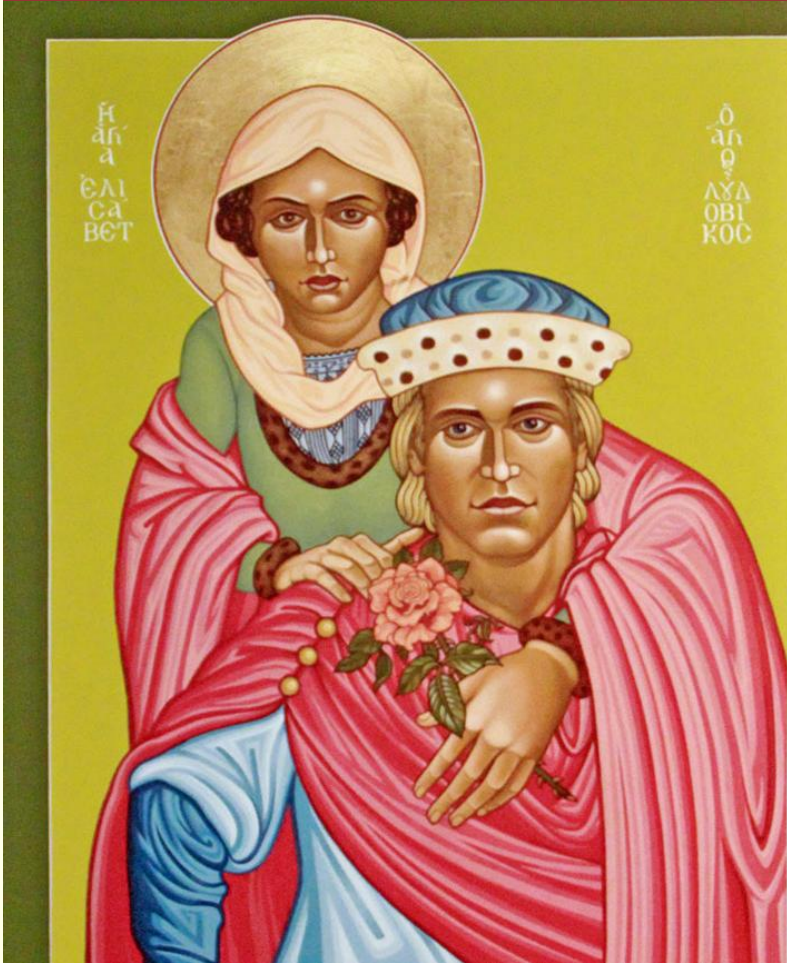


Faithfulness . . .



St. Elizabeth faithfully lives her vocations in marriage and the Church.

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In a time when marriage was rarely considered a path to holiness, Elizabeth and her husband Ludwig live out what they recognize as a vocation by supporting one another in the praise and service of God. Faithful to her calling, Elizabeth expresses her love for God through her love for her husband, children and neighbors. Married at fourteen, a mother at fifteen and a widow at twenty, Elizabeth has a particular concern for children, young mothers and mothers-to-be, as well as widows and widowers.

Compassion ❖ Charity ❖ **Faithfulness** ❖ Humility ❖ Prayer

Faithfulness . . . St. Elizabeth ~ wife, mother, religious, widow

St. Elizabeth of Hungary lived as a faithful wife, mother, religious and widow. Faithfulness in all our vocations and stages of life is a deep part of our parish history. St. Elizabeth's faithfulness is mirrored in so many facets of our community.



Fr. Kane teaches in the living room of the rectory.



Sr. Anne Rodgers

Religious Education

The formation of our children has been a major focus of the parish since it was founded in 1962. At first classes were held in the homes of parishioners and also in Holy Family High School on Saturday mornings and Wednesday nights (Seminarians helped teach the classes.). Home instruction was coordinated by Lillian Milazzo and Martin Conway.



1967 – Sisters of St. Joseph

In 1967 the Sisters of St. Joseph arrived and initiated a comprehensive formation program, including “mini-congresses” during the 1970’s and 1980’s. Classes moved to the Parish Center in the 1980’s. In 1989, our **Family Program** was initiated, building upon adult formation from the 1970’s and 1980’s. Parents began to attend theological classes while their children were in religious education.



