

Humility . . .



St. Elizabeth humbly serves to glorify Christ and not herself.

“In the presence of God and of my King, Jesus Christ, how can I, a vile and despicable creature, appear before Him crowned with the insignia of royal dignity?” With these words, Elizabeth removes her crown while at Mass, demonstrating that she holds the Kingdom of God above her own kingdom. She embraces a life of poverty and detachment, relying on God alone. After the death of her husband, expulsion from her castle, and separation from her children, her great humility enables Elizabeth to continue building God’s Kingdom through her service to the needy as a simple Franciscan.

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

Humility . . . Elizabeth removes her crown, relying on God alone

Throughout her life St. Elizabeth lived and served with deep humility, not drawing attention to herself, but rather pointing to Christ as the center of her life. Our parish has been blessed with leadership that has tried to live out St. Elizabeth's charism of humility.



We could have written the fifty-year story of our parish by listing the accomplishments of our clergy, religious and lay ministers. Instead, we chose to *remember* parishioners who have assumed leadership, often at the request of the parish staff. The clergy, religious and lay ministers have brought out the best in us, calling forth our gifts and talents. In the spirit of St. Elizabeth, they have been servant leaders.

Leadership has taken the forms of Parish/Pastoral Council, Trustees and the Finance Committee, clergy, religious and lay ministers.



Pastoral Council 1969

The **Parish Advisory Council and School Board** began on May 7, 1967 – there were 25 members, both elected and appointed. Members in the 1960's and 1970's included Fred Bagli, Linda Bradford, George Brew, Eugene Cronin, John Gargano, Anthony Giambalvo, Anne Hurley, Louise Krauss, Lillian Milazzo, Bob Mockrish, Sue Monasteri, Marge Moriarity, Kevin O'Neill, Charles Powers, Dr. Reilly, Dr. Elvira Richardson, Tom Rooney, Lillian Sharkey, Phil Spina, Peg Vito and John Wurzler.

This advisory group continued into the 1980's. In 1994, the **Pastoral Council** was re-formed as a visionary group. The first members were Donna Angiulo, Jim Bradley, Joe Hoffman, John Kane, Marian and Bob Mockrish and Lois Szypot. The Council continues to work closely with the Pastor and the Pastoral Team as overseers of the parish vision and mission.



Marguerite Melone (chair), Cindy Spira, Art Frisenda, Oneida Lillis, Patricia Scharpf, Robert Ahlstrom (Trustee), Nancy Dunn, Eileen Conneely, James Martin, Msgr. Frank Schneider

JUBILEE MASS ❖ June 24, 2012



Msgr. John Dreasen; Deacons - John Failla, Richard Johnston, and Joseph Mercolino; Former Pastors - Fr. John Fitzgerald and Fr. Bruce Powers; Bishop John Dunne; Bishop William Murphy; Pastor - Msgr. Frank Schneider; Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco; Fr. John Moore; Msgr. Robert Morrissey; Fr. Robert Kayser; Fr. John Hurley, Msgr. Patrick Armshaw



Bishop Walter Kellenburg presides over St. Elizabeth's Church Dedication Mass, May 9, 1965



Fr. Rogers, Msgr. Kane, Fr. Hurley



Bishop William Murphy presides over the 50th Jubilee Mass, June 24, 2012

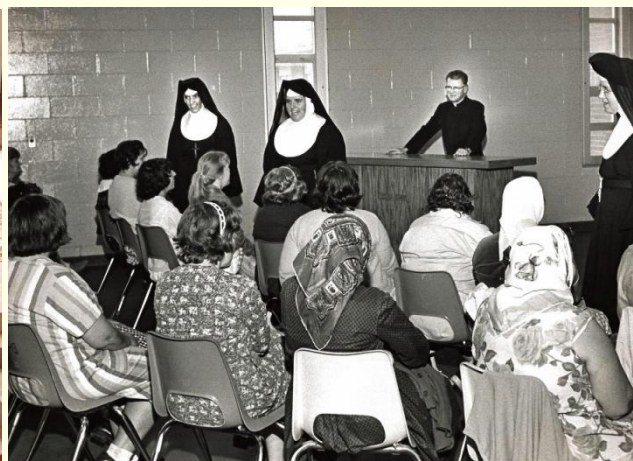


Fr. John Fitzgerald

Throughout our fifty years, almost thirty priests have been assigned by the diocesan bishop:

