



3<sup>rd</sup>

## SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

April 26th, 2020

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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## Mass Intentions

April 25, 2020 - May 2, 2020

### Third Week of Easter

#### Saturday—April 25th

4:00 pm Rosanna Pezzella ~ mom & dad

#### Sunday—April 26th

8:00 am Kevin Sheehan ~ Richard & Donna Borowicz  
10:00 am Anthony Lordi Jr. ~ wife, Eileen & family  
12:00 pm Thomas Walker ~ Joyce & family

#### Monday—April 27th

8:00 am Paz Gopez ~ Che Tolentino  
12:05 pm Rosewynne D. DeGuzman (Birthday) ~ Ranier Diego

#### Tuesday—April 28th

8:00 am People of the Parish  
12:05 pm Eleanor Mahasky (living) ~ Nancy Mahasky

#### Wednesday—April 29th

*Triduum Prayers in Commemoration of the First Public Mass in Linden NJ*

8:00 am Eduardo Lomiguen (living) ~ Danilo & Mae Manuyag  
12:05 pm Christ Hospital Staff (living) ~ Danilo & Mae Manuyag

#### Thursday—April 30th

*Triduum Prayers in Commemoration of the First Public Mass in Linden NJ*

8:00 am Barbara O'Halloran ~ family  
12:05 pm Dr. Deo dela Cruz ~ Danilo & Mae Manuyag

#### Friday—May 1st

*Triduum Prayers in Commemoration of the First Public Mass in Linden NJ*

8:00 am Joao Loureiro ~ Suzette Cunha  
12:05 pm Margaret Fritz ~ sister, Helen

#### Saturday—May 2nd

*Anniversary of the First Public Mass in Linden, NJ (May 2, 1909)*

12:05pm Living & Deceased Intentions ~ Book of Remembrance

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday—May 2nd

*Celebration of the Anniversary of the First Public Mass in Linden, NJ (May 2, 1909)*

4:00 pm Mary Orak – Debbie Orak

#### Sunday—May 3rd

*Celebration of the Anniversary of the First Public Mass in Linden NJ (May 2, 1909)*

8:00 am Helen Ryan ~ daughter, Sandra  
10:00 am Ritza Garone. ~ Jim & Kathleen Reinhard  
12:00 pm Terry (Noviello) Harris ~ mom & family

## Gospel Reflection

### Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

What does it take for our eyes to be opened?

Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

## Stewardship of Treasure

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be."  
Matthew 6:21

### Offertory Deposits

Sunday Envelopes - no deposit this week

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## Lighter Side - What Next?

A pastor and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting for them. "Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine, from a bowling alley to an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

"Wow, thank you," said the taxi driver. Next, St. Peter led the pastor to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. "Wait, I think you are a little mixed up," said the pastor. "Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a pastor, went to church every day, and preached God's word."

"Yes, that's true," said St. Peter. "But during your sermons, people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed."

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## SHEP Phone Brigade



## The St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish (SEHP) Phone Brigade

are a group of parish volunteers who check-in, by phone, with our parishioners (mostly those who live alone) to answer any questions, relay parish information to them and send them the prayers and compassion of their fellow parishioners. None of our volunteers will ever ask for personal information so dealing with a scammer should not be an issue. Never give personal information over the phone unless you call a trusted business.

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# **MASSES WITH MUSIC**

## **April – May 2020**

<b><u>Day / Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Mass Celebration</u></b>
Sunday (April 26)	10:00am	Third Sunday of Easter
Saturday (May 2)	12:00nn	Anniversary of the FIRST PUBLIC MASS in Linden NJ
Sunday (May 3)	10:00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Commemoration of the Anniversary of the FIRST PUBLIC MASS in Linden NJ
Sunday (May 10)	10:00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day <i>May Crowning Ceremony</i>
Wednesday (May 13)	10:00am	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima <i>Mass for the Sick</i>
Thursday (May 21)	10:00am	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
Sunday (May 24)	10:00am	Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday (May 31)	10:00am	Pentecost Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction



# MAY 2, 1909

## FIRST PUBLIC MASS in Linden NJ

The history of the Parish of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Linden, New Jersey has been narrated in the different commemorative journals of the Solemn Dedication of the newly-built church building on September 27, 1952; the Golden Jubilee on May 2, 1959; the Silver Jubilee in 1984; and the Centennial Anniversary on May 2, 2009 – the *“loving design of Divine Providence”* for the people of the community here in Linden. *“Each time a cross is placed upon a new church, the greatness of Jesus Christ is exalted, and the glory of His religion is honored. Each time a church is dedicated, the victory of Christ and the invincibility of Catholicism are decisively proclaimed.”*

The area of the City of Linden originally formed part of Rahway and Elizabeth. The region was then known as Elizabethtown, which incidentally was the first English settlement in New Jersey. On March 4, 1861, the Township of Linden was created – the township taking its name from the trees that grew along Park Avenue. Through the efforts of Ferdinand Blancke, a Borough of Linden was formed. However, the actual City of Linden came into existence, only when the Borough of Linden consolidated with the Township of Linden by a court order of April 3, 1924 and the city began to function as such on January 1, 1925.

