

Saint Elizabeth's Church

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Mr. Raymond Cordeiro

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Mr. Manuel DaRosa

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Parish Organizations

25 Week Club – Mrs. Oryann Lima, Coordinator

Finance Council – Mr. John Rego, Chairman

Friends of St. Elizabeth – Mrs. Naomi Carpenter, President

United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Trinity -

Mr. Fernando Brum, President

Grupo de Oração - Devido ao vírus não há reuniões.

Holy Rosary Sodality – Mrs. Marie Cottrell, President

Santo Cristo – Mr. João Medeiros, President

Friends of St. Elizabeth - Parish Outreach and Assistance

Food Pantry Open Tuesdays 5:30–6:30pm weather permitting

Helpline (401) 253-8366

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

5:00pm Easter to Advent

4:00pm Advent to Easter

Sunday at 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

Português - Domingo às 7:30

Weekday Mass at 7:30am (bilingual):

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days of Obligation and Holidays:

As listed in the Parish Bulletin

Baptism

After the birth of the child, parents are invited to contact the rectory to schedule the Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the parish office.

Marriage

Upon engagement, couples should contact the parish office to schedule a wedding date and initiate the preparation process that ordinarily requires a period of six months – one year.

Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:20pm – 4:50pm or by scheduling a time with the parish office

Anointing of the Sick

Those in need, or a family member, are encouraged to contact the priest

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who believe they are being called to receive the Sacraments of Initiation should contact the parish office.

Holy Orders - Vocations to the Priesthood

Discerning a vocation to the priesthood? Speak with the priest or contact Fr. Brian J. Morris, Director of Vocations, at (401) 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

Rectory Office Hours:

9:00AM to 4:00PM

Monday through Friday

Nip It! Nip It in the Bud! ~ Posted Thursday, June 3, 2021 RI Catholic



Fans of the venerable TV program, the “Andy Griffith Show” will immediately recognize the names of the principal players: Sheriff Andy Taylor, Deputy Barney Fife, Opie Taylor, and Aunt Bee. They were surrounded by a motley group of colorful characters including Floyd the Barber, Gomer, Goober, Helen, Thelma Lou, and, of course, Otis Campbell.

Perhaps the most lovable character was Barney Fife. Barney was hilarious, as inept as he was sincere. Barney was excitable, prone to high drama. He was the caped-crusader railing against bad habits and social evils, real or imagined. And whenever he sensed danger coming down the road, he warned one and all: “You’ve got to nip it; nip it in the bud.” Barney’s famous battle cry has become a fixture in pop culture, often found on t-shirts, posters, film clips, memes and now, even face masks.

While Barney’s crusades were quixotic, I wonder if his words can also serve as a useful tool in our spiritual toolbox. “Nip it in the bud,” is a good strategy to employ as we confront evil and strive to grow in holiness.

Are you neglecting your relationship with God; getting lazy about attending Sunday Mass; arguing with your spouse; flirting with a co-worker; spreading gossip; cheating on your taxes; viewing pornography; experimenting with drugs; drinking too much? Whatever your vice, you’ve got to “nip it in the bud” before it causes real and lasting damage.

In other words, we need to recognize and remove evil at the very beginning before it takes root in us and grows, like a bad weed. Classic Catholic spirituality cautions us to “avoid the near occasions of sin.” Thomas à Kempis tells us, “The man who only shuns temptations outwardly and does not uproot them will make little progress; indeed they will quickly return, more violent than before.” And one proverb warns, “He who chooses the beginning of the road also chooses the place it leads to.”

How do we resist temptation and sin? Our Catholic Faith gives us the answer. It’s through personal prayer, devotion to the saints, regular Confession, and the frequent reception of Holy Communion. And if we had Barney Fife as a spiritual director he’d show us exactly how to deal with any moral weakness: “You’ve got to nip it; nip it in the bud!”

Something to think about: Is there anything in your life that you’ve got to “nip in the bud?”

Gospel Reading *Mark 4:26–34* The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

Background on the Gospel Reading: After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday’s Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable’s meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

Family Connection - Church documents call the Christian family the “domestic church.” This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it’s these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God’s kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith. ~ From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

Parish Goal...\$41,800...Meta Paroquial
Gifts & Pledges Received ...\$24,183...Ofertas e penhores até a data
Families/Donors to Date...183...Famílias/doadores até à Data
Easter Collection ...\$2,917...A Colecta Pascal
Total to Date...\$27,100...Montante até à Data



If you would like to participate in this year's Appeal there are blank forms on the back altars of the church that you can use. Please complete the form and return it the next time you come to Mass.

10th Annual St. Elizabeth Parish Golf Tournament



Come out and join us at our 10th Annual St. Elizabeth Parish Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Santo Cristo Committee on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Swansea Country Club. Registrations Forms and Donations Forms are available at the rectory or you can download from our tournament website, www.stelizabethparishgolf.org. All proceeds to benefit Saint Elizabeth Parish and Santo Cristo Feast Expenses. For more information contact Tournament Director Joseph J. Martins at saintelizabethgolf@gmail.com.

St. Luke's School--Barrington

Faculty Openings: As a result of retirements, we are searching for qualified candidates interested in joining our outstanding faculty effective July 1, 2021. We are currently looking for teachers for Grade 4 and Grade 5. You can find details on the Diocese of Providence website, (dioceseofprovidence.org) or contact Mrs. Varone (Principal). Here are the basic JOB QUALIFICATIONS: • Practicing Catholic, • Hold a current RI teaching certificate • Bachelor's degree in education, • Relevant prior experience. (Faculty members with children enrolled in the school receive a tuition discount.)

