

# Saint Elizabeth's Church

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## Friends of St. Elizabeth - Parish Outreach and Assistance

Food Pantry Open Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 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 and 10:30am

Português - Domingo às 7:30am

**Weekday Mass 7:30am (Portuguese)**

**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 4:15pm – 4:45pm 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](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

### **Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday to Friday\* 9am to 4pm**

**\*Thursday 9am to 3pm**

**Feast of St. Elizabeth**

Dear parishioners, our party has finally begun. On Friday, we started our festive novena in honor of St. Elizabeth. In addition to the Mass, we had the prayer of the rosary and the blessing of vehicles in the parking lot of the Church.

This weekend, our program pays special attention to children and the elderly. A morning of games and fun was prepared for the children at the Sisters of St. Dorothy 's property. The elderly and sick can participate in the holy Mass and the anointing of the sick and, right after, they can join us for delicious tea in the Auditorium of our Church.

During the week, we will have the prayer of the rosary and the celebration of the Holy Mass every day. Our intention is to provide moments of prayer and fraternal encounter for all the faithful and devotees of St. Elizabeth. The feast of the patron saint is a special moment for the Christian families that make up our parish and the friends who come to join us on these festive days. Together, we praise God for the life of our dear saint and we implore God's blessings for our parish and for our families.

On the day our Church celebrates the 109th anniversary of its founding, September 15th, a special blessing will be given to the couples. It will be a celebration dedicated especially to Christian families, so important to our Church.

Next Sunday, September 17th, we will solemnly celebrate the feast of Saint Elizabeth. We will have two Masses, one in Portuguese at 9:00 a.m., and the other in English at 10:30 a.m. Right after the 10:30 Mass, we will have our procession, accompanied by the St. Elizabeth Band. Our party will end with a lunch for all the faithful present. On that day we're going to have the beginning of our Faith Formation program. Our special welcome to our teachers and children from CCD Program in our feast and procession on that day.

To involve and facilitate the participation of all the faithful - Portuguese and American - all celebrations are being said in both Portuguese and English.

On the first and second Saturdays of the party, September 9th and 16th, we will be selling food in the Auditorium of the Church, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. By purchasing and enjoying your food, you help us pay the expenses for our feast.

Finally, we wish this to be the first of many other festivities dedicated to our patroness Queen and Saint Elizabeth. Thank you all for your presence, help, and generosity. With your presence our feast is even more beautiful. God bless you all.

**Festa de Sana Isabel**

Prezados paroquianos, a nossa festa finalmente começou. Iniciamos na sexta-feira a nossa novena festiva em honra a Santa Isabel. Além da missa, tivemos a oração do terço e a benção dos veículos no pátio da Igreja.

Nesse final de semana, nossa programação dá uma atenção especial às crianças e aos idosos. Para as crianças foi preparada uma manhã de muitos jogos e muita diversão na casa das irmãs Dorotéias. Já os idosos e doentes participam da santa missa e da unção dos enfermos, e, logo em seguida, podem saborear um delicioso chá no Auditorium da Igreja Santa Isabel.

Durante a semana, teremos a oração do terço e a celebração da santa missa todos os dias. Nossa intenção é proporcionar momentos de oração e de encontro fraterno para todos os fiéis e devotos de Santa Isabel. A festa da padroeira é um momento especial de encontro das famílias cristãs que formam nossa paróquia e dos amigos que vêm se juntar a nós nesses dias festivos. Juntos louvamos a Deus pela vida da nossa querida santa e suplicamos as benções de Deus para nossa paróquia.

No dia em que nossa Igreja celebra 109 anos de sua fundação, 15 de setembro, uma benção especial será dada aos casais presentes. Será uma celebração dedicada especialmente às famílias cristãs, tão importantes para nossa Igreja.

No domingo que vem, 17 de setembro, vamos celebrar solenemente a festa de Santa Isabel. Teremos duas missas, uma em português às 09am e outra em inglês às 10:30am. Logo após a missa das 10:30, vamos fazer a nossa procissão, acompanhada da Banda Santa Isabel. Nossa festa será encerrada com um almoço para todos os fiéis presentes. Nesse dia vamos acolher com alegria os professores e crianças do CCD Programa, que darão início do ano catequético.

Para envolver e facilitar a participação de todos os fiéis - portugueses e americanos – todas as celebrações estão sendo em português e inglês.

No primeiro e segundo sábado da festa, 9 e 16, vamos estar a vender comida no Auditorium da Igreja, entre 4pm e 7pm. Ao comprar e saborear sua comida, você nos ajuda a pagar as despesas para realizar nossa festa.