The present-day Linden was originally salt meadows. Perhaps it was due to the nature of the soil that few of the first settlers were Catholic since many Catholic immigrants came from largely agricultural countries. More likely though, the reason for the paucity of Catholics stems from the antipathy of other settlers – for in the city of Elizabeth in 1829, only three known Catholics were registered and these, *“when their religious principles were discovered were obliged to leave, as no employment would be given them.”* – (The Catholic Church in New Jersey, by Fr. Joseph M. Flynn) The first mention of Catholics in Linden as an established group is found in the minutes of a meeting of the Trustees of the Linden Avenue School, held on June 17, 1878 where we find: *“Use of the School Hall granted the Catholics of Linden for religious services on Sundays.”* – (History of Linden – Linden Public Library)

Shortly before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Catholic population of Linden amounted to no more than fourteen families. *“In the year 1895, Mr. William McDonagh, who dwelled with his family on Blancke Street at Washington Avenue ... , applied to the Bishop of Newark for permission to build a church in Linden. Noting the sparse Catholic population, the Bishop was hesitant about embarking upon such a formidable enterprise. The permission was thus reasonably denied.”* – (The Dedication Book of St. Elizabeth’s Church, Linden NJ)

In the meantime, however, *“Holy Mass was celebrated on Sundays at the McDonagh home. A Fr. Brogan was the first priest to offer Mass there. He and Fr. Terrill, both of whose services were procured through Fr. McCosker, pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Rahway, often conducted the Sunday Mass at the McDonagh residence.”* – (The Dedication Book of St. Elizabeth’s Church, Linden NJ)

Some years later, on Blancke Street, about where the Police Headquarters of Linden was situated at the time, a realty field office was vacated. The Catholics of Linden purchased this property with the intention of using the empty office as a chapel – *“a chapel which they lovingly named in honor of St. Elizabeth, the patron saint of Elizabeth McHugh, a great benefactress of this little chapel.”* – (K of C News – Linden Council – February 1959) Their efforts were crowned with God’s blessings, for on Sunday, **MAY 2, 1909, Rev. Fr. Francis Koch, OFM, CELEBRATED THE FIRST PUBLIC MASS IN LINDEN.** At the time, Fr. Koch was heading the Church Extension work in New Jersey and it had been his task as well as unique privilege to aid in the foundation of many other new parishes.



The faithful handful of people feverishly obtained the necessary furnishings for the Chapel and through the efforts of Miss Louise Clougher, an organ was obtained. Miss Garrison and Mrs. Healy were the organists. The Stations of the Cross, as well as benches and pews for the Chapel were donated by the sisters attached to St. Mary’s Church in Elizabeth.

The Chapel was dedicated by Fr. Francis Koch, OFM on October 10, 1909. An early Mass was celebrated by Fr. Francis with 43 persons in attendance. At 10 o’clock, a High Mass was sung by Fr. Anselm Kienle, OSB and an appropriate sermon delivered by Fr. A. L. Clark of St. Joseph’s, Newark.

Due to the pressure of work with the Church Extension Society and his desire to aid the foundation of many other parishes later, Fr. Francis Kock, OFM satisfied with the progress made in Linden, felt that his mission was accomplished and so arranged with the Benedictine Order to assume the spiritual care of the Catholics of Linden. The Rt. Rev. Abbot Ernest Helmstetter, OSB of St. Mary’s Abbey, High Street, Newark NJ, agreed to send one of his priests to celebrate Mass and minister to the other spiritual needs of the souls attending St. Elizabeth’s Chapel.

[Centuries before, when the great St. Francis of Assisi set out to found a new Order, he appealed to the Abbot of the local Benedictine Abbey for assistance. The Abbot in his desire to help the zealous young man, gave the Saint the now famous Portiuncula Chapel, so that the Order then in its infancy might have a Chapel in which to pray. Just as the Chapel of Assisi spread its influence under the care of the Franciscans, so too, the Chapel of Elizabeth began to mushroom under the care of the Benedictines of St. Mary's Abbey.]

The Abbot of St. Mary's nominated Fr. Meinrad Hettinger, OSB, as the first pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church. From that date (June 12, 1910), the parish has been in the charge of the Benedictine Fathers. Fr. Meinrad's years in Linden (1910-1932) were marked with magnificent success, due largely to his untiring zeal, his deep spirituality and his Christ-like love of his parishioners who responded to this love with generosity and enthusiasm.



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