

SAINT ELIZABETH

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Rev. Norman Bolton, *In Residence*

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Mission Statement

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Community is committed to **prepare the way of the Lord** by welcoming with unconditional love, all who gather here to celebrate the signs of God's presence among us and is challenged to proclaim the good news of God's love to the world.



St. Elizabeth Parish

181 Hubbard Street
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SAINT ELIZABETH PARISH DIRECTORY

www.stelizabethyludlow.org

Rev. Msgr. Homer P. Gosselin, Pastor	583-3467
Rev. Norman Bolton, In Residence	583-3467
Deacon Normand Grondin	734-0601
Deacon Thomas Rickson	783-5598
Deacon Keith Davies	967-9868

RECTORY STAFF

Gigi Kimball, Office Manager/Bookkeeper	583-3467 Ext. 103
Eileen Barone, Administrative Assistant	583-3467 Ext. 104

MASSES

Weekdays Monday through Friday	7:30 AM
Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil	5:30 PM
Feast	8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday	2:30 PM to 3:30 PM & by appointment
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FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairman: Guy Baillargeon	589-9002
Vice Chairman: Steve Rourke	583-6924

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairman: Richard Landry	209-0813
Vice Chair: Elizabeth Kania	583-4083
Scribe: Carolyne Pereira	233-8907
Communication Commission: Elizabeth Kania (chair)	583-4083
Sarah Greentree	860-904-8347
Liturgical Commission: Michele Witowski (chair)	552-7386
Social/Family Life Commission: Ruth Makowicz (chair)	610-0828
Mary Morcavage	547-8266
Social Justice/Evangelization Commission: Chris Smith (chair)	978-394-6036
Carolyne Pereira	233-8907
Spiritual Life Ministries: Sarah Greentree	860-904-8347

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We extend a warm welcome to all new members. If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please visit or contact the Rectory (583-3467) office. Be advised that we require parish registration for a least a year in order that we might get to know you if you should need letters of recommendation, sponsor certificates or testimonial letters. A member in good standing is one who has registered with the parish, attends Mass regularly, uses parish envelopes to make regular contributions to the support of the Church and offers his/her time and talent in support of parish activities. We hope that you will become active members of our parish family. If you should move out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

Principal: Shelly Rose	583-8550
Development Committee: Gary Bourbeau	589-0644
School Board: Deacon Keith Davies	967-9868

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 583-3467

Director: Michele Witowski	552-7386
Grades 1-4: Michele Witowski	552-7386
Grades 5-9: Lisa Saloio	459-7435
R.C.I.A.: Kathy Lawrence	636-2606

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers: Deacon Keith Davies	967-9868
Athletic Commission: Shelly Rose	583-8550
Scouts: Deacon Keith Davies	967-9868
Youth Ministry: Lisa & Ron Saloio	459-7435

SAFE ENVIRONMENT STANDARDS

Safe Environment Coordinator (Child Advocate): Eileen Barone, 583-3467 Ext. 104

All volunteers in any parish ministry who have the potential for interaction with children, youth, elderly or vulnerable individuals MUST complete a CORI Form and VIRTUS Training.

VIRTUS Training must be completed online or through an in-person training session. CORI Forms are available from the Parish Office. Contact Eileen Barone at 583-3467 or at ebarone@stelizabethludlow.org for more information or to register for the in-person training.

In conjunction with the CCD program, a prevention education component, Circle of Grace, is taught to Grades 1 - 9. This training must be also documented by the Child Advocate.

PARISH COMMITTEES

Bereavement Ministry: Jackie Gobeille	589-7871
Bereavement Support Group: Pat Flaherty	589-9203
Maria Serrazina	589-7660
Blue Army: Maria Fillion	589-0389
Communion to the Sick: Deacon Tom Rickson	783-5598
Evangelization: Deacon Keith Davies	967-9868
Forerunners: Mark Narreau	583-8541
Friends of St. Elizabeth: Jim Wainwright	547-8686
Holy Mother Choir: Claire Wales	246-2643
Ludlow Knights of Columbus Council #3535: Jim Meehan	547-8822
Marriage Ministry: Dick & DuAnne Pasquini	610-0509
Men's Ministry: Deacon Keith Davies	967-9868
Ministry Schedules: Genny Santos	283-5228
Pro-Life: Tina Ziencina	589-9097
Saint Martha Funeral Choir: Jackie Gobeille	589-7871
Saint Rita Choir: Lori Chmiel	547-8829
Scripture Reflection: Deacon Normand Grondin	734-0601
Social Family Life: John Dryjowicz	547-8971
Take & Eat Program: Barbara & Bob White	583-5705
Beverly Gentile Vocation Cross Program: Diane Dryjowicz	547-8971

BAPTISMS

Last Sunday of each month. To have your child baptized, parents must be active, registered for at least three months and practicing members of our Church. We require that all parents and godparents attend a preparation class prior to the baptism. Baptism classes are offered via zoom at the convenience of the family. Please contact the Rectory at 583-3467.

