

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

220 E Blancke St., Linden, NJ 07036

Ordinary  
Time

*February  
7, 2021  
&  
February  
14, 2021*



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# Mass Intentions

## Fifth Week of Ordinary Time | Feb. 7-13, 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
- **Monday - February 8th**  
8:00 am Special Intentions for  
David A. Parrilla  
12:05 pm People of the Parish
- **Tuesday - February 9th**  
8:00 am Anthony Locacio  
12:05 pm Special Intentions for Mary,  
Meredith, Virginia, & Donna
- **Wednesday - February 10th**  
8:00 am Mary Sakson  
12:05 pm Margaret Wojtala
- **Thursday - February 11th**  
8:00 am Eugeniusz Pietrzyk  
12:05 pm Angelita Corales  
for Good Health
- **Friday - February 12th**  
8:00 am John & Mary Kুক্তik  
12:05 pm Joseph Toporowski
- **Saturday - February 13**  
12:05pm Alejandra (Dandy) Tesoro

## Sixth Week of Ordinary Time | Feb. 14 - Feb 21, 2021

- **Saturday - February 13th**  
4:00 pm Gorski Family  
Rosanne Pezzella
- **Sunday - February 14th**  
8:00 am Golian & Valvano Family  
10:00 am Emily Slodziak  
12:00 pm Otilia & Lora Esteves
- **Monday - February 15th (President's Day)**  
10:00 am People of the Parish
- **Tuesday - February 16th**  
8:00 am Roel Banzon  
12:05 pm Kevin Sheehan
- **Wednesday - February 17th (Ash Wednesday)**  
8:00 am John Orak  
12:05 pm John K. Orak  
7:00 pm Michele A. Nydegger
- **Thursday - February 18th**  
8:00 am Rev. William L. Gyure  
12:05 pm Joseph C. Guzzi
- **Friday - February 19th**  
8:00 am Rosalie D'Andrea  
12:05 pm Robert J. Meyer  
Stations of the Cross after Mass
- **Saturday - February 20th**  
12:05pm Rev. Charles A. Reinbold

## First Sunday of Lent | Feb. 20 - 21, 2021

- **Saturday - February 20th**  
4:00 pm Bernie Verneer
- **Sunday - February 21st**  
8:00 am Joyce A. Walker  
Vicente Guerrero  
10:00 am Special Intentions for  
Mary E. Brown  
Catherine & Frank Polacik  
12:00 pm Thanksgiving for  
Good Health

### Memorials

#### Week of February 7, 2021

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Ramon Henry & Yvonne  
Castillo (for their Marriage)*

#### Week of February 14, 2021

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Erik Charles & Stefanie  
Cruz (for their Marriage)*



## Financial News

**Offertory Collections — January 17th**  
Deposit/Donations - \$ 3,553.00

**Offertory Collections — January 10th**  
Deposit/Donations - \$ 3,704.00  
**Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget \$ 3,800**

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**Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes**  
Offset Winter Heating Bill \$ 1,379.00  
Offset Diocesan Tax/Assessment \$ 30.00

Christmas 2020 Donations (total to date) \$ 18,261  
**Budgeted Goal for Christmas Donations \$ 18,000**

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

We thank those of you who made your Christmas donation and enabled us to reach our budgeted goal for this year. Last year’s Christmas collection was almost \$21,000 but the Finance Council readjusted this year’s budget realizing the decline in Mass attendance due to the Pandemic.

At the Finance Council meeting on January 25th, they examined the 6-month report. While all collections are down from a year ago they are on or over the newly Covid-revised budget. Utilities are also under where they were a year ago as there are no regular meetings taking place. As a result, the lower expenses are helping our parish budget. In the next edition we will give you an update on the school building.

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.

*Thank you!*



## Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag at SEHP

Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in Manaoag, Pangasinan in the Philippines. The ivory and silver image of the Virgin Mary with the child Jesus dates back from the 16th century. It was brought to the Philippines from Spain via the Manila galleon trade from Mexico. Documents dating back to 1610 attest that a young man walking home heard a mysterious female voice. He looked around and saw on a cloud-veiled treetop an apparition of the Virgin Mary, holding a rosary in her right hand and the Child Jesus in her left arm.

The Virgin Mary told the young man to build a church for her on the hilltop site of the apparition. A church was built in her honor and a town quickly flourished around it and was called 'Manaoag'. Today, her shrine still stands on that very spot and is a major pilgrimage site in the Philippines. Known as the Patroness of the sick, helpless and needy, devotees invoke her intercession and thousands flock to her shrine.

Miracles attributed to the Lady of Manaoag are widespread and well-known. Pope Pius XI granted a Canonical Coronation to the image on April 22, 1926 while Pope Benedict XVI raised her sanctuary in the Philippines in equal indulgences to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on June 21, 2011. This is in recognition of the innumerable miracles that have occurred within the over 400 years of the shrine inspiring greater devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag. On February 17, 2015, the Shrine of the Rosary of Manaoag was elevated to a minor basilica.

Across thousands of miles, in New Jersey, the devotion to the Lady of Manaoag began as a private devotional group. In the last 20 years, the group traveled far and wide to bring the Lady of Manaoag to families – most specially the sick and needy. The group was embraced by Our Lady of Fatima (OLF) Church in Piscataway through Fr. Paul DaSilva and was named Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of Manaoag in 2018. When the Society was dissolved in September 2020, the Devotees of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag New Jersey (DOLRM-NJ) was established in its place with the guidance provided by the Minor Basilica of the Holy Rosary of MANAOAG in the Philippines – continuing the affiliation with Basilica that began in 2018.

