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25 Week Club – Mrs. Oryann Lima, Coordinator

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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:

4:00pm Advent to Easter

5:00pm Easter to Advent

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 3:20pm – 3:50pm 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 Hours:

Monday through Friday*

9:00AM to 4:00PM

*** Wednesday to 3PM**

Gospel Reading *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22* Jesus is baptized by John.



Background on the Gospel Reading - Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

Family Connection - Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life. As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, “What are some of the things that make our family life unique?” Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer. ~ From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

Baptism is a gift from God. We are baptized in Jesus' name, and our sins are forgiven. The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism. We become members of God's family. God is our Father. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. As members of God's family, we take care of one another and welcome new members.

Renewing Our Baptismal Promises - Today is a good day to remember our own Baptisms. Do you know the date of your Baptism? Do you know where you were Baptized? Who was present? Who are your godparents? And, most importantly, what does your Baptism mean to you? As you reflect on your Baptism, pray the Renewal of Baptismal Promises with your family today. A parent can lead this prayer. Family members may bless themselves with holy water after renewing their baptismal promises.

Do you reject Satan? I do. **And** all his works? I do. **And** all his empty promises? I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? I do.

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

2022 Catholic Appointment Calendars – Donated in memory of the deceased of our parish by the George C. Lima Funeral Home. We ask you to take a calendar home with you when you leave the church this weekend.

January copies of “The Word Among Us” are in the sacristy. Please ask Father for one to take home.

2022 Calendar of Moveable Feasts*Ash Wednesday, March 2**Palm Sunday, April 10**Easter Sunday, April 17**Pentecost Sunday, June 5*

*Trinity Sunday, June 12 (We are going to
celebrate the Feast of the United Brotherhood of
the Holy Spirit & Holy Trinity)
Feast of Santo Cristo, Sunday June 19*

Calendário de Festas Móveis para 2022*Quarta-feira de Cinzas, 2 de Março**Domingo de Ramos, 10 de Abril**Domingo de Páscoa, 17 de Abril**Domingo de Pentecostes, 5 de Junho*

*Domingo da Festa da Santíssima Trindade,
12 de Junho (Vamos celebrar a Festa da
Irmandade Unida do Espírito Santo e da
Santíssima Trindade, domingo)
Festa do Senhor Santo Cristo
domingo, 19 de Junho*

Looking Back and Giving Thanks

As we turn with hope to the New Year we would be remiss if we did not look back at the past year and acknowledge the gifts we have received. We want to thank the parish committees for all of their prayers, dedication and hard work. Without the funds generated by these various committees, the Parish would be hard pressed to meet its day to day operating expenses.

United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity \$ 78,000

Santo Cristo Committee \$ 90,000

25 Week Club \$ 5,000

Não poderíamos deixar de agradecer e de reconhecer a dedicação o trabalho e o empenho das várias comissões de angariação de fundos para a nossa paróquia, através das ofertas que fizeram ao longo do ano. Sem os montantes angariados por estas comissões, a paróquia estaria em apuros para conseguir fazer frente às despesas correntes.

* Thank you to all those who helped us prepare and decorate the church for Christmas and to everyone who donated Christmas flower envelopes.

* Thank you to all who help out "Behind the Scenes" – those unsung heroes who help out week in and week out.

* Obrigado a todos os que ajudaram à preparação e decoração da igreja e a todos os que ofereceram donativos para as flores do Natal.

* Obrigado a todos aqueles que ajudaram "Por detrás dos Panos" e que silenciosa e discretamente ajudam semana após semana.

Friends of Saint Elizabeth -Giving Tree – Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tree. Because of your kindness and generosity we were able to assist 19 families and 30 seniors with gifts and/or gift cards for Christmas this year.

Food Baskets – Once again the generosity of our parishioners shines through. Because of you we were able to prepare and distribute over 60 food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Bristol Council 379 and Sunshine Oil for their generous donation of gift certificates; to La Bella Sicilia Society who donated \$500, BankNewport who donated \$300, the Bristol Rotary who donated \$400; Seabra Foods for donating 75 bags of food as well as the parishioners at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel who also gave us food for our Food Pantry.

Amigos de Santa Isabel - Arvore das Ofertas –Obrigado a todos os que contribuíram para a arvore das ofertas. Através da vossa vontade e generosidade nós conseguimos oferecer presentes ou cartões de oferta a cerca de 49 famílias neste Natal, Cabazes de Natal – Uma vez mais a generosidade dos nossos paroquianos veio ao de cima. Graças a todos vós nós conseguimos angariar e distribuir mais de 60 cabazes de Natal. Obrigado! Obrigado! Obrigado! Um obrigado especial aos "Knights of Columbus – Bristol Council 379" e Sunshine Oil pela sua generosa oferta de cartões; e à associação "La Bella Sicilia" que ofereceu \$500, BankNewport \$300, Bristol Rotary \$400; Seabra para doar 75 sacos de comida, bem como os paroquianos de Nossa Senhora do Carmel que também nos deram comida para a nossa Despensa Alimentar.