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| Msgr. Arthur Kane (pastor, 1962-1985) | Fr. James Wood (1980-1988) |
| Fr. Alfred Rogers (1962-1968) | Fr. John McGratty (1982-1988) |
| Fr. John Moore (1964-1969) | Fr. Malachy Flaherty (1984-1992) |
| Fr. John Murray (1965-1970) | Fr. John Fitzgerald (pastor, 1985-1990) |
| Fr. Eugene Murphy (1968-1970) | Fr. Michael Holzmann (1988-1993) |
| Fr. James Carey (1969-1972) | Fr. Vincent Liu (1988-1990) |
| Fr. Aidan Neenan (1970-1984) | Fr. Bruce Powers (pastor, 1990-2006) |
| Fr. Leland Hogan (1970-1971) | Fr. Robert Kayser (1990-1996) |
| Fr. Lawrence Rafferty (1971-1974) | Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco (1993-1994) |
| Fr. Thomas Donohoe (1972-1980) | Fr. Michael Vetrano (1994-2000) |
| Fr. Thomas O'Donnell (1974-1975) | Fr. Delgin Perras (2000) |
| Fr. Michael O'Leary (1975-1976) | Fr. Lucian Fernandes (2001) |
| Fr. Ronald Richardson (1976-1978) | Fr. Stanley Sebastian (2005-2007) |
| Fr. Gerard Fagan (1978-1982) | Msgr. Frank Schneider (pastor, 2006-present) |

We are also grateful for the many priests who were “Sunday helpers” and “summer visitors” over the past fifty years.



There have been seven permanent deacons ordained from and assigned to our parish:
 Anthony Giambalvo (1979-1993),
 Robert Howlett (1979-1982),
 Luke Hally (1980-1983),
 Richard Johnston (1980-2003),
 Joseph Mercolino (1980-present),
 Philip Spina (1980-1982), and
 John Failla (2005-present).



Deacons Richard Johnston, John Failla, Joseph Mercolino, Luke Hally



Our Sisters in 2012

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood arrived in our parish in 1967 and served until 1995. The sisters who ministered over the years are: Kathleen Andersen, Anne Brennan, Janice Brewi, Catherine Cecilia, Barbara Ann Coyle, Ann Marie Dean, Catherine Donelan (Sister of Charity), Marie Theresa Jensen, Ellen Lyons, Patricia McDonnell, Marjorie Mulligan, MaryAlice Piil, Joan Regan, MaryAnn Rogers, Jeanette Serra, Irene Scarola (School Sister of Notre Dame), Joyce Sparling, Denise Tierney, Patricia Torre (Daughter of Wisdom), Evelyn Washington, and Patricia Wilson (Sister of Charity).



Our Sisters in the 1960's

Lay ministers over the years have included Virgil Barkauskas (Music), Michael Brown (Choir), Patrick Carlin (Choir), Dan Diviney (Youth), Anita DosSantos (Social Ministry), Paul Eschenauer (Liturgy), Rosary Garrity (Religious Ed), John Harrington (Business), Eda Lorello (Religious Ed), Harry Perepeluk (Business), James Maurer (Youth), Margaret Mannino (Spiritual Life Center), Sr. Sheila O'Shea (Choir), Norma Spina (Religious Ed), Paul Tonna (Youth), Dorothy Sexton (Social Ministry), Lois Szypot (Religious Ed), Mickey Szypot (Facilities), Patricia Wilson (Business). We also remember the many secretaries, assistants and other personnel hired as support staff during the past fifty years.



Front Row : Lois Szypot, Randell Bozzello, Elvira Luckstone, Linda Zumpano, Anita DosSantos, Connie Falen, Joyce Furman, Mary McNamara, Jeanne Beirne;
 Back Row: Joseph McAvoy, Ed Vasta, Carlos Alvizures, Harry Perepeluk, Deacon Joseph Mercolino, Deacon John Failla, Msgr. Frank Schneider

