

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Roman Catholic Church



As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

Pentecost Sunday 🕆 May 31, 2020

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Faith - Family - Fellowship



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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

Please see our website for the most up-to-date information...

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!

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today's memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (June 1)

In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost, taking precedence over an obligatory Memorial that coincides with it.





Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Updates and Reminders

As we continue to navigate these difficult times, we, as a faith family, will continue to turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. Church continues to be open for private prayer from 10:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Weekend Mass will be continue to be live-recorded at 5 p.m. and will now be available for streaming on YouTube by using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAWIh7Pd_xLSPne8iOU-HAg

You can 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."



<u>This weekend</u>, Pentecost Sunday, Fr. Irinel will celebrate Mass in the parking lot at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet from others and be sure to have a mask. Please bring your own chair(s); you may remain in your car if you so choose. Please know that the building will remain locked so you will not be able to use the facilities.

Going forward, we will keep you informed of any changes to Mass times via our website (www.stelizabeth.org), our app (My Parish App) and constant contact communications.



At this time, our Diocese has not granted permission for the distribution of Holy Communion. The Diocese continues to work on the logistics as how we can safely accomplish this.

The Sunday Mass obligation continues to be suspended, so if you want to remain home at this time, please do so. We encourage those in any high-risk category to remain home and participate online. Of course, if you are not feeling well or even suspect you may have the virus, please stay home!

Our course, you can call the Center (631-271-4455) and leave a message or email center@stelizabeth.org for assistance. Calls and emails are being monitored.

May the Holy Spirit continue to protect our church family and all families!

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Pentecost

by Paul Turner

On Pentecost we celebrate the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in a form resembling tongues of fire, empowering them to

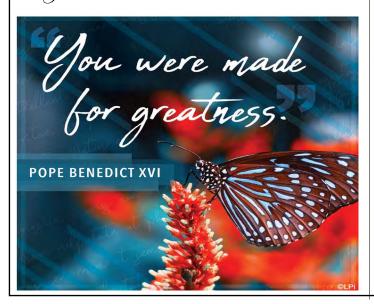
proclaim the message that Jesus is risen from the dead. According to Acts of the Apostles (1:13—14), Mary, the apostles, and other disciples had been huddled together in an upper room after the ascension of Jesus. But on this day they went forth from that room as new people, alive in the Spirit, speaking in tongues and winning over believers by the thousands.

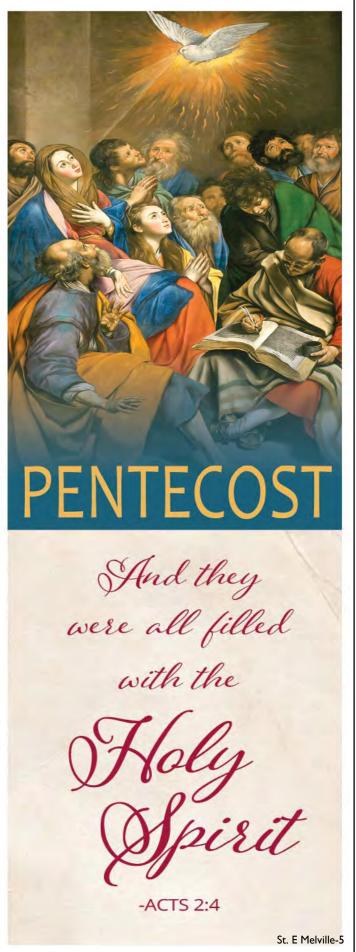
The Mass of Pentecost Sunday is marked by a few special features. The first reading for Saturday's Vigil Mass, for example, is taken from the Old Testament. Throughout the Easter season, all the readings come from the New Testament—except, of course, the responsorial psalm. Saturday's first reading foreshadows the coming of the Spirit. On Sunday the first reading comes from Acts of the Apostles, and it tells the story of Pentecost. After the second reading, everyone sings or says the Pentecost sequence, a special hymn that tells the meaning of this day.

