

# Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church

917 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852-4203



## The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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[StElizabethChurchMD.org](http://StElizabethChurchMD.org)

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,  
12:15pm and 6pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7am and 11:30am

Saturday: 9am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 4:00pm, 1st Friday, 11am;

Every Wednesday 7:00 pm  
or by appointment.

### BAPTISM OF CHILDREN:

Parents must be registered in the parish and participate in a parent preparation class. A preparation session is held every other month. You must RSVP in advance; this can be done on our website or by calling the parish office.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Adults interested in becoming Catholic are always welcomed. For more information on the RCIA process, please visit our website or call the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to be married at St. Elizabeth must contact one of our parish priests before a wedding date is set and at least six months in advance. Participation in a preparation program is required.

### SICK CALLS:

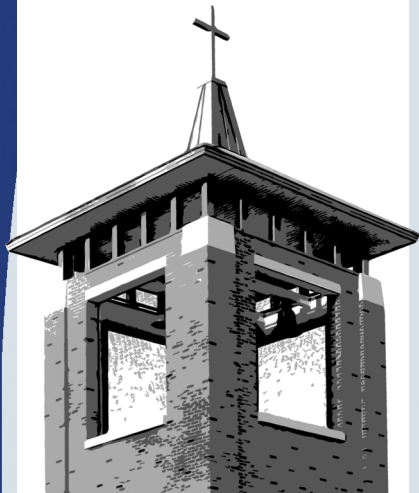
Please notify the parish office as soon as possible with information about anyone who is hospitalized, sick, or homebound and who may wish to be visited by a priest or a Eucharistic Minister.

### SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH:

Secure automatic giving is provided to our parish through FaithDirect. Please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll online, or call toll free (1-866-507-8757). Our parish code is **MD19**. (Note that enrollment in FaithDirect does NOT automatically register you in the parish. Please call the parish office for details.)

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We ask that if you wish to make this your parish home that you please fill out the online registration form by going to [stelizabethchurchmd.org/registration](http://stelizabethchurchmd.org/registration). You must be registered to receive **certification letters of eligibility for baptism, to be married in the Church, to be a sponsor for confirmation, to be a godparent**, or to receive sacramental preparation. You should be registered to enroll in Saint Elizabeth School or the Religious Education Program. If you are over the age of 21 and have previously been registered as part of your parents' household, we ask that you register under your own name. We ask that you notify the parish office if your family status changes, including any contact information, or if you move out of the area.



## MARYLAND BISHOPS ENCOURAGE USE OF COVID VACCINE

December 12, 2020

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the current pandemic continues to devastate families and communities, we must, as people of faith, continue to take necessary steps to protect the health and life of our families and communities, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable.

We are grateful to the clergy, religious and lay people in our parishes, schools, social service programs and health care facilities who have been providing ministry under very difficult circumstances, as well as the parishioners and parents who have made significant sacrifices to help protect public health.

We look with hope toward recent developments to produce effective and life-saving vaccines. We are heartened by the quick progress to date and look forward to working with federal, state and local government leaders to promote widespread vaccination against COVID-19 in the interests of protecting public health and human life.

In response to some questions about the source of the vaccines, we wish to provide some clarity regarding the ethical and moral status of COVID-19 vaccines. As a recent communication from the chairmen of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' pro-life and doctrine committees notes:

"Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production."

At the same time, they add, "They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote."

Over a number of years, the Holy See has addressed the use of tainted vaccines and, as the chairmen write, "at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health."

Therefore, a Catholic can in good conscience receive these COVID-19 vaccines. Moreover, given the grave risk of harm to others, we strongly encourage the faithful to receive a vaccine against COVID, unless medically indicated otherwise. It is vitally important that the most vulnerable among us and those who are from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID receive the vaccine swiftly. It also is imperative that pharmaceutical companies be urged to develop vaccines that fully respect the dignity of the human person at all stages.

This has been a difficult year. We mourn with all those who have lost loved ones. We pray for the faithful departed and for all those experiencing deep suffering, including illness, loss of employment, isolation, loneliness and anxiety. May the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, bring healing and comfort to our Catholic community. And may she draw us ever closer to her Son, the Divine Physician.

In Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Archbishop of Baltimore

Wilton Cardinal Gregory  
Archbishop of Washington

Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly  
Bishop of Wilmington

Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell Jr.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

Most Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville-Rodriguez  
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR  
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore

Most Reverend Denis J. Madden  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Baltimore

Most Reverend Adam J. Parker  
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore

On Dec. 21, 2020, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released a "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" that discusses the morality of use of these vaccines in detail and also notes, "from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

Source: <https://www.mdccatholic.org/bishops-covid>

### Enroll in Electronic Giving

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting **faith.direct/MD19**, or text 'Enroll' to **(301) 888-6290**

If you are unsure about making the switch to Faith Direct and would like some guidance, you can call the parish office or e-mail Victoria at [vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org)

### How can we pray for you?

Our online presence is growing during this time and we would like to stay connected as a community in prayer.

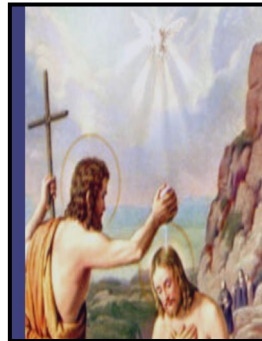
If you go [stelizabethchurchmd.org/prayer](http://stelizabethchurchmd.org/prayer) you will find the up to date list of those who have recently passed, those who are sick, and a place where you can submit your current prayer requests.

We love having you as part of our 'Flock', we send out weekly e-mails through Flocknote. Sign up is easy, just text 'StEMD' to **84576**.



## End of the Year Financial Statements

If you give through Faith Direct, they will be sent out to you through the mail and can be downloaded electronically by logging into your account. All other end of the year statements will be given by request. To request your end of the year statement, please email [vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org)



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### STAY UP TO DATE...

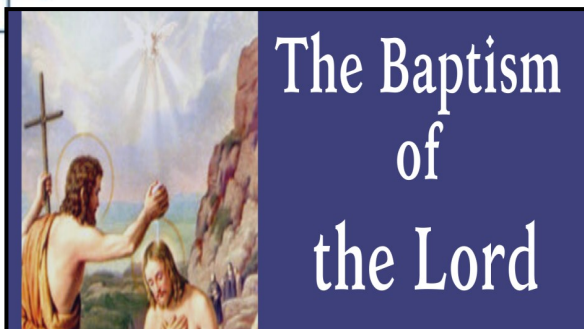
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Instagram: [Stechurchmd](https://www.instagram.com/Stechurchmd)  
Twitter: [Stechurchmd](https://twitter.com/Stechurchmd)

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Podcast:  
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Website: [stelizabethchurchmd.org](http://stelizabethchurchmd.org)







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### Mass Intentions

Sat. 1/09	9:00am	Angela Cicotta
	5:00pm	Belard Family
Sun. 1/10	7:30am	Our Parish Family
	9:00am	Gabi Guaipatin
	10:30am	George Cruser
	12:15pm	Special Intention
	6:00pm	Angela Delacruz (int)
Mon. 1/11	7:00am	Michelle Ratti (int)
	11:30am	Dorothy Brault
Tue. 1/12	7:00am	Helen Williams (int)
	11:30am	Marge Carr
Wed. 1/13	7:00am	Milagros Chaves
	11:30am	Thomas Hanrahan
Thu. 1/14	7:00am	Jim O'Neill
	11:30am	Frank & Marcia Silvestro
Fri. 1/15	7:00am	Theo M. Berry
	11:30am	William C. Watts
Sat. 1/16	9:00am	James McAuliffe
	5:00pm	Marlin Moore
Sun. 1/17	7:30am	Our Parish Family
	9:00am	J. William Moore
	10:30am	Doris Sievering
	12:15pm	Paul Peskosky
	6:00pm	Alice Moore

Mass intentions apply the graces from the prayers of Mass to the intention (someone who has passed, someone who is sick, any special intention



etc.) You must e-mail [vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org) to confirm a date and time. Mass stipends can be accepted online by going to [stelizabethchurchmd.org/massintentions](http://stelizabethchurchmd.org/massintentions)

### Scripture Readings

#### Week of January 11th

MON	Heb 1:1-6 / MK 1:14-20
TUES	Heb 2:5-12 / MK 1:21-28
WED	Heb 2:14-18 / MK 1:29-39
THU	Heb 3:7-14 / MK 1:40-45
FRI	Heb 4:1-5, 11 / MK 2:1-12
SAT	Heb 4:12-16 / MK 2:13-17
SUN	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / JN 1:35-42

## Parish Life

### \*\*Latest Updates\*\*

Please check our website for up to date information. [stelizabethchurchmd.org](http://stelizabethchurchmd.org)

### How May We Pray for You?

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### Resources for Assistance

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance (eviction prevention, utility, rent), or for help with food assistance, information can be found on our website by going to <https://stelizabethchurchmd.org/assistance>

### Remember Those Who Have Died

Please keep in your prayers those who have died, especially Sr, Edyth Fitzsimmons, CSJ (cousin of Bill Fitzsimmons), Helene Benson, Naomi Manders. Their families have our parish community's deepest sympathy.

