

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

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# Easter Season

April 17, 2022 & April 24, 2022

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### Mass Intentions

#### First Week of Easter

*April 17 – April 23, 2022* 

Saturday April 16th (Easter Vigil)

8:00 pm Easter Intentions

Sunday April 17th

8 & 10:00am Easter Intentions 12:00 nn Easter Intentions

Monday April 18th

8:00 am People of the Parish

12:05 pm Jose Santiago & Gladys Fernandez

Tuesday April 19th 8:00 am Nancy Mancine

12:05 pm Theresa Mislan

SI Bradley & Maywood Families

Jose Santiago

Wednesday April 20th

8:00 am Elizabeth Bernadette Wojtowicz

12:05 pm Thomas Roman

Jose Santiago Nucenzio "Nate" Pirozzoli

Thursday April 21st

8:00 am Ann Kolnoski

12:05 pm Rose Ribaudo (Health & Rest)

**Jose Santiago** 

Friday April 22nd

8:00 am 2020 Project-Babies in Womb 12:05 pm John Kimock & Jose Santiago

Saturday April 23rd

12:05 pm Bobby Benkovich (2nd Anniv)

William Sandhorst

#### **Second Week of Easter**

April 24 – April 30, 2022

Saturday April 23rd

4:00 pm Walter Chernobay

Lorraine J. Bunk Vidala Banzon

7:30 pm Eulalio Tanseco

**Jose Santiago** 

Sunday April 24th

8:00 am S. I. Kuhtik Children

10:00 am Sophia & Gregory Demianczyk

12:00 nn SI for the Evans Family

Monday April 25th

8:00 am S. I. Emilia Parrilla 12:05 pm People of the Parish

Tuesday April 26th

8:00 am For the Deceased Souls in Ukraine

Rev. Msgr. Francis R. LoBianco

12:05 pm Rose Ribaudo (Health & Rest)

Wednesday April 27th

8:00 am Sr. Mary Anne Katlack SC

12:05 pm Jose Marichal

Thursday April 28th

8:00 am Rev. William J. Halbing

12:05 pm Rose Ribaudo (Health & Restor)

Friday April 29th

8:00 am Deacon Anthony Balestrieri

12:05 pm Geneviene & John Goryl

Saturday April 30th

12:05 pm Barbara O'Halloran

### Memorials

Week of April 17, 2022

Altar Candles

Sr. Evelyn Francis O.P.

**Sanctuary Lamp** *Richard C. Standing* 

**Altar Wine** 

Francesco (Tot) Villani

Week of April 24, 2022

Altar Bread

Vidala Banzon

Altar Candles
Robert Quinn

**Sanctuary Lamp** 

Clara & Charles Meszaros Jr.







### Match 16th St. Patrick's Day & Luncheon

On Wednesday, March 16th, over 100 eyes were smiling as St. Elizabeth Seniors celebrated St. Paddy's Day together with a beautiful Mass at Noon with Our Lady of Knock and the Irish Blessing and then a fabulous luncheon. We ate corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie and listened and sang to Irish melodies. Our next Senior luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 18th when we celebrate Spring and Easter. All are welcome but please rsvp to the Rectory Office.

## Financial News



#### **Offertory Collections**

March 27th Deposit/Donations	\$ 4,508.57
April 3rd Deposit/Donations	\$ 4,537.84
Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget	\$ 4,150.00

#### **Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes**

To offset Heating Expense	\$ 973.00
To offset Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 705.00
(Tax on our Sunday Collection)	

#### Online, E-Giving Donations thourgh "We Share"

Our online giving platform: <a href="https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/">https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/</a>

#### **Our Parish Easter Collection**

This year our Finance Council has budgeted as income **\$12,000** for the Easter Collection. Please be as generous as your means allow. We are always blessed by your generosity!

# 70th Anniversary Organ Refurbishing Consider a donation in memory of a loved one!

Since January, our 70-year-old Pipe Organ has been undergoing a major refurbishing and renovation by the Peragallo Organ Co. The pipes and all its parts have been removed from the loft and what you hear now is a temporary electronic organ with speakers. The beginning steps of reinstallation have begun and we expect all the pipes and organ console to be returned in all its glory at the end of the Easter season in May.

If you would like to make a gift to offset the \$200,000 expense, please contact Fr. Ed. Families might want to use this opportunity to memorialize a deceased loved one. This magnificent pipe organ will be a key part of weddings, funerals and Sunday Masses for the next 70 years.



## Parish News

#### Lenten & Easter Podcast with FRED Thursdays 7:00 – 7:50pm Living Joy – 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Everyday 7:00 – 7:45pm

Continuing Thursday evenings, FRED (Fr. Ed) will lead a 45-minute Podcast on the Chris Stefanick book, "Living Joy." Each week FRED will have a different guest from the community on the Podcast to discuss a chapter of the book. Complimentary books are available from the parish at the entrances of the Church. FRED's guests are local people who will share their story of joy. You can access the Podcast off the parish Facebook page and parish website – <a href="https://www.sehplinden.org">www.sehplinden.org</a>

#### New 7:30pm Saturday Evening Anticipatory Mass in Spanish

Comienzo de Misas in Español - Todos los Sabados a las 7:30pm

On March 6th St. Elizabeth's began offering a Saturday evening 7:30pm Mass in Spanish. We welcome anyone to join us for this liturgy but especially for those whose primary language is Spanish. Bienvenidos!

#### **Family Faith Religious Education Monthly Program**

Did you know St. Elizabeth no longer runs a weekly CCD classroom model of Religious Education? Instead, the whole family comes together once a month after Sunday Mass from 11am to 1pm to learn about our Catholic faith. They join with other families to break open God's Word and then to learn about an important aspect of Jesus' teaching within the Catholic tradition. Each age group goes into an age-appropriate break out session and comes back together to share pizza and what they've learned. The other 3 weeks of the month the family tries as best they can to live what they've learned. This is now one process for First Communion Prep, Confirmation Prep and annual religious education. What happens to our faith in the home matters!

# 2022-23 Worldwide Catholic Synod What is it?

Pope Francis has called the entire worldwide Catholic Community in a dialogue called "Synod." He has called for Listening Sessions about the future direction of the Church. St. Elizabeth has been conducting surveys and formal listening sessions over the past months. If you would like set up a meeting to share your story and journey with one of our parish leaders please call the rectory office and ask for Dennis.



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# Gospel Meditations

#### Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

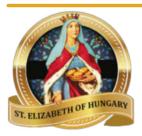
Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

# **2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy** *April 24, 2022*

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"



#### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

(All Masses open to the public.)

Saturdays 4:00 PM Anticipatory Mass for Sunday 7:30 PM Anticipatory Mass en Espanol

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"





# Parish Contact Information

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