**Diocese of Providence Respect Life January Events**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Image – Beginning on January 7 the Visitation Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be traveling around the state of Rhode Island. View the complete schedule at dioceseofprovidence.org/life-and-family-respect-life.

The Annual Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 15 at 9AM in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence.

Annual March for Life Bus Trip to DC will leave Providence on Thursday, January 20 for the March for Life Mass/Rally on Friday, January 21. Registration deadline is January 14, 2022. For more information and to reserve a seat on the bus, contact the Respect for Life Office, 278-2518 or email: LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 8

4:00PM - Kenneth Medeiros, Nancy B. D'Wolf, Joseph & Virginia Brum, Manuel & Elvira Ferreira, Jose Luis & Guilhermina Cabral, Norberto Cabral, Lydia Sousa Borges, Vincent Lunney, Henry L. Birkenfeld

Sunday – January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)



7:30AM – Evaristo Afonso, Jacinto & Rosa Oliveira, Rosa Silva, João Gaspar, Deolinda Teixeira

9:00AM - Natalie Cardoza, Helen Amaral, Manuel & Germina Tavares, Arthur & Maria Perry, Richard Rego, Luis Damasio, Lia Damasio, Alvano & Albina

Castro, Carlos Pacheco, Lucilia Medeiros

10:30AM – Roy DeMello, Virginio & Germina Almeida, John deSousa, Jr., Aristides “Steve” Cabral, Robert LePage, Jose Cabral, Lionel Teixeira, Antonio & Lexandrina Ramos

5:00PM – Pro Populo

Monday – January 10

7:30AM – Augustus & Isabel Alves, Charles & Mary Byrnes, Kevin Almeida, Robert Sousa

11:00AM – Funeral – John Nicholas Raposa

Tuesday – January 11

7:30AM – Antonia Avila

Wednesday – January 12

7:30AM – Antonio & Ines Borges, Carlos & Ilda Borges

Thursday – January 13 (St. Hilary, Bishop)

NO MASS - NÃO HÁ MISSA - NO MASS

Friday – January 14

7:30AM – Manuel Batista Enes, Manuel Batista Enes, Jr., Antonio & Teresa Enes, Armarinda DaSilva, Daniel DeMatos

Saturday – January 15

4:00PM – Edmund D. Borges, Jr., Mary Gomes, Maria Ceu Santos, Ernest Santos, Jose & Dina Santos, Jose Matias, Jr., Eduarda Pissarra, Alberto Pissarra, Americo Pissarra, Jose & Ana DaRosa

Sunday – January 16 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30AM – Luis Botelho, Maria Cabral Botelho, Conceição Maria Botelho, José & Virginia Mendonca, Gilberto & Angelo Mendonca, Estevão Borges

9:00AM - Armanda Silveira, Norberto Cabral, Gloria Barreiro, Carlos Medeiros, John & Mary Stella Bisbano, Frank & Concetta Formisano

10:30AM – Manuel Alves Moreira, Olivia & Manuel Tavares, Sr., Daniel John Pacheco, Maria Lourdes & Manuel Aguiar, Diane Roussel, Justin Matthew Nunes, Jose Nunes, Francisco & Maria Garcia, Antonio C. DeSousa, Domingos & Maria Sousa

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
Antonio Teixeira & Maria José Cabral

2022 Mass Book is Open - The Mass book for 2022 is open to record Mass intentions **TUESDAYS thru FRIDAYS (not on Mondays).**

Livro de missa está aberto - Você podem marcar Missas para 2022 pelas suas intenções das **terça-feira às sextas-feiras** (não Segundas)

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Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure

Weekly Budget, December 26 - \$4,050.00

E-Giving, December 26 - \$456.39

Christmas Collection - \$5,847.00

Christmas Flowers - \$2,581.00

Retirement Fund for Religious - \$462.00

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!

Grateful for God's Providence

Goal \$ 340,278

Amount Pledged 172,370

% of Goal 51%

% of Registered Family participation 4%

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this Diocesan campaign. A reminder that we receive 40% of every dollar paid. To date we have received \$41,972 of our parish share.

***Bishop Thomas J. Tobin** will be joining us next Sunday, January 16, for a pastoral visit. He will be the main celebrant at the 10:30AM Mass. Please tell your family and friends because it is a privilege to have a Bishop come out to visit a parish and be sure to not miss Mass next weekend (even though the following Monday is a holiday ☺)*

Wondering what to do? Pregnant and alone?

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4th of July Button Contest

Once again the Bristol 4th of July Committee is holding their annual Souvenir Commemorative Button Contest. The contest is open to all students, who are Bristol resident, in Grades K-12. The entry deadline is January 22. Cash Prizes will be awarded if your button is chosen. Entry forms are available at Rogers Free Library, 136 Printing, Bristol Town Hall and their website www.fourthofjulybristolri.com



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