Por fim, desejamos que essa seja a primeira de muitas outras festas dedicadas à nossa padroeira Rainha Santa Isabel. Obrigado a todos pela presença, pela ajuda e pela generosidade. Com sua presença nossa festa é ainda mais bela. Deus abençoe a todos.

**St. Elizabeth Church Renovations**

Many people are always asking about renovations in Saint Elizabeth Church. They especially want to know about changing the air conditioning and painting the Church. Given this, it is important to offer parishioners some important information. The good news is that we have been working on this reform for months.

**Formation of a Committee:** First, I considered it necessary to form a committee to help us with the renovations of the Church. We set up a committee with qualified people and held our first meeting at the beginning of last semester.

**Decisions:** At the meeting, we concluded that the priority is to change the air conditioning. Soon after, we listed and looked for some companies that could do the job. As soon as we received the budgets, we forwarded the request to the Diocese for approval.

**Hiring a Specialist Engineer:** The Diocese suggested that a project be made to replace the air conditioning. As the Church is a place that gathers many people, security is especially important, hence the need for a specialist engineer. In addition, we think that an engineer will guarantee both the quality of the service and the quality of the material to be used.

**Current Situation:** The project is being finalized, and I believe that by next summer the work will have been completed. As everyone knows, values are high, hence the need to be cautious.

**Church Painting:** Two companies are preparing a quote for the painting of our Church. However, painting can only begin after the air conditioning has been replaced.

Thank you all for the support. As soon as I have news, it will be passed on to everyone.

**Reformas na Igreja Santa Isabel**

Muitas pessoas estão sempre a perguntar pelas reformas na Igreja Santa Isabel, especialmente querem saber sobre a troca do ar condicionado e pintura da Igreja.

Diante disso, acho importante oferecer aos paroquianos algumas informações importantes. A notícia boa é que estamos trabalhando já a meses nessa reforma.

**Constituição de uma comissão:** Em primeiro lugar, considere ser necessário constituir uma comissão para nos ajudar nas reformas da Igreja. Instituímos uma comissão com pessoas qualificadas e fizemos nossa primeira reunião no início do semestre passado.

**Decisões:** na reunião, concluímos que a prioridade é mesmo a troca do ar condicionado. Logo em seguida, enumeramos e procuramos algumas empresas que pudessem fazer o trabalho. Assim que recebemos os orçamentos, encaminhamos o pedido à diocese para ser aprovado.

**Contratação de um engenheiro especialista:** a diocese sugeriu que fosse feito um projeto para a troca do ar condicionado. Como a Igreja é um lugar que congrega muitas pessoas, a segurança é muito importante, daí a necessidade de um engenheiro especialista. Além disso, pensamos que engenheiro vai garantir tanto a qualidade do serviço como do material a ser usado.

**Situação atual:** o projeto está a ser finalizado e acredito que para o próximo verão as obras terão sido concluídas. Como todos sabem, os valores são altos, daí a necessidade de ter cautela.

**Pintura da Igreja:** duas companhias estão a elaborar um orçamento para a pintura da nossa Igreja. Porém, a pintura só poderá ter início depois da troca do ar condicionado. Obrigado a todos pelo apoio. Assim que tiver novidades, elas serão repassadas a todos.

**Mudanças no rito da missa portuguesa**

Caros fiéis da língua portuguesa, gostaria de pedir a atenção de todos para uma mudança que houve no rito da celebração da missa, especificamente no ato penitencial. Ao invés de dizer por minha culpa duas vezes, agora temos que repetir três vezes. Estávamos a dizer: "por minha culpa, minha tão grande culpa". E agora vamos estar a dizer: "por minha culpa, minha culpa, minha tão grande culpa". Obrigado pela compreensão e amizade.

**Welcome!** – On Sunday, September 10, 2023, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will welcome two new members into God's family: Benjamin Ryan Fonseca, son of Ryan and Megan Fonseca, and godson of Sara Almeida and Brian Almeida, and Ayden Salim Salloum, son of Salim Salloum and Amanda Salloum, and godson of Shawn DaLuz. We offer our sincerest congratulations to their parents and godparents.

