

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

220 E Blancke St., Linden, NJ 07036

Ordinary
Time

*January
24, 2021
&
January
31, 2021*



“SPREAD LOVE
EVERYWHERE
YOU GO.”

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

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Mass Intentions

Third Week of Ordinary Time | Jan. 24 - 30, 2021

- **Saturday - January 23rd**
4:00 pm Rosalie Bosco
Walter Chernobay
Anna Lake
- **Sunday - January 24th**
8:00 am Elizabeth & Paul Fuchs
10:00 am Joao & Lurdes Vieira
12:00 pm Rosalira Calandra
- **Monday - January 25th (Conversion of St. Paul)**
8:00 am People of the Parish
12:05 pm Special Intentions for the Paratransit Staff
- **Tuesday - January 26th (Sts. Timothy & Titus)**
8:00 am Angelina "Dolly" Madorma - Sterio
12:05 pm Special Intention for the Panchenko Family
- **Wednesday - January 27th**
8:00 am Anthony Mantuano
12:05 pm Michael Barna Jr.
- **Thursday - January 28th (St. Thomas Aquinas)**
8:00 am Thomas H. Crowhurst
12:05 pm Francisco Villani
- **Friday - January 29th**
8:00 am John Orak
12:05 pm Mildred Brown
- **Saturday - January 30th**
12:05pm Remigio S. Savellano (Birthday)

Fourth Week of Ordinary Time | Jan. 31 - Feb 6, 2021

- **Saturday - January 30th**
4:00 pm Joseph Angelo Failla
- **Sunday - January 31st**
8:00 am Francisco Villani
10:00 am Rev. Arthur B. Schute
12:00 pm Babe Sheridan
- **Monday - February 1st**
8:00 am People of the Parish
12:05 pm Michael Barna, Jr.
- **Tuesday - February 2nd (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)**
8:00 am Mrs. Nickilson
12:05 pm Thomas Roman
- **Wednesday - February 3rd (St. Blaise)**
8:00 am Joyce A. Walker
12:05 pm Larry Palys
- **Thursday - February 4th**
8:00 am Eugeniusz Pietrzyk
12:05 pm Robert Skae
- **Friday - February 5th (St. Agatha)**
8:00 am Vidala Banzon
12:05 pm Jack Talabisco
3:00 pm First Friday Holy Hour
- **Saturday - February 6th**
12:05pm Book of Remembrance Living & Deceased Intentions
Hana Taouss - Birthday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Feb. 6 - 7, 2021

- **Saturday—February 6th**
4:00 pm Mary Orak
John F. & Marie Bednar
Special Intentions for Anna Lake
- **Sunday—February 7th**
8:00 am Martin Rudnicki
10:00 am Stephanie Kaminski
12:00 pm Thomas H. Crowhurst

Memorials

Week of January 24, 2021

Sanctuary Lamp
Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory

Week of January 31, 2021

Sanctuary Lamp
Mary & Charles Meszaros



Financial News

Offertory Collections — January 3rd
Deposit/Donations - \$3,566.00

Offertory Collections — January 10th
Deposit/Donations - \$3,749.00
Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget \$ 3,800

Online, E-Giving Donations “We Share”
October, November & December Donations
Sundays - \$ 3,362.50
Christmas - \$ 350.00
Heat - \$ 507.00
Assessment - \$ 115.00

Our online giving platform:
<https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/>

Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes
Offset Winter Heating Bill \$ 120.00
Offset Diocesan Tax/Assessment \$ 640.00

Christmas 2020 Donations (total to date) \$ 14,426
Budgeted Goal for Christmas Donations \$ 18,000

2021 Cardinal’s Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 29,000

For those who might have been away or didn’t get a chance to send in your Christmas envelope, donations can still be made through the end of January.

After our Finance Council meets at the end of January, we will give you a 6-month report on our finances as we will be half-way through our fiscal year. Your financial commitment to the mission of our parish is inspiring. Please know that we take every donation no matter how big or small to St. Elizabeth’s with the appreciation and gratitude it deserves.