GODPARENTS

Godparents should be chosen by parents primarily to be good religious examples to their child and not because they want to bestow a family/social honor. Godparents will be asked to assist parents in teaching the child about the Christian faith and are required to provide an example of the Christian life. As representatives of the Christian community, godparents give witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ, in word and example.

The parish is responsible to make parents aware of the requirements concerning godparents: (A) Only one male godfather and one female godmother should be chosen. (B) At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic (which means that he/she must have been baptized, received their Confirmation and First Communion and must be actively practicing their Catholic religion). (C) The birth mother or the father of a child are not permitted to serve as a godparent. (D) Parents may choose one godparent (Christian Witness) that is of another CHRISTIAN religion whom they determine will be a good example of Christian living for their child. (Canon Laws 872-874)

WEDDINGS

Please make arrangements for your wedding date one year in advance, and then be sure to make an appointment with Msgr. Gosselin at least six months before the wedding. You will be required to have a *Baptismal Certificate* dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage date. Those baptized in foreign countries should arrange to obtain a copy within this period of time. *Baptized non-Catholics are required to present some proof of their Christian Baptism.*



Welcome to NEW parishioners! We want to know and serve you. If you are not registered with our parish, please fill out this form and bring it to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket and we will send you a census form to join our parish.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

JESUS TAUGHT US AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY – HAVING POWER OF HIS OWN

When Jesus speaks or teaches, His words have power – for example in today's Gospel by driving out demons. In our lives, Jesus can free us from anxiety and bring us into union with the Father in the Kingdom to come. Unlike all the preceding prophets, Jesus does not simply convey God's word and commands, He *is* God's Word in the flesh. His power derives from the Father, for He and the Father are One.

**January 29, Monday**

7:30 AM † Robert Derouin – Tad & Michele Witowski

January 30, Tuesday

7:30 AM † Richard Coache – Finance Council

January 31, Wednesday

7:30 AM † Robert Derouin – Mrs. Martell

February 1, Thursday

7:30 AM † Joseph Gotta – A Friend

February 2, Friday

7:30 AM ♥ Gratitude for Jesus Love - Fernanda LaPina

8:30 AM † Sr. Alice Lavoie

February 3, Saturday

4:00 PM † Richard Gendreau, Sr – The Braska Family

† Paul Kania – Michele & Tad Witowski

February 4, Sunday

7:30 AM † Domingos & Belem Fernandes – Their Daughter

† Teale and Larry Families – The Family

9:15 AM † Lenore Paul (13th Anniversary) – Claire & Carol

† Lena Barroso – The Family

11:00 AM † Helene Carrier – The Family

† Jeffrey & Marie Freitas – The Family

5:00 PM † Armand Gregoire – A Friend

Sanctuary Candle Burns in Memory of Marion Myette – From Her Family

Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of Richard Gendreau, Sr. - From His Family

**VOCATIONS AWARENESS*****Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time******World Day for Consecrated Life*****“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.”**

If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 413-248-7034

or via email: vocations@diospringfield.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, January 29, 2024**

6:00 pm Faith Formation (JR/ER)

6:00 pm Bible Study (ZR)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

6:30 pm Bereavement Support Group (ZR)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

3:30 pm Youth Group (JR)

5:15 pm Holy Mother Choir (C)

5:30 pm Confirmation Class (JR)

6:00 pm Scouts (FLBH)

7:00 pm Scouts (JR)

Thursday, February 1, 2024

7:00 pm K of C Honor Guard (FLBH)

Friday, February 2, 2024**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

2:30 pm Confessions (C)

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:00 am Confirmation Class (JR)

10:15 am Faith Formation (All Rooms)

~ Key code ~

(C) = Church (R) = Rectory (S) = School (H) = School Hall

(ER) = Elizabeth Room (ZR) = Zechariah Room,

(JR) = Jordan Room (FLBH) = Fr.

Larry Boucher Hall

“Why would a Catholic, who is in possession of the fullness of the faith, the full Gospel, the EUCHARIST—exchange it for something that is only partial?” Peter Kreeft

PRO LIFE REFLECTION

From today's 2nd Reading, 1 Corinthians 7:
"I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction."

Recognize that life is a gift of God and not to be violated.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREATS

Do you know someone suffering emotionally or spiritually after having had an abortion or abortions? There is hope! Come receive the mercy and healing love of Jesus Christ.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats invites you to a weekend of hope and healing in our Diocese on March 1-3, 2024. The retreat is in English, and is a confidential, safe, supportive weekend open to all women and men suffering after abortion. There will be a Spanish-speaking Rachel's Vineyard Retreat May 31 - June 2. To register, please call 413 452-0661 Or 516 457-2838. All calls are confidential.