**Bem-vindo!** – No domingo, 10 de setembro de 2023, após as 10h30. Na missa, vamos receber dois novos membros da família de Deus: Benjamin Ryan Fonseca, filho de Ryan e Megan Fonseca, e afilhado de Sara Almeida e Brian Almeida, e Ayden Salim Salloum, filho de Salim Salloum e Amanda Salloum, e afilhado de Shawn DaLuz. Damos os nossos mais sinceros parabéns aos seus pais e padrinhos.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – September 9 (St. Peter Claver)**

**4:30PM - Rosary**

**5:00PM** – Natalie Cardoza, Maria R. Pacheco, Humberto Pacheco, David R. Pacheco, Manuel Serpa, Jeanne Bonvalet Serpa, Kenneth Medeiros, Sr., Manuel and Mariana F. Carreiro, Carlos Placido, Maria Jose Oliveira, David Coroa

**Sunday – September 10 (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**7:30AM** – Amancio Pires, Jose DeMelo Botelho, Maria Ines Medeiros Botelho, Suzanna Lopes, Celia Wilson, Raul Machado, Fernando Raposo, Floriberta Raposo, Jeff Neves, Juvencio Raposo, John Paul Rego, Conceicao Botelho

**9:00AM** – Kevin Almeida, Luis and Henriqueta Araujo, Maria and Guilherme Milhomens, Artur and Ofelia Medeiros, Delia and Albano Correia, Manuel M. Medeiros, Maria R. Medeiros, Carlos R. Medeiros, John Paul Medeiros, Maria Santo Cristo Correia, Manuel Correia

**10:30AM** – Manuel Tavares, Sr., Olivia Tavares, John M. Sylvia, Manuel and Maria Lourdes Aguiar, Carlos Manuel Aguiar, Arthur and Maria Perry, Richard Rego, Roy DeMello, Antonio and Conceicao DeMello

**2:30PM – Rosary**

**3:00PM** – Mass for the Elderly and the Sick with the Sacrament of Anointing (**Readings will be in Portuguese**)

**Monday– September 11 (Readings will be in Portuguese)**

**6:30PM – Rosary**

**7:00PM** – Maria de Jesus Labao

**Tuesday – September 12 (The Most Holy Name of Mary) (Readings will be in English)**

**6:30PM - Rosary**

**7:00PM** – Augustus and Isabel Alves, Charles and Mary Byrnes, Manuel and Mary Silveira

**Wednesday – September 13 (Saint John Chrysostom) (Readings will be in Portuguese)**

**6:30PM - Rosary**

**7:00PM** – Angela and Anthony Lima, Judith and Frank Brown, Jr., Sylvestre B. and Lorraine M. Sousa, Manuel Brum, Madalena Brum

**Thursday – September 14 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross) (Readings will be in English)**

**6:30PM - Rosary**

**7:00PM** – Pro Populo

**Friday – September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows) (Readings will be in Portuguese)**

**6:30PM – Rosary**

**7:00PM** – Mary Gomes, Jose Matias, Jr., Alberto Pissarra, Americo Pissarra, Eduarda Pissarra, Elba Santos

**Saturday – September 16 (Saints Cornelius and Cyprian) (Readings will be in English)**

**4:30PM - Rosary**

**5:00PM** – John and Julia Sousa, Patricia Scalera, Silvana, Joao, and Anibal Germano, Isabel and Jose Ponte, Marcilina and Francisco Medeiros, David Coroa, Maria Miranda, James R. Wilson, Robert S. Francis

**Sunday – September 17 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**9:00AM (Portuguese)** – Evaristo Afonso, Carlos Oliveira, Paulo Tavares, Mario Raposo, Joao Ferreira, Christopher Medeiros, Antonio and Maria Silveira, Jose and Filomena Avila, Silvino Avila, Jose Avila, Maria Alice Faria and Jose Correia, Humberto DaSilva, Natalia Harkeroad, Lucilia Medeiros, Lucie Cabral, Tomas and Conceicao DaRosa, Joseph and Cecil Rego, Gilbert Botelho, Caren Fenster, Nathan Correia, Raul Cordeiro, Manuel and Espirito Santo Cordeiro, Maria Santo Cristo and Manuel Correia, Jose Correia

**10:30AM (English)** – Jose Cabral, Lionel Teixeira, Bruce Lima, Elizabeth Lima, Jose Leste, Luis Augusto Medeiros, Etelvina Medeiros, Daniel John Pacheco, Manuel Alves Moreira, Gilberto and Maria Rita Cabral, Francisco and Maria Celeste Avila, Gilverto Costa, David Morais, Alberto Vierling (Procession will immediately follow this Mass)

*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  
***Joseph Vargas, Jr.***

**Stewardship – Time, Talent & Treasure**

Weekly Budget, September 3 - \$4,602.50

E-Giving, September 5 - \$212.18

Thank you!

Obrigado!

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**2023 Annual Collection for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund**

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their “retirement.” At Masses on September 16-17, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit [www.srpriestri.com](http://www.srpriestri.com). Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.

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