Catechists, left
Religious Ed classes for
parents and children
right and below



Front Row: (L to R): Charlene Vienne, Anita Rosato, Lillian Sharkey, Cathy Cangemi, Marie Marchesiello; Second Row (L to R): Lois Szypot (Director), Susanne Freglette, Christine Balestrieri, Patricia Cellamare, Meg Vastola, Ron Distante, Amanda Signorelli, Mary Malerba; Third Row (L to R): Meredith Szypot, Laura Morelli, Rose Rebori, Maria McGuigan, Lisa Merbitz, Lauren Matus, Kenneth Ceonzo; Fourth Row: Heidi Distante, Mary Calabrese, Kathy DiRaimondo, Anna Mahoney, Elizabeth Kurjanski



Doreen and Gerry Boehme



Laura Morelli, Kathleen Ugenti



Ann Gill, Nicole D'Avanzo, Jill Blackall, Cathy Babinski

In 2003, Doreen Boehme formed **Family Life** which sponsored family parties such as Cinco de Mayo, Halloween, a Spring Fling and a family summer picnic.



2006 Family Life Picnic

During our jubilee year, Lillian Sharkey was honored with the forty-year catechetical service award from Bishop William Murphy as well as the St. Agnes Award. Many hundreds of our parents have received a Certificate of Theological Renewal for their attendance in Family Program Adult Formation.



Lillian Sharkey



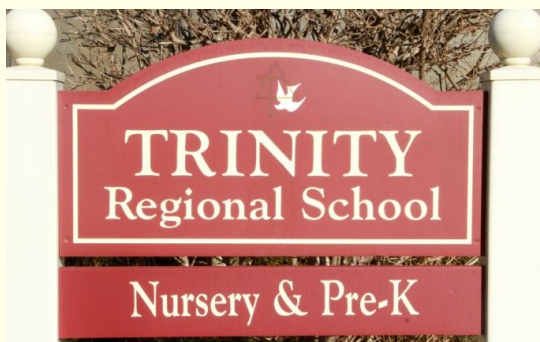
Fr. Frank and 2011 Special Needs Communicants



Lillian Sharkey, Lois Szypot, Ed Nitkewicz, Anita Rosato

The most recent addition to Family Program was **Special Needs Faith Formation**, begun by Ed and Rosemary Nitkewicz (chair) in 2009, along with Lillian Sharkey and Anita Rosato.

Several thousand parishioners have served in catechetical ministry over the past fifty years.



Trinity Catholic School

In 1962, our parish was formed entirely from St. Hugh of Lincoln parish, and St. Hugh Catholic School was an important part of many families' lives. Our children have attended different parish Catholic schools over the years as well.

Twenty years ago, in 1992, our parish Catholic school became part of **Trinity Regional School**. George Victor served on the school board from 1992 until 2008. Dave Mesecher and Chris Coronesi have also served. The Home School Association has been chaired by Jeanne Victor and Helen Mincone.



Dave Mesecher, Chris Coronesi, George Victor

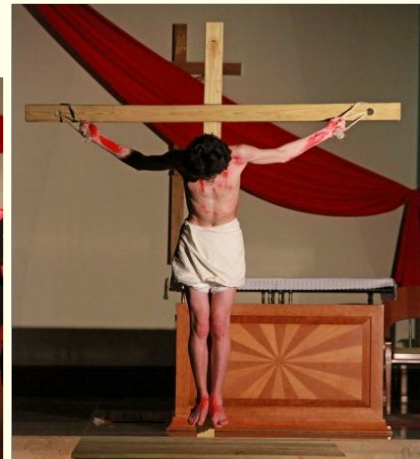


Youth Ministry

In the late 1970's a youth ministry began to develop in our parish, beginning with *Summer in the Center* for young children led by the teenagers. Formal **Youth Ministry** began in the early 1980's and was later shared with St. Hugh of Lincoln parish. RAP groups met to discuss life issues. When Youth Ministry was reorganized in 2007, adult leaders included Susan Berger, Oneida Lillis, Laura Scanlon, Joe Tortorice, Bernie Varrone and Ed Vasta.



Living Stations of the Cross, 2012



A highlight of youth ministry is Vacation Bible Camp, begun in 1997. Teenagers are trained and work with the young children. Long-time adult volunteers have included Cathy Babinski, Doreen Boehme, Kathy Brostewin, Susan Burger, Eleanora Ferrante, Dawn Kelly, Jessica Kelly, Mary LaMagna, Oneida Lillis, Anne Mafucci, Ann Marchesiello, Trisha McHale, Margaret Mesecher, Myra Natale, Laurie Powell, Michelle Reilly and Mary Trester.



Sports

The **Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)** began during the first year of our parish. Originally CYO was comprised of baseball, softball, basketball, bowling, volleyball and soccer. Founders included Martin Conway, Camille DeRasmo, Charles Sanaga, Joe Horch, Alice Sachlebein, Herb Slattery, Carol Thompson and Rocco Amoroso.