This year’s Cardinal’s Appeal has begun. Please give as generously as your means allow in order that we might meet our goal.

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, we encourage you to continue to support the parish in one of two ways: either mail your donation in an envelope containing your regular weekly envelope or consider using our online giving platform: <https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/>



2020 End of Year Tax Statements

Due to recent changes in tax laws, most taxpayers have automatic deduction amounts for things like charitable donations and general expenses. As a result, end of year statements for parishioners has become unnecessary for the majority of donors. If you or your accountant still requires an end of year tax statement from our parish we will be more than happy to provide it to you upon request.

Otherwise, the parish would like to save the unnecessary postage expense for our budget. Please contact the parish office if you require a 2020 end of year tax donation statement, otherwise please be advised that no automatic statements will be mailed going forward. If you utilize our online giving process you can login to your account and download your statement directly from their website. If you have any questions please contact Dennis in the office and he will be happy to assist you.

the 2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

This year’s Annual Appeal has begun. Our parish goal is \$29,000. Good news -anything the parish receives above the goal comes back to the parish 100%. Bad news – this year anything short of our goal will have to be made up through our parish budget in 2022. Please give generously.

Thank you!



Pope Francis Declares “Year of St. Joseph”

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church.

Pope Francis said he was establishing the year so that “every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God’s will.”

Here’s what you need to know about the Year of St. Joseph:

Why does the Church have years dedicated to specific topics?

The Church observes the passage of time through the liturgical calendar - which includes feasts such as Easter and Christmas, and seasons such as Lent and Advent. In addition, however, popes can set aside time for the Church to reflect more deeply on a specific aspect of Catholic teaching or belief. Past years designated by recent popes include a Year of Faith, Year of the Eucharist, and Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Why did the Pope declare a year of St. Joseph?

In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

“Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph’s role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, “Our world today needs fathers.”

When does the Year of St. Joseph begin and end?

The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.



What special graces are available during this year?

As Catholics pray and reflect on the life of St. Joseph throughout the coming year, they also have opportunities to gain a plenary indulgence, or remission of all temporal punishment due to sin. An indulgence can be applied to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory.

An indulgence requires a specific act, defined by the Church, as well as sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayer for the pope’s intentions, and full detachment from sin.

Special indulgences during the Year of St. Joseph can be received through more than a dozen different prayers and actions, including praying for the unemployed, entrusting one’s daily work to St. Joseph, performing a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or meditating for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer.

Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Catholics do not worship saints, but ask for their heavenly intercession before God and seek to imitate their virtues here on earth. The Catholic Church honors St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. He is invoked as the patron saint of the Universal Church. He is also the patron of workers, father, and a happy death.

Announcing the Dates for Ash Wednesday & Easter 2021

Before the invention of the printing press the Church used to formally announce the date for Easter on the Feast of the Epiphany in a proclamation.

While we don’t do anything so formal anymore, we did feel it important to let everyone know the dates for Lent and Easter this year. Ash Wednesday will be February 17, 2021 and Easter Sunday will be April 4, 2021.

Free Covid-19 Testing at St. Elizabeth’s on Tuesday Afternoons

Hudson Medical Plaza has approached our parish to be a site for free Covid-19 testing. Every 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month (for the foreseeable future) between the hours of 2-4pm anyone in the community can have a nasal swab test done in the basement of the Church and the results will be emailed to them within 48 hours.

Because Union County is one of the harder hit counties in the State, testing is one way to lower the spread of the virus and is being offered for free. Those interested should call the main office and reserve a time (15-minute intervals) and come with your mask on keeping six feet distance on any line you may experience. Historically, most of those tested did so in less than 15 minutes.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jan 24, 2021

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into.



Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jan. 31, 2021

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent.



He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed. ©LPi

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Current Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4PM = Anticipatory Mass for Sunday

Sundays: 8AM = Sunday Mass
10AM = Sunday Mass
12noon = Sunday Mass

Also live streamed for those at home on our Facebook:
“St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church - Linden NJ”



Parish Contact Information

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