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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 2, 2026

Masses
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 noon & 6:15 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated)
Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

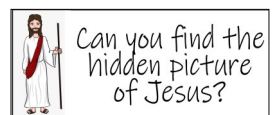
Reconciliation
Saturday 12:30 pm

Emergency Number
201-994-5699

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201-891-1122 ext. 266

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Returning to minister at St. Elizabeth's is a great blessing. Wyckoff was my assignment from 2009 to 2010. Much time has passed since then. After leaving, I served as a parochial vicar in our Archdiocese from 2010 to 2020, and as an Active Duty chaplain in the US Air Force from 2020 to 2026. It is wonderful to be back. Wyckoff has grown, with new homes, businesses, and a ShopRite across the street. Our parish is also renewed, buzzing with life even on quiet summer days. May the Lord bless us, and may Our Blessed Mother and St. Elizabeth always intercede for us.

In last week's homily, I spoke of Ira Yates, a Texas sheep farmer during the Great Depression. He faced foreclosure and lived on government aid, worrying daily about his land. Then, an oil company drilled on his property and discovered one of America's largest oil fields. Yates had owned the rights all along. Every night he lay awake worrying, he was already a millionaire. He possessed the treasure; he simply did not know it.

The Gospel reminded us that the Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. Saint Paul told us where that field was: we are God's temple, and His Spirit lives in us. The treasure is not a thing, nor merely a final reward. The treasure is God himself, hidden within us at baptism. He left signs in the field: the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. These were not our achievements, but the treasure coming to the surface.

How do we know He is there, especially when we feel nothing? We look for three signs. When we still pray on mornings God seems silent (faith), when we do not give up, though nothing had yet changed (hope), and when we love someone at great cost and keep loving (love/charity.) None of these come from us.

In the first reading we heard, how God offered young Solomon anything he desired. Instead of riches or long life, he asked for a listening heart (a work of the Holy Spirit.) Solomon asked for the treasure itself.

When life turns hard, we quickly look elsewhere for comfort or distraction. Saint Augustine knew this well, writing: "You were within me, but I was outside—and there I looked for you."

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us, Who and what is already in us.

Please kindly let me know, if you have questions, or concerns.
God bless you.

Very Respectfully,

Fr. Jerzy Pikulinski



NEWS AND EVENTS

Food bags: Bags will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please return your filled bag next weekend and place it in the food truck which will be parked in front of the Church.

Religious Education: Join our Religious Ed Team as a Catechist or Classroom Aide for grades 1-6. Positions are available on Sunday mornings, Monday and Tuesday afternoons, starting September 13th. For more information, please contact Pat Khanjian at Patk@saintelizabets.org. or 201-891-3262 ext.226

Prayer Chain: Would you like to join our Prayer Chain Ministry? It is easy to pray for ourselves and our families but can you take the time to pray for the needs of others? If you can, then our prayer chain is for you. If you believe that prayer can and does make a difference, perhaps you would like to join our Prayer Chain. All praying is done in private and is confidential. Once a month, you will receive a list of people to pray for who needs our prayers. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7). Call the Parish Office at 201-891-1122 ext. 212 or e-mail mmusto@saintelizabets.org to join the Prayer Chain or to add an intention.

Overnight Adoration: Monthly Overnight Adoration is every 2nd Friday of the month. The next Adoration will begin on Friday, August 14, at 7:00pm and will end with Benediction prior to the 9:00am Mass on Saturday, August 15. Adorers will be asked to commit to a specific hour. If you are interested, please contact Pat Khanjian at 201-891-3262-ext 226, or PatK@saintelizabets.org.