Robert Ahlstrom, Cindy Haber, Richard Kleberg (chair), Donna Getchell, Alex Cover, David Ranker

Several leaders have long records of service: Camille DeRasmo was president of bowling for over twenty years, Alex Cover was president of basketball for thirty four years and John Kozlowski has led soccer for the past eight years. Other programs over the years have included track (Charles Sanaga) and cheerleading (Pat Tufo). Patti Wendell began TOPSoccer for Special Needs children in 2008.



Many parishioners with children in CYO were part of CYO when they were children in the parish. Among the many highlights of the CYO programs include basketball scholarships in honor of Matthew Gianuzzi and Donn Haber as well as special soccer festivals and service awards.



Women's Groups

Since 1962 the women of the parish have participated in the **Rosary Society** as an important way to strengthen their faithfulness in the church through devotion to the Blessed Mother. The founding president was Ann Arnold, followed by Jean McGloin and Anne Braun. There have been fifty presidents!



Early Rosarians



Front Row: (L to R): Marguerite Jones, Gloria Runco, Toni Azzarello, Mary Inghima, Anne Crisafulli, Rosalie Mirro, Irene Barrett, Barbara DeNuzzo, Anne Braun, Lillian Sharkey, Beverly Senholzi, Bettie Bernhard (chair); Second Row (L to R): Grace Bridges, Grace Barile Cruz, Audrey Gasser, Rita Meere, Jean Wendell, Molly Pepino, Cathy Szabo, Carol Kiesel; Third Row (L to R): Carol Huber, Patricia Bergersen, Jean Wyles, Teresa Wiggins, Sally Tomei, Doris Morrison, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Wrobel, Nancy Fugazzi, Phyllis Verdolino; Fourth Row (L to R): Joyce Furman, Mary Meneilly, Lorraine Lerner, Maureen Teresky, Joan Caruso, Carole Bellucci, June Kenney, Blanche Sochacki

For many years the annual Communion Breakfast was a highlight, as well as the May Crowning each spring. The Rosarians have held an annual fundraiser to assist various charities and the parish. The women have also helped Lillian Sharkey who coordinates a Valentine Luncheon for the adults at Long Island Developmental Center.



Front Row (L to R): Marguerite Jones, Irene Barrett (president), Lillian Sharkey, Ann Hood, Lorraine Potvin, Beverly Senholzi; Back Row (L to R): Joan Caruso, Laura Morelli, Ann Holzman, Margot Mladinich, June Kenney, Margaret Rainone

In 1970 the **Ladies Auxiliary (Columbiettes)** began meeting in the home of Mary Vaness. Founding members included Patricia Coleman (the first president), Norma Signorelli, Bertha Elsmar, Dot Brown, Helen Selmer and Eileen Nisler. Along with the Knights of Columbus the Columbiettes have worked at fundraisers and events to assist both charities and the parish.

Men's Groups

The men of the parish have formed different groups as ways to support each other and be faithful in their vocations as single and married Catholic men. First came the **Holy Name Society**, founded in 1962. They met in the Allstate Insurance Hall in Melville, where George Brew was elected the first president, assisted by Bill Farrell, Ray Murphy and John Hughes.



Front Row (L to R): Ken Ceonzo, Stan Sochacki, Robert Seratin, John Meusel, Ed Vasta, Robert Lambert, Thomas Lonergan, Dominick Campo, William Murphy; Back Row (L to R): Albert Schmitt, Rocky Caruso, Joe Annone, Jack Barone, Tom Corti, Brian Morelli (Grand Knight), Kevin Meneilly, Mick Walsh, Rich D'Alimonte, Frank DiRocco

Later came the **Knights of Columbus**, founded in 1965 as the South Huntington Council #5733. The founding Grand Knight was Richard Coleman. The Knights have been active in supporting the parish since its beginning: events included Bingo, a Bowling League, St. Patrick's Day dance, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Night at the Races, car raffle, Christmas tree lighting and many other ways to support charities and the parish.

In 1995 the Council sold its building on Old East Neck Road, changed its name to St. Elizabeth Council and assisted in the renovation of Msgr. Kane Hall and the creation of a K of C room nearby. Over the years the Knights have assisted our parish in many ways. In 2008 the Council donated the new carillon system, and they underwrote the cushioning of the church pews in 2011 in preparation for the Jubilee.