DOLRM-NJ aims to propagate and promote the devotion and reverence to Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag among the faithful. The organization's vision is to build a fellowship of men and women answering the 'call' of the Our Lady of Manaoag to know her, make her known and to inspire in others a sincere love for the devotion.

The search for the proper home for Our Lady of Manaoag in New Jersey has not been easy. Several plans to create a shrine for her never materialized despite the support of both clergy and her devotees. Like the apparition to the young man, the Lady of Manaoag wishes to choose her home and has guided her faithful followers to St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Linden. Due to the collaboration of St. Elizabeth and the Devotees of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag New Jersey (DOLRM-NJ), the construction of the shrine in St. Elizabeth has been completed.

As one enters the vestibule, there is a Shrine with Our Lady of the Rosary of MANAOAG standing in its full splendor that greets the church goer. A life size replica of the Lady of Manaoag image has been commissioned by the Minor Basilica and will be enshrined at St. Elizabeth for the veneration of her devotees and pilgrims, both near and far. The shrine in St. Elizabeth will be the first shrine of Our Lady of Manaoag in the US that is affiliated with the Minor Basilica in the Philippines. The first celebration of the Lady's feast has been planned for the fourth Sunday of October 2021.



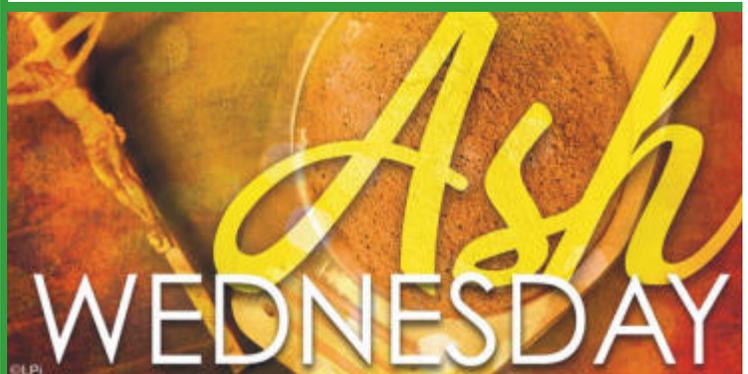
It is worthy to note that in this time of pandemic the Devotees of Our Lady of the Rosary of MANAOAG have been unceasingly asking for her intercession. Miracles like healing, employment requests, family problems, successful board examinations have been granted.

Manaoag. A word that means "to call". The Lady of Manaoag has called and found her home.

## 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.



## Ash Wednesday & Easter 2021

*Ash Wednesday will be February 17, 2021 and  
Easter Sunday will be April 4, 2021.*

# GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Feb. 7, 2021

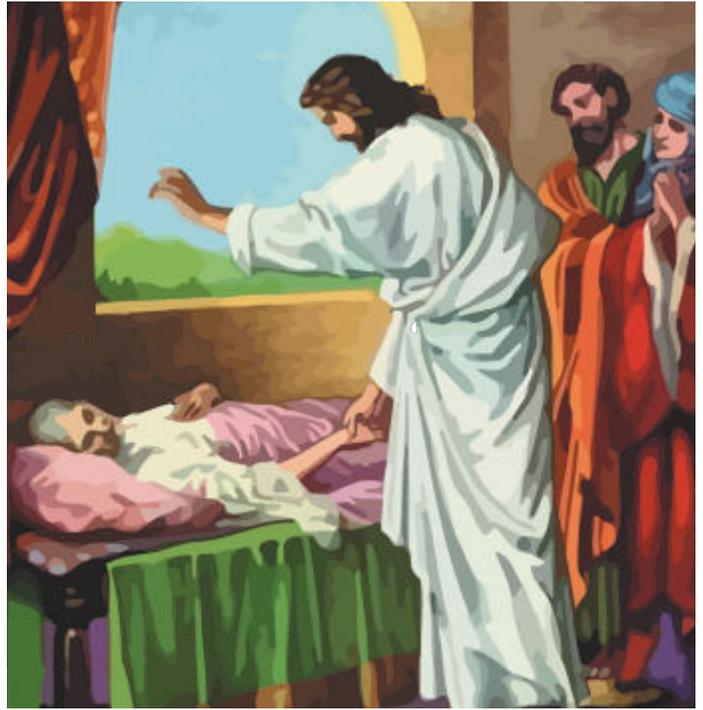
If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive.

Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us.

We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine



healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence.

Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities.

When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be. ©LPi

***We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love.***

# GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Feb. 14, 2021

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized.

Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them.

How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table.



This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice.

Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess.

It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision. ©LPI

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## Current Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4PM = Anticipatory Mass for Sunday

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

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## Parish Contact Information

### Rectory Address

179 Husa Street

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday to Friday (9AM-1PM)

### Phone (General Queries)

908-486-2514  
908-403-1513 (Emergency)

### Religious Education

908-486-2514  
(Coordinated by Tanya Grissett)  
(x215)

### Parish Email

SEHPLinden@gmail.com

### Parish Website

<http://www.sainteonline.org/>

### STAFF

#### Pastor

Rev. Edgardo P. Jocson (Fr. Ed)  
(x202)

#### Deacon

John Bejgrowicz

#### Receptionist

Ann Marie Bednar  
(x201)

#### Volunteer Administrative Assistant

Donna “Doll” Vilchinsky  
(x203)

#### Maintenance Director

Pablo Hernandez  
(x216)

#### Rectory Assistant

Lidia Marin

#### Bookkeeper

Lizeth Amaya  
(x205)

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