

Tid-bits from the administrator’s blotter at St. Elizabeth.

- Our friends, the pigeons in the bell tower, have been relocated and new netting is installed. The “family clutter” which ultimately clogged the drains and caused leaks in the tower is fixed. Costs: bird abatement \$ 3,840. Plumber’s estimate \$2,500.
- The industrial kitchen range in Cantwell Hall got a make-over last week: 6 filters were replaced and the dinosaur got good scrub down. Cost: \$2,800.
- An ongoing problem: One of the vents that blows warm air from the boiler into Cantwell Hall was replaced (Cost: \$3, 950); however, an electrical snafu has Pribuss Engineering scratching its head over why the power isn’t going to the blower. *V3 Mechanical* is calling in *ASF Electrical* for a consultation. The earliest they can come is May 8th. (Doesn’t somebody want to do a novena to St. Elizabeth!)
- Since the closing of the St Elizabeth School, all pertinent records and memorabilia have been stored in the rectory basement. Unfortunately some other critters have been attracted. Hantaviruses require extra protection in the rodent abatement, especially because the rectory employees also have to access church records stored in the basement. Cost \$ 7,886. Work scheduled for the second week of May.
- Final payment on the rectory painting has been made for \$6,041.
- Are you thinking about the Marian Workshop to be offered at the Marian Chapel of the Church on May 13th from Noon to 3 PM? Inform yourself on the “Five First Saturdays.” Find out why this could be the best *End of Life* insurance policy ever offered. Big dividends! Call the rectory to reserve your spot.
- Adult Catholics who are baptized and receive Holy Communion but have *never* been confirmed now have an opportunity for a 1) short two day preparation May 19th and 20th and 2) reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on June 4 @ 11AM. Candidates must present a copy of their baptismal certificate and the name of their sponsor when they register at the parish before May 18.

-- The parish wants to acknowledge the following who have so generously given of their time to the religious education of our children: Jeanne and Michael Walsh, Teresita Alano, Justine Alano, Erlinda Antonio, Leonor Daguman, Josefa Jasareno, Richard John, Gerri Jose, Eric Nacor, Elizabeth Pasco, Corazon Pilare, Rodney Titus, Laurrie Digneo. Kudos as well to Maria and Richard Padua as well as Rupert and Lourdes Ubaldo who have provided baptismal preparation for 30 years! Fr. James Garcia

Workshops with Fr. Garcia:
Eucharistic Ministers- Saturday May 20th
 from 9AM to 12Noon
Readers- Saturday May 27th
 from 12:30PM to 3:30PM
 Both workshops will be held at the Rectory.

The Maltese Society Meeting will be on
 May 10th at 7:00 pm, in Cantwell Hall, meeting
 room number one

The Parish Support Group meeting will be on
 May 10th at 2:00 pm in the Rectory.

 On Saturday, May 13th Devotion to the Two
 Hearts -1000 Hail Mary’s and Divine Mercy
 will be recited after the 8:00 am Mass until
 3:30 pm in the Rectory Chapel. Everyone is
 invited to attend. (Your attendance for any
 length of time will be welcome.)

Archdiocesan Appeal

“How are we doing?” The assessment assigned to St. Elizabeth parish in 2017 is \$48,470. Thanks to our generous parishioners \$17,942 has been pledged as of May 1st. Eight months remain for us to retire the balance of \$30,528. As soon as the Archdiocese sends an updated list of parish donors, a mailing will go out to St. Elizabeth parishioners who may yet want to help us in this important effort. When Fr. Suan returns from his sabbatical in July, I would be happy to tell him that at least 50% of the total debt, i.e. \$24,000 has been retired. Thanks, Fr. Garcia.

Something to talk about over coffee
 There were some religious groups in the 1960s who said that the Church must either change or die! “Change” for some groups meant abandoning core beliefs and mimicking the secular world. After half a century of experience, what do you think? Where are we? How does Catholicism “feel” to you now...as compared to thirty or forty years ago? Have we Catholics “blended in too much” to the larger US society? Have we in fact gotten lost in the bigger community? Do you believe the central affirmation of Christianity that Jesus *lives anew* having risen from the dead...and that he is the Son of God? Do you still believe that the Scriptures/the Bible has *authority* to guide our conduct (“You shall not commit adultery”... and “pray for those who persecute you”)? Do religious groups need to water down or accommodate their beliefs to the dominant secular culture to stay relevant in today’s society? ...Discuss among yourselves!

Choral Concert
Saturday May 13th 7:30 pm
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Voices of Silicon Valley will sing the great African Mass “Missa Luba” plus work by music director Cyril Deaconoff and Stimmung by Karl-Heinz Stockhausen

Tickets : \$20 in advance after Parish masses or \$30 at the door; \$15 for seniors and students

 Advance tickets will be available after 9:30 and 11:30 am Mass and may also be purchased at <http://stimmung.brownpapertickets.com/>
 More info about tickets and Voices of Silicon Valley may be found at our website at www.voices-sv.org

MASS INTENTIONS	
Monday	May 8
8:00 am	† Manuel Muscat
5:30 pm	
Tuesday	May 9
8:00 am	† Jose Isidro
5:30 pm	† Paul and †Theresa Vella
Wednesday	May 10
8:00 am	† Mary, †Andrew, †Joan Murphy
7:00 pm	
Thursday	May 11
8:00 am	† Josephine Zaragoza
5:30 pm	
Friday	May 12
8:00 am	† Lydia Monce
5:30 pm	
Saturday	May 13
8:00 am	
4:30 pm	Mothers Living and Deceased
Sunday	May 14
7:30 am	Mothers Living and Deceased
9:30 am	Mothers Living and Deceased
11:30 am	Mothers Living and Deceased
5:00 pm	

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection April 30, 2017	
Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,561.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,139.00
Church Project	\$ 600.00

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 This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

Help Wanted:
 St. Elizabeth Parish is in search of a part-time House Person. The ideal candidate will be responsible for setting up tables and chairs and taking them down (Thursdays and Saturdays) in Cantwell Hall. Must be able to communicate effectively in English, flexible, and able to work nights and weekends. Hours per week will vary (between 4-5 per week). If you are interested, contact Joellyn Bischeri at bsaintelizabeth@yahoo.com or at 415-468-0822