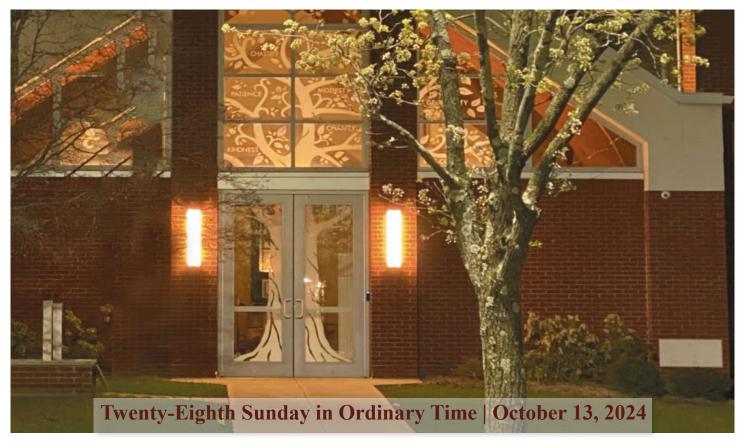


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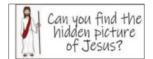
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Hello friends,

Last weekend, many of you opened up to me about the struggles you're facing, whether in your marriage or in the aftermath of a divorce. In prayer, I always ask the Holy Spirit to guide my homily, that I may serve as His instrument for those listening. It is clear that He moved the hearts of His people last week! As I mentioned, Pope Francis' message of the Church serving as a field hospital for sinners should encourage us all to seek healing and reconciliation right here at home.

As Terence Sweeney from the *National Catholic Register* writes, "Pope Francis' ecclesiology has been a great gift. The Church, as he teaches, is a field hospital on a battlefield. To see this battlefield is to know there is no pretending things are "just fine" in our spiritual life. That kind of pretending alienated me in my late teens. Such pretending makes incoherent Christ's salvific actions that are meant to bring *salvus*, healing. To speak of a field hospital is to get the order of salvation right: Learning we are sick opens us to the possibility of healing. Thus, the Church is a collection of the wounded and bandaged. Called together, we are offered healing by Christ, who "took up our infirmities and bore our sickness" (Isaiah 53:4).

If you are struggling in your marriage or suffering due to divorce, please know our doors are always open. Reach out to one of the priests or deacons—we are here to walk with you through these challenges, offering the healing we all need. You are not alone.

The USCCB also offers this resource if you need a place to start: www.ForYourMarriage.org.

Remember, Christ's healing touch is available to us all, and we are here to help you find it. Together, let us embrace His peace and the journey of healing.

God bless,

+ Deacon John

#### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

In honor of Columbus Day, there will be one Mass only at 9:00am. The Parish Center will be closed.

**Second Collection for World Mission Sunday,** Next Weekend our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on the weekend of October 19-20. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America.

**Gather the Children:** Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on October 20, November 3, 24 and December 8, during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children begin in church with their families and are invited to the chapel after the Introductory Rites. They return to the church for celebration of the Eucharist. Any adults who would like to help with "Gather the Children," may contact Donna Gormely at dgormley27@gmail.com.

**Rosary Society:** our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, at 10 am in the Elizabeth Room. Our Father Robert Burkot will be our presenter. Come and have enjoyable and enlightening morning. All women and men are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560.

**Sharing Group:** Need new interests? If you want your mornings filled with conversational prayer, spiritual and philosophical questions, and want to meet new friends, join us in the Parish Center in the St. Francis Room on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11am. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560.

**October the Month of the Rosary:** Each Monday during the month of October we will pray the rosary and hear the talk about each of Mary's apparition's.

Scan for more information





### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 12 9:00am Genevieve DeSernia **5:00pm** Patrick J. Greanev

Sunday, October 13 7:30am People of the Parish 9:00am Priests & Deacons of St. Elizabeth Church (living) 10:30am Frank, Teresa, & Sal Anello 12:00pm Peter & Maria Calvagna 6:15pm Maureen

Monday, October, 14 **9:00am** Philip Calandra (living)

Tuesday, October 15 7:00am Angela "Pat" Nassar 9:00am Gringeri & D'ura family & Friends Living/Deceased

> Wednesday, October 16 7:00am TJ Sullivan 9:00am Giuliana Ruatti

Thursday, October 17 **7:00am** The Wejnert Family 9:00am Mary, Patrick & William Jeffers