If the priest uses Eucharistic Prayer I, he inserts a special phrase saying that this is the day on which the Holy Spirit appeared to the apostles. The Mass concludes with a double "alleluia." The deacon or priest adds the words to his dismissal, and you answer, "Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia." This joyful acclamation concludes the church's celebration of Easter.

The paschal candle burns throughout the Pentecost Mass, as it does for the 50 days of Easter Time. After Mass, however, it is moved from its place near the ambo to a position in the baptistry.

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Prayer of the Faithful

Sunday, May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

Transformed by the Holy Spirit, we pray now for the needs of the Church and of the world.

For Pope Francis and all Church leaders, may God help them bear fruit according to their own gifts given by the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders of nations, may the Holy Spirit give them discerning hearts to know His will and the courage to follow it, let us pray to the Lord.

For the troubled areas in our world, may God's grace descent upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

For those of us gathered here, may the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit sanctify us and transform us for the good of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

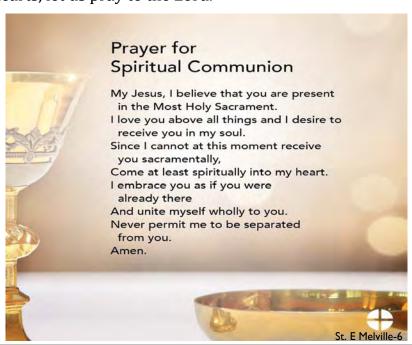
For all who suffer, especially Nick Montanino and all those infected with or recovering from the corona virus, may the Lord provide them with the comfort of family and friends and peace in prayer, let us pray to the Lord.

For our loved ones who have died, may they rejoice forever in the presence of the Lord, remembering Reintraud Antoldi, William Burke and all the victims of the corona virus, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Loving Father, hear the prayers we bring before you. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

AMEN





WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Ouestion:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

Jesus stood up and
exclaimed, "Let
anyone who thirsts
come to me and drink.
As Scripture says:

Rivers of living water
will flow from
within him who
believes in me."

He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive.

- Jn 7:37b-39a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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Scripture Insights

Sunday, May 31 Pentecost Sunday

About Pentecost: Pentecost, the Greek word for fifty, originally began as a celebration in thanksgiving the "firstfruits," when winter grains and spring vegetables were harvested, enjoyed and offered to God. For Christians, Jesus Is the "firstfruits" of those who have died (1 Corinthians 15:23). His Resurrection heralds our own at the end of time. For now, we live as Christians in the world, empowered by His Spirit of peace and forgiveness. While Pentecost concludes Easter Time, the gift of the Holy Spirit compels us to resound with Easter joys for days to come.

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. The faith and unity present in our Christian communities today is made possible by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The First Reading, from Acts, narrates the initial events associated with the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles. Luke foreshadowed this with the words of John the Baptist: "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire." (Luke 3:16). The association of the image of fire with the Holy Spirit is significant. In the Old Testament, fire symbolizes God's presence in the covenant at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:18). In the New Testament, fire symbolizes the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. As the fire came to rest on the Apostles, "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit," transforming them and enabling them to proclaim the Resurrected Christ to the large crowds gathered in Jerusalem.

In the Second Reading from Paul, we hear how the presence of the Holy Spirit brought the gift of faith and unity to the newborn Church. Paul tells the Christian community in Corinth that no one professes in faith that "Jesus is Lord" without the

Lord, Hear our Prayers for



the Deceased

Reintraud Antoldi; William Burke

the Sick

Paul Barberio; Wesley Raymond Ingram Nick Montanino

Our Servicemen and Women

Ssgt. James Calfa, U.S. Army
Tsgt. Mitchell Ciccarelli, U.S. Air Force
Ssgt. 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
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

Holy Spirit. It is this common profession of faith that unites and benefits the community: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

In the Gospel reading from John, we hear how Jesus, before Pentecost Sunday, gave the disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Resurrected Christ "came and stood in their midst" and spoke to them, saying, "Peace by with you." Then Jesus breathed on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." From the beginning, the peace of the community was linked to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions, Presiders and Readings for the Week

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 1 Iohn Ahlstrom

Tuesday, June 2 Deacon Joseph Mercolino

Wednesday, June 3 Robert Pioto

Thursday, June 4 Reverend John Kennan, S.J.

