



St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Roman Catholic Church

**Blessed
are
your
eyes,
because
they see
and
your
ears,
because
they
hear.**



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ☩ July 12, 2020

175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, NY 11747
631 - 271 - 4455

Faith - Family - Fellowship



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 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in July & August)
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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



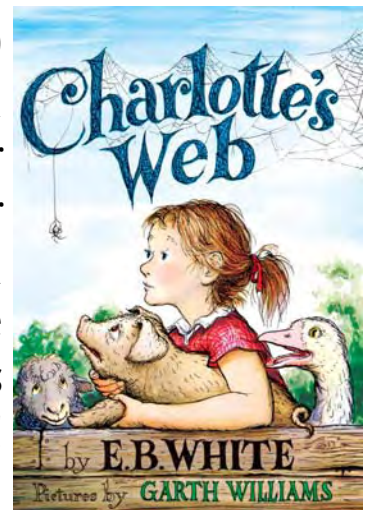
Parish Movie Night

All are welcome to join us for parish movie night on Monday, July 13 and 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 13 (G)
A gentle and wise grey spider with a flair for promotion pledges to save a young pig's life!



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.

FOCUS ON THE GOOD

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.
- 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 12, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us approach the Father with our prayers, confident of His infinite love for us.

For all bishops, priests and deacons, may the grace of God nourish them in mind, body and spirit as they preach the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who serve in public office, may the Lord grant them hearts of justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For all of us here, may the Lord bless us and increase within us a desire to grow closer to Him in all things, let us pray to the Lord.

For Caroline Addison and Justin Grose, newly-Baptized and Christian Addison, newly-Confirmed this week, may they be faithful disciples of Jesus and witness to Christ in all their words and deeds, let us pray to the Lord.

For those infected with or recovering from the virus, may Jesus, the Divine Physician, offer them hope and provide healing, let us pray to the Lord.

For the repose of the souls of all those who have gone before us in faith and for all the victims of the coronavirus, may they see the face of God, let us pray to the Lord.

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

God our Father, please hear our prayers and grant them according to your holy will. 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 12

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable in today's Gospel reading is called the parable of the sower. In this parable, the sower represents Jesus, who spreads the message of the Kingdom of God like seeds. The Kingdom itself is planted like a seed in the world and in the hearts of those who are willing to accept it (Matthew 13:31-32). The different kinds of soil represent different responses to Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom. Jesus is encouraging His audience to be the rich soil; to take His words to heart and let them take root in their lives.

Today, there are obstacles to accepting Jesus' teaching, just as there were when Jesus told this parable. There is no outright rejection of a message that seems too demanding (the unyielding path in the parable). There is brief enthusiasm, followed by a kind of spiritual short attention span. They are always looking for the next new thing (the shallow soil) and there are temptations and trouble that bring doubt and straying (the thorns). In spite of our repeated wanderings, Jesus continually invites us back, calling us to open our ears to hear God's Word. When we respond, we become the rich soil that produces fruit--the product of a life of faith.

St. Paul elaborated on what a life of faith produces, the fruit of the Spirit, in Galatians 5:22-23. When the seeds of the Kingdom are planted in a person's heart, the Holy Spirit causes this "fruit" to grow: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the character traits of a person who accepts the Word of God, which lead that person to participate in works of mercy, peace and justice, not to mention the work of spreading more seeds.

Lord, Hear our
Prayers for



the Deceased

John Jeffrey Bies; Vincent Forte
Joan Alice Mulligan

the Sick

Paul Doer; Frank McQuade
Nick Montanino

Our Servicemen and Women

Sgt. James Calfa, U.S. Army
Tsgt. Mitchell Ciccarella, U.S. Air Force
Sgt. Dylan Ciccarella, 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



"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." May these words from today's First Reading give us hope and encourage us.

Mass Intentions, Presiders and Readings for the Week

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13

Irene and James Sutt

Tuesday, July 14

Matthew Brian Giannuzzi

Wednesday, July 15

Carmela and Joseph Parietti

Thursday, July 16

George Pepino

Saturday, July 18

Brian Hahn; Rita Discepolo; James McKeown
Joseph and Carmela Pisciotti

Sunday, July 19

Nicasio Ignacio, Jr.; Connie Papandrew
George Pepino; Griesy Checo Santana; John Sharkey
and the parishioners of St. Elizabeth

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 13

Reading 1: Isaiah 1:10-17

Gospel: Matthew 10:34--11:1

Tuesday, July 14

Reading 1: Isaiah 7:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 15

Reading 1: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 16

Reading 1: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 17

Reading 1: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18

Reading 1: Micah 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, July 19

Reading 1: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading 2: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Banns of Marriage

Third Banns

Jenna Scudieri (St. Elizabeth) and
Ralph Miranda (St. Hugh of Lincoln)



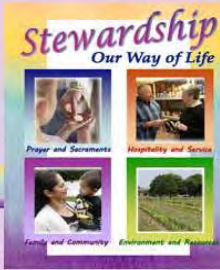
Congratulations

to

Nancy and Paul Binger

on their

50th wedding anniversary!



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 Formation

This upcoming week, try to read the daily Gospel reading for each day. May we allow the seed of God's Word to enter into our hearts and grow.

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

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: _____