \$ _____ withdrawn on the 15th of every month.
 One Time Donation Of \$ _____ withdrawn upon receipt of this authorization.

* Signature: _____ Date: _____