Openings in Kindergarten-Grade 8: We did not have any Open Houses this year but continue to conduct meetings and tours at any time. We have had a wonderful (although different) year but look forward to more normalcy returning in the fall. Our Preschool has a waiting list, but we have openings in K-8. Contact Director of Institutional Advancement Neil Kiely for information and a tour, 246-0990 or nkiely@stlukesri.org.

Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry

It's not too late!! Your voice could help save millions of lives!

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It's credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million children** to-date. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, *billions* of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortions would be *cheaper, easier, and funded* with our taxpayer dollars. It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a *strong* message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the *incredibly high stakes* Congress needs to hear from a *massive* number of people. I invite you and the people of your parish to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. The primary goal is for *millions of Catholics to sign the petition* on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com. The USCCB has created easy, ready-to-use tools that can be found at www.respectlife.org. If you don't know who to contact in RI or what to say to them please take one of the printouts located on the back altars of the church for more info.

Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion. It's not too late!!

Welcome

We welcome this newly Baptized child into the Church and our parish family:

Brooklynn Reign DeOliveira, daughter of Jeremy DeOliveira and Amanda Malafronte

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (CCC 1213)



Holy Hour Sunday, June 13 at 6PM **in Honor of St. Anthony & Our Lady of Fatima**

We will have a Holy Hour in honor of St. Anthony and Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, June 13, immediately following the 5:00PM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.



We have a limited amount of "The Word Among Us" for June. Please feel free to take one home.

Mass Intentions

Saturday – June 12

5:00PM – Elvira Almeida Cardoza, Edward Sardinha, Thomas Sardinha, Sister Mary Sardinha, Deodato, Maria & Durval Amaral, Fernanda Almeida, Silvana Germano, Belmira Machado, Alice & Albino Tavares

Sunday – June 13 (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30AM – Evaristo Afonso, António & Maria Silveria, José & Filomena Avila, Fernando Raposo, Manuel Raposo Cabral, Maria Cabral, José P. Soares, Luís & Maria Lurdes Ferreira, José Elias Sousa, Maria daLuz Ferreira, Fernanda Damazio Moniz, Maria dos Anjos Botelho, Angela Arvelo

9:00AM – John Anderson, Arthur Silvia, Jose Faria, Maria Conceicao Faria, John Paul Rego, Antonio daCosta, Maria Conceicao Pimentel, Artur & Ofelia Medeiros, Delia & Albano Correia, Jose Mendonca, William L. Ducharme Sr., Arthur D. Carreiro, Roger A. DeBrosse

10:30AM – Tony Calouro, Maria dos Anjos Arraial Ribeiro, Antonio G. Fonseca, Laurantina do Couto Fonseca, Daniel John Pacheco, Louise Sylvia, Manuel Tavares, Sr., Jose Cabral, Lionel Teixeira, Bruce Lima, Manuel Ramos, Antonio Ramos, Manuel Alves Moreira, Manuel Teixeira, Robert LePage

5:00PM – Pro Populo

6:00PM – Holy Hour in Honor of St. Anthony & Our Lady

Monday – June 14

7:30AM – Joao Viveiros, Joao Albernaz, Manuel Viveiros, Manuel Miranda

Tuesday – June 15

7:30AM – Rosalina Resendes, Jose Matias, Jr. Maria da Ascencao Saraiva, Jose Matias pais

Wednesday – June 16

7:30AM – Joseph & Deolinda Alves, John & Helen Barbosa

Thursday – June 17

No Mass - Não há Missa - No Mass

Friday – June 18

7:30AM – Edmundo Mello, Jose & Maria Ascencao Pimentel

Saturday – June 19

5:00PM – All Fathers, Living and Deceased

Sunday – June 20 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30AM – Todos os Pais Vivos e Falecidos

9:00AM – All Fathers, Living and Deceased

10:30AM – All Fathers, Living and Deceased

5:00PM – Pro Populo

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Sanctuary Lamp

This week the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of
John & Julia Sousa

2021 Mass Book Open/Livro de missa está aberto

The 2021 book is open to record Masses thru December.

O livro de intenções de Missa está aberto para marcar as
intenções até ao dia 31 de Dezembro.

JUNE 13, 2021

Part Time Office Help Wanted

We are looking for someone to work in the Rectory Office 3-4 hours a day Monday through Friday answering the phone and door as well as other office tasks. Please call the Rectory for more information if interested 253-8366

Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure

Weekly Budget, May 30 - \$4,631.75

E-Giving, May 30 - \$ 704.20

Thank you!

Obrigado!

We have Electronic giving available at St. Elizabeth's. Please visit the church website, www.saintelizabethchurch.net, and click on myEoffering. Or you could set us up on your electronic bill pay with your bank (ACH). Either way, we thank you for your continued support!

25 Week Club Raffle

Week #5: Linda Oliveira \$50

Week #6: Cynthia Alves \$50

Ministers' Schedule for July – All ministers are asked to contact the Rectory with their availability for July by Wednesday, June 23. Any ministers who have been away but are now ready to return are asked to inform the Rectory. Thank you Ministers! So good to have you back!

Domestic Violence Outreach

Are you or someone you know experiencing Domestic Violence (verbal, emotional, psychological or physical abuse)? For more information call the Office of Life and Family 401-278-2518 or 401-278-2517.

Wondering what to do? Pregnant and alone? You Have Options!

FREE: Pregnancy testing, Ultra Sounds, Confidential counseling, Compassionate care
Mother of Life Pregnancy Center,

24/7 Hotline 401-421-0820, www.motheroflife.org

Catholic Communications Campaign

In this digital and socially-distanced age, the Church



keeps us connected, spiritually nourished, and growing in our shared Catholic faith through so many means between Masses: livestreams and videos, social media, websites and emails, and

even our diocesan website.

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