### Parish Registration is now Online!

If you wish to make this your parish home please fill out the online registration form by going to <https://stelizabethchurchmd.org/registration> If you are over the age of 21 and have previously been registered as part of your parents' household, please register under your own name. Notify the parish office if your family status changes, including any contact information, or if you move out of the area.

### RCIA Team

We invite parishioners willing to accompany, support, and encourage adults who are journeying toward Baptism or seeking full communion with the Church to be part of our RCIA Team. Contact Mary Theresa to discuss ways you might become involved: [mtheneghan@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:mtheneghan@stelizabethchurchmd.org) or 301.881.1380, ext. 309.

## Eucharistic Ministers

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church.  
Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life  
of the church will blossom." - St. John Paul II

If you are a practicing  
Catholic of faith and prayer,  
have a love and devotion to  
the Eucharist, a willingness  
to engage in ongoing  
formation, and a gift of  
hospitality, this could be  
the ministry for you!

For more info contact Colleen at  
[csteele@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:csteele@stelizabethchurchmd.org)



### Stay connected by joining our Facebook group!

We have created a Facebook group for all of us to join where we can stay connected and share with each other. You can find the group on Facebook by searching for St. Elizabeth Parish Family or by looking at groups through our Facebook page which can be found at [facebook.com/stelizabethchurch](https://facebook.com/stelizabethchurch)

### Bereavement Support Group

St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer a seven week bereavement support group series for adults 18 and over who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. Because of the current Covid19 pandemic participants will be able to attend the sessions from the comfort and privacy of their own homes using our ZOOM format. This winter series will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 PM, from January 13 – February 24, 2021. There is no fee but registration is required. Space is limited to 10 participants so call early. To register call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962) or Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457).

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### St. Elizabeth's Support for the St. Camillus Food Pantry

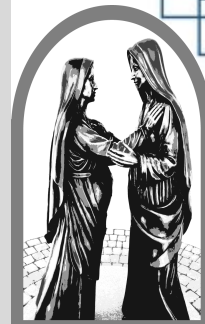
St. Elizabeth has a long standing relationship supporting the St. Camillus Food Pantry. When COVID-19 prevented our usual "first Sunday of the month" food collection for the Pantry (which averaged about 1,900 bags of groceries annually) we created a secure way to contribute financially to support St. Camillus through Faith Direct. This on-line giving has provided the pantry \$29,393 through December 2020. Individual parishioners have also provided direct financial support. This financial support from St. Elizabeth has been critical in helping the Pantry to cover the costs of purchasing huge quantities of food from several suppliers every week. The Pantry and its many volunteers are working tirelessly to meet a dramatic increase in the demand for food, e.g., 644 clients were served on the week-end before Christmas. (All clients receive ID cards which entitle them to come to the Pantry once a month.) Recent discussions with St. Camillus on resuming our parish food collections for the Pantry concluded that such collections are not now practical given severe storage/space constraints at the Pantry which make it difficult for them to manage such food donations. These have to be sorted outside in the parking lot in all sorts of weather and stored in two cramped trailers with no shelving units. (A planned, but delayed until Spring, construction of a permanent free standing structure with shelves and electricity would greatly improve the Pantry's ability to manage large food donations such as St. Elizabeth provided in the past.) The Pantry still needs and relies on our assistance. If you already have a Faith Direct account, you can log in and add St. Camillus as a "One Time Gift" or add it as a part of a monthly recurring donation. If you do not have a Faith Direct account, you can get started by visiting [faith.direct/MD19](https://faith.direct/MD19), or text Enroll to 301-888-6290. Alternatively, checks to St. Camillus Food Pantry can be sent to: St. Camillus Food Pantry, 1600 Saint Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903.

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## Confessions

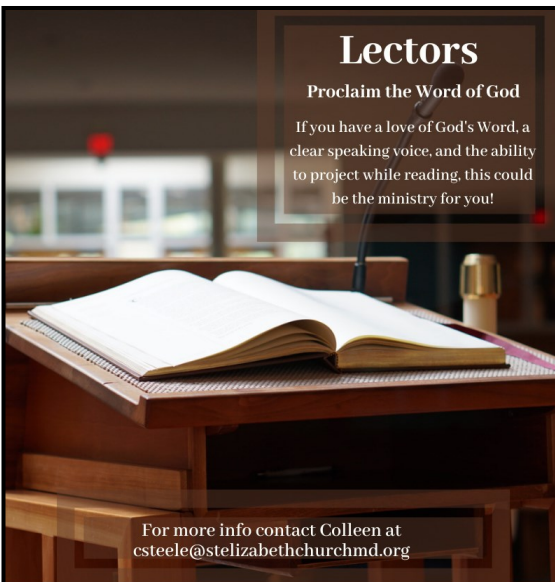
- Wednesdays at 7 pm
- Saturdays at 4 pm
- First Fridays at 11 am
- By appointment with a Priest



## Lectors

Proclaim the Word of God

If you have a love of God's Word, a clear speaking voice, and the ability to project while reading, this could be the ministry for you!



