



St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

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2021 & March
28, 2021*

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Mass Intentions

Fifth Week of Lent | March 21-27, 2021

- **Saturday - March 20th**
4:00 pm Marie Bednar
Anna Lake
- **Sunday - March 21st**
8:00 am Sister Ann Pressler, SC
10:00 am Matthew Valvano
12:00 pm Antonio Pedra
- **Monday - March 22nd**
8:00 am Rudolph Lewis
12:05 pm
- **Tuesday - March 23rd**
8:00 am Rev. Joseph Doran, SDB
12:05 pm Rev. John Gridsell
- **Wednesday - March 24th**
8:00 am Joan Marconi
12:05 pm Helen M. Ryan
- **Thursday - March 25th**
8:00 am John Gwiszcz
12:05 pm Open for Intention
- **Friday - March 26th**
8:00 am Alejandro Ancheta
12:05 pm Open for Intention
- **Saturday - March 27th**
12:05pm Jeffrey Mendoza
Chona & Adolph Pinckney

Fifth Week of Lent | Mar. 28-Apr. 3, 2021

- **Saturday - March 27th**
4:00 pm Maria (Failla) Ferretti
- **Sunday - March 28th**
8:00 am Jay Guzzi
10:00 am Douglas Banzon
12:00 pm Special Intention for
Hengesbaugh Family
- **Monday - March 29th**
8:00 am People of the Parish
12:05 pm Irene & Leo Sticinski
- **Tuesday - March 30th**
8:00 am Alejandro Ancheta
12:05 pm Doris Handschuh
- **Wednesday - March 31st**
8:00 am Open for Intention
12:05 pm Open for Intention
- **Thursday - April 1st (Holy Thursday)**
8:00 am Tenebrae
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **Friday - April 2nd (Good Friday)**
8:00 am Tenebrae
3:00 pm Lord's Passion, Veneration
of the Cross, Communion
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- **Saturday - April 3rd (Holy Saturday)**
8:00 am Tenebrae
12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Foods
8:00 pm The Easter Vigil
- **Sunday - April 4th (Easter Sunday)**
8:00 am Easter Remembrances
10:00 am Easter Remembrances
12:00 pm Easter Remembrances

Memorials

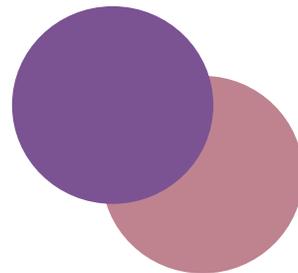


Week of March 21, 2021

*Altar Candles/Altar
Bread & Wine and
Sanctuary Lamp
Available for Intentions*

Week of March 28, 2021

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Holy Week Schedule 2021



Holy Thursday - April 1, 2021

8:00am - Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning “darkness or shadows” and is prayer time during the end of Holy Week leading to the Easter Vigil. It is both simple and beautiful.

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Thursday, at sundown, the Church begins the Sacred Triduum and this liturgy draws us toward “the cross of Christ” through the scriptures, through the mandatum or washing of the feet, which is the direct expression of our service to one another and the world, through the Eucharistic banquet itself.

Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

People are welcome to visit the Church until midnight and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in the Tabernacle. This is the night Jesus prayed fervently in the Garden of Gethsemane. We continue to watch and pray throughout the Triduum.



Good Friday - April 2, 2021

8:00am - Tenebrae Service

12:00pm Noon - Church is open for private prayer and walking the Stations of the Cross privately (masks still required)

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

There are three distinct movements to this liturgy. Each movement points to the Resurrection and transformation that comes through the cross – Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

7:30pm - Communal Praying of the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross remind us of Christ’s painful journey from Pontius Pilate to Calvary. The actual places in Jerusalem are still walked and prayed in the Via Delorosa.



Holy Saturday - April 3, 2021

8:00am - Tenebrae Service

12:00pm Noon - Blessing of Easter Foods

This is one of the most enduring and beloved Eastern European traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday.

8:00pm - The Easter Vigil

This celebration of new life is the pinnacle of the Church’s liturgical calendar. Due to the pandemic, our parish has no adults for Baptism, so the Bishop’s have granted permission for parishes like ours to abbreviate this normally extensive Mass so it will seem more like a regular Easter Liturgy in length.



Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

8:00am – Easter Liturgy

10:00am – Easter Liturgy

12:00pm – Easter Liturgy

With Cantor and Trumpeter we will rejoice in the mystery of our faith that there is no dying without a rising. Come and add your Alleluia!

Financial News

Offertory Collections -February 28th

Deposit/Donations - \$ 3,807.58

Offertory Collections - March 7th

Deposit/Donations - \$ 3,746.00

Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget \$ 3,800

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<https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/>

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Offset Winter Heating Bill \$ 1,159.00

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Easter Flowers\$ 688.00



Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

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

Pledged to Date: \$ 20,133

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

Notes On This Year's Annual Appeal

- 100% of money collected over our goal comes back to the parish for our budget.
- Every parish who reaches their goal will receive a 2% reduction of the next year's assessment (tax of our collection income)
- If a parish does not reach their goal, the difference will be included as a payment to the Archdiocese in the net year's budget.

LINDEN FOOD PANTRY (L.I.N.C.S.)

The volunteers and staff at LINCS truly appreciate the support we receive from the parishioners of St. Elizabeth's parish during these unprecedented times. Your weekly donations of food have helped many families who are food insecure.

If you would like to donate food, there are several items of which we are in dire need: coffee, tea, large canned soups (Progresso, Campbells, etc.), dry soup mixes, ramen noodles, rice, fruit juices, all kinds of pasta, canned vegetables such as corn, green beans, peas, carrots, and mixed vegetables, and boxed or bottles drinks.

Also, if you can't donate food but would like to assist us, we do accept monetary donations. You can make out a check to LINCS and mail it to LINCS, 14 W Munsell Ave, Linden, NJ 07036. Please be advised that we cannot accept clothing, vitamins, medications, partially used or open food or food that has been repackaged.

If you or someone you know needs food, please contact us at 908-925-2523. Thank you again and may God bless you for your generosity.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Now that adults are starting to get fully vaccinated our parish is looking to start up again the outreach to those who are sick and homebound.

If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound at this time, please contact the parish office at 908-486-2514 or email Gigi Livolsi at gigikrisak@gmail.com





GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Mar. 21, 2021

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly.

Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God.

For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension

to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness.

We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within.

As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes. ©LPi

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Passion/Palm Sunday: Mar. 28, 2021

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator.

Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve.

We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise?

We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history?

A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be.

How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©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:
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