Saturday, June 6

Gertrude Burke; Helen Esposito; Jeffrey Henry Patricia Geerdts

Sunday, June 7

Peter Cassidy; Richard J. Conner; Rita Lucille Gagliardi; Anthony Jovic; Mary Linden

and the parishioners of St. Elizabeth

"The Spirit is peace in the midst of restlessness. confidence in the midst of discouragement, joy in sadness, youth in aging, courage in the hour of trial." —Pope Francis, June 9, 2019

Weekly Readings

Monday, June 1

Reading 1: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Gospel: John 19:25-34

Tuesday, June 2

Reading 1: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18

Mark 12:13-17 Gospel:

Wednesday, June 3

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12

Mark 12:18-27 Gospel:

Thursday, June 4

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 5

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Gospel: Mark 12:35-37

Saturday, June 6

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, June 7 (Most Holy Trinity) **Reading 1:** Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18



— 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!

- ☐ Canned Chef-boy-Ardee
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Baking Products
- □ Oatmeal
- ☐ Boxed or Powdered Milk
- ☐ Apple Juice
- ☐ Soup (esp. Noodle)
- ☐ Rice
- ☐ Bread (Sliced)
- ☐ Coffee & Tea
- ☐ Pasta/Spaghetti
- ☐ Tomato Sauce
- ☐ Cooking Oil
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Canned Tuna & Chicken
- ☐ Crackers/Cookies
- ☐ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ☐ Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Canned Meat/Spam
- ☐ Canned Potatoes
- ☐ Beans (Black/Red dry or canned)
- ☐ Cleaning Products
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Diapers, Size 4,5,6
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Laundry Detergent
- ☐ Shampoo

- ☐ Feminine Products (pads) ☐ Toothpaste

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!



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.



St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus 2020 College Book Program

Applicants must be:

Current High School seniors enrolled as freshman for the 2020-2021 collegiate school year; and

- A member of a St. Elizabeth parish family; or
- A child/grandchild of a St. Elizabeth Council Knights of Columbus member.
- They are intended to recognize and reward service to the parish and community.

Application Forms:

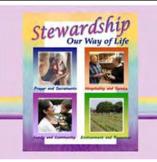
Application forms can be requested by: Emailing your Name and email address to, <u>Council5753@gmail.com</u> requesting an application. Texting your name and email address to 516-252-2145.

All applications must be returned by June 15,2020.

Any questions, please call Tom Ferraro @ 516-252-2145.



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Stewardship Corner

Pentecost Weekend

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." John 14:26

The Third Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Formation

Mother Angelica said, "We are all called to be great saints, don't miss the opportunity." These past months have been hard, scary and lifechanging; it may be really hard to see any good come of the whole situation. However, in every situation of life, God has the power to draw good out of it.



Life is always unstable; we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Coronavirus reminds us that tomorrow is not guaranteed, plans get broken and we do not (and cannot) control everything. One thing we can always count on is God's Love and Providence. The more we trust in God and obey His Will, our fear for the future and despair for the present will fade away. You can never become too holy or too close to God, so no matter where you are on your faith journey you can always grow in the Faith.

Now is the time to grow closer to God. Allow and invite the Holy Spirit into your life to strengthen and guide you. How would your life look if you were to take upon a new prayer habit? What if each morning you said a prayer to the Holy Spirit to guide you throughout the day? Even if just once a week, you read the Gospel reading of the day? During this time of change and uncertainty, grow in your Faith and grow closer to the Lord.

Living Stewardship

This week, invite the Holy Spirit into your life and heart. Like the Apostles 2,000 years ago, let us be transformed by the Holy Spirit so that we can spread the Good News everywhere we go.

Intercession

Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church! Lord, we pray for all of Priests, Religious and Deacons. We pray for all Bishops and our Pope.

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.

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