Friday, October 18 7:00am God's blessing on Dylan & Eliana Felix birthdays 9:00am Anne Guarriello -5th yr Anniv., Pompeo Galizia, Betty Smith 1st Anniv., Elizabeth A. (Betty) Smith, Thomas James, Elizabeth Smith, Rita & Ksenija Beverin, Marian Oates, Chiara Adorno, Elizabeth Smith

Saturday, October 19 9:00am T.J. Sullivan 5:00pm Tim Jones, 15th Anniversary

> Sunday, October 20 **7:30am** People of the Parish **9:00am** St. Elizabeth's Staff 10:30am Charles Breuss 12:00pm Marcello Ragogna 6:15pm Mary Laganga

#### **NEWS AND EVENTS**



**Epic Survey:** Our parish is participating in an interfaith survey for adults (18 and older) to help gauge how the pandemic has affected your faith, life, worship life and



spirituality. Please use this QR code to take the survey or this link http://bit.ly/4eiP4H8.



**Food Packathon:** Please save the date and join us again for a Parish-wide service project on November 16, from Noon to 2:30 pm to pack nutritious meals for those in desperate need in the community of Milot, Haiti where Holy Name Medical Center has a system hospital - <u>Hôpital Sacré Coeur</u>. As you may remember this

is a wonderful and fun opportunity for families, grandparents and grandchildren, Confirmation candidates and sponsors, or others looking for service hours - all are welcome.

Last year St. Elizabeth's Parish packed 60,200 meals ... this year we have increased our goal to pack 100,000 meals! Packathon meals are distributed to schools, orphanages, children, nursing mothers, the elderly, the medically compromised, and the poorest families in the Milot area.

You may register at this link or there are paper forms at the desk in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Corbett at CorbettRay@aol.com or call him at 201-675-4057.

https://www.classy.org/event/the-2024-st-elizabeths-of-hungary-parish-feeds-milot-haiti-packathon/e621442



**Priesthood Discernment Events:** The Office of Priestly Vocations is hosting two "Come & See" events for men curious about seminary life and priesthood. Young men ages 14-21 and their parents are invited to St. Andrew's College Seminary on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 5-7 p.m.

Men ages 22-35 are invited to Immaculate Conception Seminary on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Please share this flyer through all communication channels and encourage young men in your community to attend. Contact 973-313-6190 or newarkpriest@rcan.org for more information.

Catholic High Schools Fall Open Houses: The following Catholic high school open houses have been scheduled:

Don Bosco Prep on October 20, form 1-3pm. RSVP at donboscoprep.org to secure your spot. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Immaculate Heart Academy-Sunday, October 20, 11:00AM and Thursday, October 24, 6:30PM. For more information please go to www.ihanj.com or IG: @attheheart or FB: Immaculate Heart Academy.

Saint Peter's Prep: Sunday, October 20 from 1:00-4:00pm. For more information, please call 201-5476465 or visit www.spprep.org.

Bergen Catholic, Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30PM.

"To everything there is a season and a every purpose under heaven."

**Deceased:** Cheryl Brooks

Memorials for the week of October 13

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Betty Smith donated by the Imperiosi family

**Candles on the Altar:** In memory of Joseph William Hyde donated by the SES faculty

Sanctuary Light: In memory of David Ciolli 11th Anniversary donated by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mele



Our parish is participating in an interfaith survey to help gauge how the pandemic has affected your faith life, worship life, and spirituality. It is designed to be responded to by any adult (18 and older) who attends Mass at the parish or participates in parish life.

Please use this link https://bit.ly/4eiP4H8 and or the QR code to take the survey. Thank you for your participation.





## Saint Elizabeth Church

will be hosting

## In Person Pre-Cana Saturday, October 26

Join as for day that will help you prepare for lifetime together

- The day will begin at 9:30 am, we will serve breakfast and lunch. The event will end with 4:00pm Mass.
- The cut off date for registration is Friday,
- To sign up for this session go to the link below and following the instructions.

Go to our website www.Saintelizabeths.org for more details or to register and click on Pre-Cana Online (regfox.com). If you have any questions please contact Sharon Mault-Weir at sharonm@saintelizabeths.org or at 201-406-2411.