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

Please join us Thursday afternoons at 4:30p.m. to Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine

Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

45 Newbury Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts

Mental Health Challenges in a Post-COVID World: A Pastoral Response

Saturday, March 2, 2024 • 8:30am - 12pm

Our Lady of the Elms College

Speakers: Dr. Eric Rantstrom and Dr. Ariel Laudermith

Free admission - Free-will offerings accepted

To register or learn more, contact Celeste Labbe at c.labbe@diocespringfield.org

**TEAMS OF OUR LADY**

"Come follow me."

Christ calls each of us as witnesses of His unending love.

Teams of Our Lady shows couples the way through prayer, study, and community. Teams promotes:

- A spiritual direction for couples
- Concrete suggestions for a way of life
- Team spirit

If you are interested in learning more, please call Gary & Gloria at 589-0644, or stop to talk to us when we speak at your church on the weekend of January 27 & 28th.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in His words or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority He had over the spirit.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday,
February 22, 2024
6:30 pm
in Church**

**Additional Times:**

Saturday, Feb 3rd 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 7th 8:15 am - 3:00 pm

✦ PRAYER REQUESTS ✦

Alicia Moreau, Amie Moreau, Ann Gallant, Anne Martin, Beverly Barry, Brynn McCauley, Camden DiLuzio, Celeste Chenier, Chris Sotiropoulos, Claire Belanger, Claire Wales, David Wells, Debra Norris, Elizabeth S., Emily Bernard, Erin Gendreau, Fierra Twing, Holly Dennis, Jason White, Jim Chenier, Jim Egela, Jeanette Voily, Kanika Fuentes, Leana Gendreau, Linda B., Marisa Zulch, Michael Kelly, Michael Murnise, Michele Witowski, Millie Dinnie, Molly, Molly McDonald, KD., Murial Moore, Norman Strader, Pat, Rob S., Rosa Santos Baruk, Rick Motta, Ruth Makowicz, Tad, Tom Gibeau

If you have prayer requests you would like listed here in the bulletin, please call the rectory at 583-3467 or email at info@stelizabethludlow.org. Thank you and God Bless.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Please pray for the men and women in our armed services, for the military commanders who lead them, and for President Biden and his advisors.

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in all lands. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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Counting Team 5 - Monday, January 29, 2024

Thank you for your Support!

If you cannot attend Mass here at St. Elizabeth Church, please make the donations that you would normally make when you do attend Mass here.

Memorial Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

In loving memory of

Richard Coache - \$100.00

We thank you for your generosity!

♥ MARRIAGE MATTERS ♥



CCC 1661: The Sacrament of Matrimony gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved His Church.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Next month on
February 12th**

The next St. Elizabeth Parish monthly Spaghetti Supper will be held on Tuesday,

February 12th from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Pastoral Center. Adults - \$7.00 each; children (under 10) are \$4.00 each; with a cap for the immediate family of \$20. A gift card for 12 spaghetti supper meals may be purchased for \$77.00.

Meat Pies Available!



At the rectory Mon.
- Fri.
from 8:30 am to
4:00 pm.

**While supplies
last!!!**



“Mass is boring.”

Before I had truly *encountered* Jesus, this statement described my experience at times. Perhaps it does for you as well. We go to Mass and feel the same holy water on our foreheads, participate in the same rituals, speak the same words, see the same things... But is Mass really boring?

My source indicates boredom comes from restlessness, because I am not interested in something. Hmm. Yet Mass is not about some *thing*. It is about the *One* who loves me.

Mass—I can say it, we each can say it—is about the Someone who loves me so much that not only did He die for me, but He literally defeated sin and death, crushed Satan, and opened up the gates of heaven for me so that I could live in eternal bliss forever. Even if I were the only human in the universe, the only person in need of rescue, He would have done it all for me, just for me.

And guess what? He would have done it just for you, too.

S.T. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL NEWS



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



Watch for upcoming events, as SJBS celebrates
Catholic Schools Week January 28 to February 3, 2024

St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry Corner



Coming to
St. Elizabeth
Parish
February 10
and 11 after
all Masses

All funds collected
will be given to the
St. Elizabeth *Take &
Eat* Program.
Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Congratulations to our young people who recently committed
to spending the year in preparation for their last
Sacrament of Initiation - Confirmation

From the Confirmation Candle Ceremony, January 14, 2024

"At Baptism, a candle is lit from the Paschal candle as a sign of new life, a symbol of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Often, that candle is given to the parents as a keepsake of that Sacrament.

Today, you are invited to receive the light of Christ for yourself, and it is up to you to keep that light alive."



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