The most recent men's group formed is the **Catholic Men's Ministry**, begun in 2009 by Steve Distant as a new way for the men of the parish to support one another in their vocations through prayer, discussion and socializing. The men take an active part in the annual Men's Conference sponsored by the Diocese.



Mike Conner, John Ferrante, Tom LaMagna, Jeff Huvar, Steve Distant (chair), George Pepino

Sacramental Preparation



Front row (L to R): Sheila Buhse, Tom Buhse, Marion Mockrish, Bob Mockrish, Terry Curran, Larry Curran ; Second row (L to R): Dennis Marchesiello (co-chair), Ann Marchesiello (co-chair), Eleanora Ferrante, Eileen Rankel; Third row (L to R): John Ferrante, David Rankel

Faithfulness is strengthened through the sacramental life of the parish and many volunteers have been part of sacramental preparation programs.

In the early 1970's **Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana)** began under the leadership of June and Tony Giambalvo, Frank and Carol Goett, Fran and Joe Mercolino, Tom and Grace Newman, and Midge and Alan Thompson. Couples who served in this ministry have included Carol and Charlie Kiesel, Alison and Tom Varvaro, Meg and Paul Vastola, Diane and Jim Seewald, Pat and Rich Scharpf, and Bill and Eileen Victor.

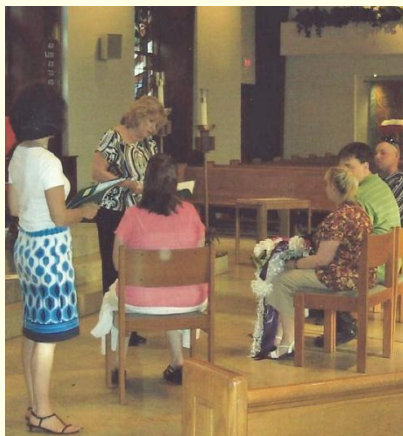
In 1993 Pat Kosubinsky and Ed Vasta began coordinating the **wedding rehearsals**, assisting the wedding party, attending weddings and facilitating the celebrations. Leaders have also been JoAnn Messina and Mary Piskorowski.



Ed Vasta, Mary Piskorowski, Nora DiRocco, Rose Rebori, Jill Schwartz (chair), Shirley Bennett, Mary Alice DelliCarpini, Mary Lou Ingram



In our 50 years,
we have
celebrated
3,255
Weddings.



The **Baptism Committee** began in the early 1970's and focused on sacramental preparation for young parents. Early members included Pat & Joe Van der Wetering, Peggy and Walter Stark, and Irene and Ed Connor. In the past years baptism prep classes have been taught by Deacon John Failla, Chris Reilly and Jeanne Victor.



Mary Schaefer, Maureen Teresky, Ed Vasta, Jeanne Victor (chair), Anna Ceonzo, MaryLou Stallone, Joanne Durso, Carmela Barreca, Lillian Sharkey

Fr. Robert Kayser

In our 50 years,
we have
celebrated
8,488
Baptisms.

In 1993 the **Baptism Hospitality Committee** (now called **Baptism Celebration**) began with four teams: among the original members were Carmella Barreca, Barbara Wrobel, Florence Flynn; MaryLou Stallone, Jeanne Victor, Ann and Bob Ceonzo; Terri Priviera, Lillian Sharkey, Fran Jacobowski; Maureen Teresky, Rose Wilson and Fred Chacalos. Over the past twenty years chairs have included MaryLou Stallone, Monica Staskos and Jeanne Victor.

Other Groups

In 1983 the **Men and Women Without Partners** group was formed under the leadership of Lillian Sharkey to reach out to the separated, divorced and widowed. When the diocese hosted **Separated and Divorced** sessions at



Grace Bridges, JoAnn Veit, Bettie Bernhard, Joe DeMarco, Amiele Kozlowski, Angelina Thompson, Sandy Spira, Ann Hood, Lillian Sharkey (chair), Grace Barile Cruz, Cathy Szabo, Mary O'Brien, Beverly Senholzi, Doris Morrison

the parish, Lillian changed the group to **Men and Women Alone** and, along with Peggy Guditis and Carmela Barreca, facilitated meetings and became more of a social group. Now called **Widows and Widowers**, this social ministry has been assisted by Lillian since it began, along with Ann Hood, Joe Grasso, John Grillo and Connie McMillan.



During 2005 and 2006 the **Alpha** program was held, including a session for **Alpha for Teens**. Alpha seeks to bring non-believers to Christ and believers into a closer relationship with Christ. The program was launched by Steve Distante with the help of Deacon John Failla, Eleanora Ferrante, Heidi Distante, Patty Wilson and Joe Hoffman.



