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Senior's Valentine Celebration

A "Loving" Time Was Had by All"



Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022 & February 27, 2022

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Mass Intentions

7th Week of Ordinary Time February 20 – February 26, 2022

Saturday 4:00 pm February 19th
Grace Olesinski
Susan Pakos

Sunday February 20th

8:00 am Humberto Molero (1st Anniv) Sr. Ellen McMahon, OP

10:00am Theresa Moccio 12:00nn Amelia Lao

Monday February 21st (President's Day)

10:00 am Susan Pakos

Tuesday February 22nd 8:00 am People of the Parish 2020

12:05 pm People of the Parish 2020 Anthony Coppolecchia

Wednesday February 23rd 8:00 am Project Babies in

8:00 am Project Babies in Womb 12:05 pm Sr. Anita Charles Marcellis, SC

Thursday February 24th 8:00 am Rev. Eugene Diurczak 12:05 pm Manny Fernandez

Friday February 25th 8:00 am Patricia Ann Prossick 12:05 pm Rose Ribaudo (Health)

Saturday February 26th 12:05 pm Sr. Agnes Gregory Craig, SC 8th Week of Ordinary Time February 27 – March 5, 2022

Saturday February 26th
4:00 pm Bernice Verneer
Robert Drechsel
Ann & Frank Borowicz, Sr.

Sunday February 27th 8:00 am Nucenzio Pirozzoli

10:00 am Rosanna Pezzella 12:00nn Funzy Noviello & Tarry Noviello Harri

Terry Noviello Harris

Monday February 28th 8:00 am People of the Parish 12:05 pm Tom O'Brien

Tuesday March 1st

8:00 am S.I for Eder Assuncao

12:05 pm Tom O'Brien

Wednesday March 2nd (Ash Wednesday) 8:00 am Armon & Palmieri Families

12:05 pm Robert Quinn 7:00 pm David Roome Copp

Thursday March 3rd

8:00 am Sr. Mary McGuiness, OP 12:05 pm Deacon Stan Fedison

Friday March 4th 8:00 am Regina Gwiszcz 12:05 pm Mary Joyce Sampson

Saturday March 5th

12:05 pm Book of Remembrances

Memorials

Week of February 13, 2022

Altar Candles *Susan Pakos*

Week of February 20, 2022

Available for Intentions

Week of February 27, 2022

Sanctuary Lamp Susan Pakos Altar Candles Robert Quinny



Financial News



Offertory Collections

January 30th Deposit/Donations \$3,064.00* (snow)

February 6th Deposit/Donations \$4,797.72 Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget \$4,150.00

Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes

Offset Heating Expense \$ 1,136.00 Offset Archdiocesan Assessment (Tax on Collections) \$ 685.00

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

Parish News

Annual Appeal

2022 Cardinal Tobin's Goal for St. Elizabeth: \$30,000

The 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is underway.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal?

Notes On the Annual Appeal

- 100% of money collected over our goal comes back to the parish for our 70th Anniversary Restoration Projects.
- 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 next year's budget.



Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022

The beginning of our Lenten Journey is celebrated this year on March 2nd.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at **8:00am**, **12:05pm** & **7:00pm**. Ashes will be distributed after the homily.

A brief service and distribution of ashes will be held at 4:00pm.

We invite all to join us!















February 9th St. Valentine Mass & Luncheon

Fifty-Eight (58) Seniors of our parish gathered on February 9th in anticipation of St. Valentine's Day. Songs at the Mass included, "If we only have love, What the world needs now is love sweet love, & Let there be peace on earth."

Then, a delicious luncheon was celebrated in the lower Church Hall with dishes like Chicken Francese, Beef Stew and Lasagna.

Of course, the highlight was the musical stylings of our own Fr. Ed. Those attending were serenaded with Elvis, Frank, Neil & many more classics. If you missed out, have no fear.

Please join us on March 16th for our St. Patrick Gathering!







Gospel Meditations

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

(All Masses open to the public.)

Saturdays 4:00 PM Anticipatory Mass for Sunday

Sundays 8:00 AM Sunday Mass 10:00 AM Sunday Mass* 12:00 Noon Sunday Mass

*Also live streamed for those at home on our Facebook and Youtube: "St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church - Linden Nj"





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