The Collection for the week ending July 26
Offertory \$13,161 | Online \$11,079 | Total \$24,240

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

9:00am Very Reverend

Frank Canon O'Connor (Fr Frank)

5:00pm Frank, Teresa & Sal Anello

Sunday, August 2

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Giulio Hroncich

10:30am John & Florence Leonard

12:00pm Marion Grieco

6:15pm Rudy Taravella

Monday, August 3

7:00am Ryan J. Walker

9:00am Salvatore Gibbia

Tuesday, August 4

7:00am Emilio, Estrella

& Ellery Horrilleno

9:00am Adolph Leone, 8th Ann.

Wednesday, August 5

7:00am John Lawrence Sweeney

9:00am Harry T Hammond, Jr.

Thursday, August 6

7:00am Lillian & Emiel DeGroote,

Dr. Robert DeGrootem,

Katherine & Al Striano

9:00am Jimmy Madigan

Friday, August 7

7:00am Donna Tinsley

7 9:00am Timothy Costello

Saturday, August 8

9:00am Joan Costello, Richard

Fellinger, Rita Beverin, Christine

Gasalberti, Francis Joseph Conklin Sr.,

Thomas O'Looney, Maria Matesic,

Philomena Avolio, Paula Ellis,

Cecelia Bayless

5:00pm Marie & Frank Reinhardt

Sunday, August 9

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Elaine Saunders

10:30am Douglas MacCallum

12:00pm Patricia Mulhern

6:15pm Rudolfo Taravella

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Database: Thank you to everyone who took the time to review your contact information, before or after Mass, the past two weekends and, to those of you who contacted the parish office, knowing you wouldn't be attending Mass on those dates. We appreciate your time and attention to this request. If you didn't get the chance to verify your contact information, it's not too late. Please call the Parish office and ask to review and verify your family contact information with Jenn Ragucci at 201-891-1122, ext. 260. Or you can email your contact information to Dan Kocher at Dkocher@SaintElizabets.org. Please include your first and last name, preferred primary phone number, email address, and US postal mailing address. Thank you in advance for your help and support. It's important that we're able to effectively stay in touch with you. God bless you!



Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 11, from 9:45 am to 11:45 am in the St. Francis Room. During these sessions, participants gather to knit or crochet prayer shawls that provide comfort and support to those in need. Everyone is invited to join, whether you are an experienced crafter or a beginner looking to learn. For inquiries regarding the Saturday session, please reach out to Ellen Glassett at 201-927-0391 or email her at el-lenglassett@gmail.com.

Tuesday meetings: the next Tuesday meeting will be on August 22, from 9:45 am to 11:45 am in the St. Francis Room. For any questions regarding the Tuesday meeting, please contact Kathy McGarvie at 201-316-4477 or email her at ktmcgarvie722@optonline.net.



Blessed Mother Statue: The story of Our Lady of Fatima centers around six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, from May 13 to October 13, 1917. During these appearances, Mary revealed messages to the children, including requests for prayer (especially the Holy Rosary), fasting, and sacrifice to obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls.

And so, we invite you to join us in a ministry hosting Our Lady Pilgrim Statues. Specifically, Our Blessed Mother's Pilgrim Statues travel from home to home every week, visiting with our families. How pleased Our Blessed Mother would be to be welcomed into your homes.

As you may know, Our Lady of Fatima asked Venerable Lucia, St. Jacinta, and St. Francisco to pray the Rosary daily, and to do penance for the salvation of souls. And today, to you and me, Our Lady's message is the same. And so, while the Blessed Mother is in your home, we ask that you try to pray the Holy Rosary (or other devotional prayers to Our Lady) and to perform other tokens of love for the salvation of souls.

We are scheduling families to host Our Lady for 2027. If you would like to have an Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue visit your home in 2027 and don't already have a week reserved for you, please contact Kathy Marsico at kemarsico@gmail.com or on 201-485-7052. The "itineraries" for Our Blessed Mother are in development, so please email or call as soon as you can to book your week with Our Lady Our Lady's "itineraries" fill up quickly.

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

Healing prayers for: Valera Hascup, Lauren Gibson and Steve Benz

Memorials for the week of August 2



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