Marie Sagel, Pat Tufo, Teresa Curran, Frank Scozzari (co-chair), Ron Distante, John Schaefer (co-chair)

The **Senior Group** was formed in the fall of 2008 under the leadership of Bob Mockrish, John Grillo, Doris Morrison, Helen Dietrich and Frank Scozzari. Meeting twice a month, the group is an opportunity for parish seniors to socialize while sharing a meal, entertainment and trips. From its beginning the Senior Group has had close to 250 members.



As the internet began to be used by more and more people, a new ministry responded. This group has worked behind the scenes since 1997, facilitating communication and sharing parish information.

The **Website Ministry** began on March 30, 1997 and launched www.stelizabeth.org. Willie Schledorn helped create the first version of the parish website. The work has continued under Rob Anastasio, Steve Caputo and Rosemary Pray, who update the site weekly and have redesigned it three times in the past fourteen years. Most of the Jubilee histories submitted by parishioners are on the parish website, along with photos and memorabilia.



Steve Caputo, Rob Anastasio (chair)



Mary LaMagna (chair), Mary Malerba, Carol Huber, Ann Holzman, Ellen Els



Right to Life Vote

In 1974, the parish responded to the Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision by forming a **Respect Life Prayer Group**. Kathy Kaufmann chaired the group from the beginning. Later the Respect Life Committee began under Kathy's leadership and Ann Cook chaired the group afterwards. Over the years the committee has sponsored events such as the poinsettia sale, baby bassinet collection, baby bottle campaign and occasional information evenings.



Jim and Lillian Kennedy



Annual Right to Life Rally, Washington, DC



Poinsettia Sale



Meg Vastola (chair), Kathleen Young

In 2010 Meg Vastola began **Mommy and Me** as another way to reach out to younger families. The mornings are spent in shared prayer, religious projects and recreation. Rooms in the Spiritual Life Center were outfitted with “little chairs” and toys.

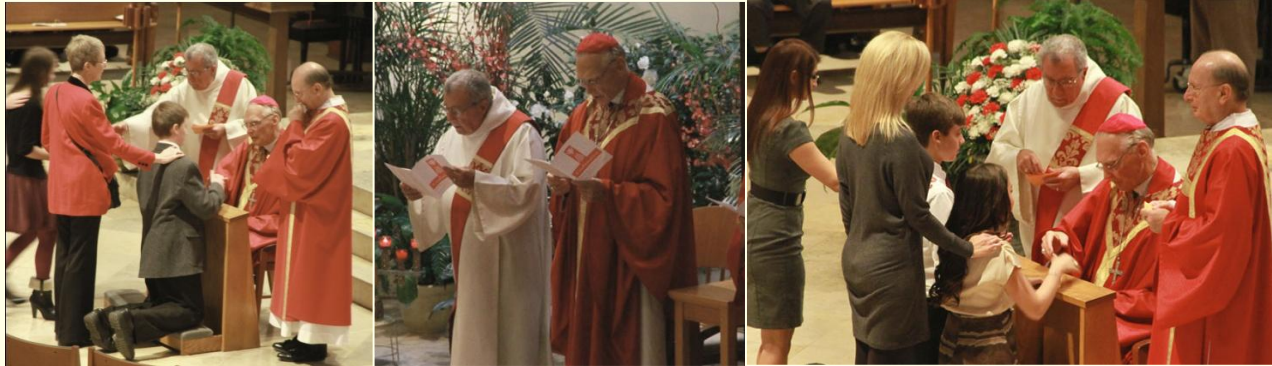
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10,104
Communions



1st Communion Committee: Amanda Signorelli, Lois Szygot, Lauren Matus (chair), Meredith Szygot



In our 50 years,
we have
celebrated
10,076
Confirmations



Confirmation Mass 2011



Confirmation Mass, late 1960's

Approximately five years ago a group of young parents met under the leadership of Jen Meyer about **Adult Formation, Welcoming and Evangelization**. They continue to discover ways to connect younger couples and families to the Church and the parish. Their concerns for evangelization and inclusion look to the future and the makeup of our parish community in the years to come.



Front Row: Clair Sorice, Jennifer Meyer,
Vanessa Senglun,
Back Row: Teresa Gefter, Ellie Decker



Tai Chi Goup - Front Row: Suzanne Freglette (chair), Nancy Perepeluk,
Nancy Barry, Teresa Curran; Second Row: Julie Kowarsky,
Marge Wagner, Harriet Miller, Joyce Furman