# Meetings **October 2 & 23** November 6 & 20 **Decemeber 11**

9-10:30 am Parish Center - L5

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QR Code to register

## Saint Elizabeth Church

# BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, October 27** 8:30am-1:30pm

in the gym



## Saint Elizabeth's 8th

## **Women's Retreat** Led by **Dianne Traflet**

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## **November 1-3**

Don Bosco Retreat Center at the Marion Shrine, Stony Point, NY For more information, contact Tina Smith at 201-926-8314

**Contact Ray Corbett at** 

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Saturday, November 16 12:00 - 2:30 pm St. E's Gym

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## **New Choir Members Welcome**

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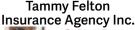
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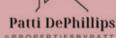
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### October 12, 2024

#### Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We, the members of your Finance Council, would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support over the past fiscal year. Your generosity has allowed our parish to thrive, and we have been blessed to celebrate over 150 Baptisms, 160 First Holy Communions, and more than 100 Confirmations. These joyful sacraments reflect the continued growth of young families within our parish, and we are deeply grateful for your role in fostering this faith-filled community.

In terms of improvements, many of you have likely noticed some wonderful enhancements. From the refreshed landscaping in front of our school, the stunning new mural of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary above the church entrance, to the beautifully stained church doors, each of these projects has helped enhance the beauty of our campus. Additionally, we have restored our Steinway Piano, a generous donation that will enrich our music ministry for years to come. None of these upgrades would have been possible without your continued generosity and dedication to our parish's mission.

Looking at the Financial Summary, we are pleased to report that our financial position remains strong, with a surplus of \$93,766. Our Sunday collections grew by 2.5% compared to last year, and we saw an increase in online giving, which now makes up 42% of our collections. Our goal is to reach 50% online participation. This will help increase efficiency, ensure smoother financial planning, and allow for consistent support, even during holiday or travel seasons.

There were some variances in our financials this year. While our overall revenue declined slightly, this was mainly due to the timing of our Angel Fund campaign and the shift of Confirmation from 9th to 8th grade, which enhances our youth ministry programs. On the expense side, increases were driven by new vestments, adjustments in funeral musician accounting, and necessary salary and benefits increases, particularly in health insurance, which rose by 10%. However, many of these expenses were or will be offset by designated donations. We also reinstated our Stewardship Committee, which allocates 5% of our weekly collections to organizations directly serving vulnerable communities in need.

As we look ahead, we kindly ask you to consider increasing your giving by 5-7% to help keep up with inflation and rising costs. Your continued support, both spiritually and financially, enables Saint E's to be the vibrant, welcoming parish it is today.

Thank you again for your generosity and for being an essential part of our parish community.

Yours in Christ,

Doug Arone, Lori Averso, Al Daloisio, Angela Giuliano, Don Hart, Kate McHugh, Ed Meyers (Trustee), and Helen VanSlyke (Trustee)

# ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND JUNE 30, 2023

lune 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
ur	ne 30, 2024

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	1,344,250	1,311,848
CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS	286,623	281,002
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REVENUES	210,156	254,122
EASTER COLLECTIONS	143,746	143,579
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	135,950	156,947
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	124,391	132,880
BAPTISM, WEDDING, AND FUNERAL FEES	54,495	99,585
INTEREST INCOME	48,954	27,235
CANDLE REVENUES	21,690	21,094
CHRISTMAS AND EASTER FLOWERS	18,495	14,754
ANGEL FUND DONATIONS	16,775	115,786
BULLETIN COMMISSION	7,420	7,420

TOTAL REVENUES 2,412,945 2,566,252

## **EXPENSES**

SALARIES, BENEFITS, PENSION COSTS, AND PAYROLL TAXES	1,129,466	1,074,667
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	284,876	271,836
CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE TO OTHERS	196,015	244,277
PHYSICAL PLANT REPAIRS AND PROPERTY INSURANCE	160,112	187,317
LITURGICAL, MAINTENANCE, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES	125,094	94,283
CONTRACTED, MUSICIAN, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	124,657	86,123
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPENSES (EXCLUDING SALARIES & BENEFITS)	91,046	100,573
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	90,693	69,110
UTILITIES	74,268	84,299
RESIDENCE SUPPLIES	24,405	12,852
EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS	18,547	24,162

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,319,179 2,249,499

SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS 93,766 316,753

NOTE: This financial summary does <u>NOT</u> include extraordinary and non-recurring items including some restricted donations, capital improvement expenses, and other one-time revenues and expenses. This summary is intended to reflect the results of operations only.