

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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May 19, 2024 ~ Pentecost Sunday



Mission Statement of St. Elizabeth Church

“The joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ as well. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community of people united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit in their pilgrimage towards the Kingdom of their Father, bearers of a message of salvation for all of humanity. That is why they cherish a conviction of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.”

(From the Preface of *The Church in the Modern World*---Gaudium Et Spes---of Vatican II)

Rev. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., Pastor

Parish Office

449 Holyoke Street
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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Closed Fridays

Parish Staff

Patti Spiteri	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
Sandy Mehrwein	Secretary
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurie Digneo	Faith Formation Coordinator

Mass Schedule

Saturday **4:30 pm**
Sunday **8:30 am and 10:30 am**

Monday through Saturday

Divine office: 8:00 am
Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Day: 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confession Schedule

4:00 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass
10:00 am before the 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Baptism Preparation Classes Call the
Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office six months

Benediction and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays after the 8:30 Mass.

Legion of Mary Meeting: 5:00 pm Monday in the Church.

1000 Hail Mary's: Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm.

Over 50 Group: Thursdays at 12 pm in Cantwell Hall.



From the Pastor's Desktop

A Message from Father Charles Puthota
May 19, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Pentecost: It is rightly said that the Church was born on Pentecost day. The disciples of Jesus had been hiding, afraid that they might also be killed by the authorities. But Jesus had assured them that the Advocate, the Comforter, would come and remind them of everything Jesus had said. In other words, the Holy Spirit would come to give life, energy, and dynamism to the words and memory of Jesus. Everything changed for those disciples that day. The Holy Spirit came down in a dramatic way. The wind swept the fears away and the fire burned away their timidity. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke and bore witness to the life of Jesus, his death and resurrection in ways they themselves couldn't have expected. Everyone heard everyone else in their own language and understood them. The good news became not only accessible but alive and aflame. The disciples of Jesus became fearless preachers and witnesses. A community was born with the memory of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. For over two thousand years this community has been called the Church. We are all members of this body. Jesus is the head. The Holy Spirit is the indwelling grace and power within us calling God Abba Father. If we could allow the Holy Spirit to move and guide us, that's when we would be able to make the right choices for God, love, family, faith, and the world. Let's just keep two images of the Holy Spirit in mind: Wind & Fire. What might this wind and fire do for us in the present world?

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quotes on the Holy Spirit: "I believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit." --- Cardinal L. J. Suenens. "It's not the Holy Spirit and power; it's the Holy Spirit as power." "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." --- Saint Augustine. "I myself do nothing. The Holy Spirit accomplishes all through me." --- William Blake. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." --- Galatians 5:22. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. "The Holy Spirit is your spiritual GPS. He will tell you where you are and where you are going." "Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit. Allow him to speak in our hearts. He will tell us this: God is love." --- Pope Francis.

May, Month of Mary: Regina Caeli: Call: Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. Response: The Son you merited to bear, alleluia, Call: Has risen as he said, alleluia. Response: Pray to God for us, alleluia. Call: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. Response: For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Let us pray. God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Last Day of Faith Formation: Graduation and May Crowning: The Faith Formation school year at our parish comes to a close with the Mass at 10:30 a.m. this Pentecost Sunday. May Crowning will take place with children bringing flowers and the crown to Mary. The students will be promoted to the next school year. Certificates will be distributed. I'm delighted about the progress we are making in helping our children to a personal experience of Jesus. Congratulations to the First Communion and Confirmation children! One of the achievements of this year has been that the children and their families, at my request, attended the Saturday 8:30 a.m. Mass each week and became more acquainted with Mass and the prayers. Hopefully, the next school year, the Faith Formation families will be able to join the weekend Masses as well (Saturday Vigil Mass or the Sunday Morning Masses). Prayer, faith, service, the values of Jesus, love of the Church and its traditions and rituals and devotions---these are the treasures children will slowly begin to acquire. I'm deeply grateful for the dedication of the teachers and the coordinators. We shall look forward to the starting of classes again next school year in September.

A Story to Ponder: A parable of modern life: The animals met in assembly and began to complain that humans were always taking things away from them. "They take my milk," said the cow. "They take my eggs," said the hen. "They take my flesh for bacon," said the hog. "They hunt me for my oil," said the whale. The snail was the last to speak. "I have something they would certainly take away from me if they could. Something they want more than anything else. I have time." You have all the time in the world if you would give it to yourself. What's stopping you? (ADM)

Quotable Quotes: 1. "To reach a port, we must sail---sail, not tie at anchor--- sail, not drift." --- Franklin D. Roosevelt. 2. "Try not to become a person of success. Rather become a person of value." --- Albert Einstein. 3. "It's fun to do the impossible." --- Walt Disney.

Religious Puns: 1. A puritan is a man who "noes" what he likes. 2. As St. Peter says to every new arrival as they approach the Pearly Gates, "Well, halo there." 3. Beware of Satan or evil have his way.

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 12:4



ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23)

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Saturday/Sunday Collection: May 11 - 12

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,731.50
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Mass Intentions † Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

4:30pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

May 20

† Maria and † Giuseppe Moretto

† Aurelio Perez

May 21

† Aurora T. Mallari

May 22

† Armando Tanquilut

† Teresa Pilare Babasanta

May 23

† John Morello Jr.

May 24

Keith Rea (L)

Mary Ann Sheets Hanson (L)

May 25

† Gloria Rafael Manabat

Mary Nhi Truong Family (L)

† Mike and † Assunta Perata

May 26

People of the Parish

† Kathleen Simpson

† Ana Marie De Santis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 5/20

Gn 3:9-15; Ps 87:1b-3,5-7
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, 5/21

Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23;
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, 5/22

Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11;
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, 5/23

Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk
9:41-50

Friday, 5/24

Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9,
11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, 5/25

Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk
10:13-16

Sunday, 5/26

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6,
9, 18-20, 22, Rom 8:14-17,
Mt 28:16-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 5/19

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, 5/20

Mary, Mother of the
Church

Tuesday, 5/21

St. Christopher
Magallanes

Wednesday, 5/22

St. Rita of Cascia

Saturday, 5/25

St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory VII,
St. Mary Magdalene

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Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00** ~ Amount collected to date: **\$42,039.00**

Greece & Medjugorje Pilgrimage
In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isles Cruise!
Spiritual Director: **Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.**
October 4 – 18, 2024

**Thessaloniki · Philippi · Kavala · Kalambaka ·
Delphi · Corinth · Athens · Kusadasi· Ephesus
(Mary's House) Patmos · Santorini · Medjugorje**

For eleven days you will follow the footsteps of St. Paul and experience beautiful sites throughout Greece. Visit Philippi where Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and established the first Church in Europe, Mars Hill in Athens where he spoke to the Athenians, Corinth and the site of St. Paul's trials by Gallio, and more! You will even visit the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey where she lived until her Assumption according to Catholic Doctrine. A popular Pilgrimage site, this Shrine has even received several papal visits and blessings. On your 3-day cruise you will discover the captivating and beautiful Greek Islands like Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini.

**For more information and pricing please contact:
Jon at 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687.**

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●Missionary Cooperation Plan

May 25-26 Second Collection

●Memorial Day

Monday, May 27th

Holiday: office closed.

●Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is being accepted for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation program

Registration forms may be requested by calling

Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-4903 or

email: sophielady7@aol.com. Forms can also be picked up at the Rectory office or at the Church.

Registration Fees are \$50.00 per child.