For more info contact Colleen at [csteele@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:csteele@stelizabethchurchmd.org)

### Bulletin Notice Deadline:

Please send any announcements for the weekend by 12:00 pm on Monday to Victoria Wesley. (See staff contact info.)

### NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS:

(16/17 January)

5:00 pm	Fr. Seamus
7:30 am	Fr. DeSiano
9:00 am	Fr. Vitturino
10:30 am	Msgr. Parent
12:15 pm	Msgr. Parent
6:00 pm	Fr. Stefan

Clergy Schedules can be found on the website by clicking on "Clergy & Ministry Schedule."



Save paper and invest in your parish community. Simplify your weekly routine by enrolling in eGiving with Faith Direct. To get started, just go to [faith.direct/MD19](https://faith.direct/MD19) or download the free app and use our church code: **MD19**. God Bless!

### Upcoming Confession Schedule

Wed, Jan. 13th at 7:00 pm Msgr. Parent  
Sat, Jan. 16th at 4:00pm Fr. Seamus  
Wed, Jan. 20th at 7:00 pm Fr. Stefan

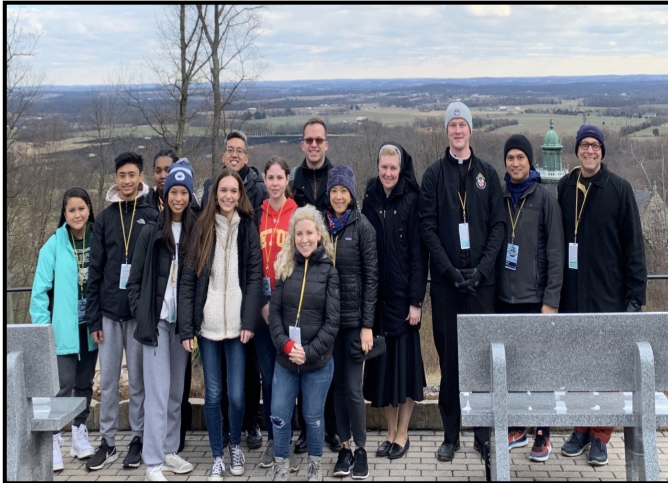




## Stay up-to-date with all the events happening at St. Elizabeth!

Text to join our Flocknote list, which is used to send out parish updates.

Text the keyword '**StEMD**' to **84576** to sign up!



## Youth Group News

We meet in person (socially distanced) every other week and over Zoom on the off weeks!

For the latest information please register for Youth Group so that we have your contact information.

Just go to [stelizabethchurchmd.org/youthgroup](http://stelizabethchurchmd.org/youthgroup)

We are always in need of more adult volunteers.

Volunteers must complete VIRTUS Training.

For more details contact:

Carmen Boston ([cboston@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:cboston@stelizabethchurchmd.org))

or

Fr. Stefan ([smegvery@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:smegvery@stelizabethchurchmd.org))

## Pray for the Sick Our Parishioners

Please remember all those in our parish who are sick or in need of special prayers from us, especially Joan Bauk, Agnes Bartorelli, Cathy Cantilena, Sandy Cepaitis, Joan David, Joan Davis, Sara deArmitt, Pat DeCarlo, Peggy Drury, Richard & Diann Gottron, Ralph Hensley, Louise Jackson, Meaghan Kilner, Nancy Le, Sherry Leung, Ligia Lopez, Mary Ann Maury, Steve Milne, Jerry Miskelly, Donna Neradka, Joe Norris, Dulce Pangelinan, Myriam Sakai, Agnes Saenz, Myriam Sakai, Karen Shahpoori, Tom Sheehan, Bill Taylor, Maria Tampe, Eunice Weixel, Lucille Wilson, Madeleine Wong, Rosalie Zoghby.

### Friends and Family

Patricia Balisle (friend of Gingie Glover), Elsie Banks, Cathy Berk (sister of Jean Campenni), Bill Bevacqua (brother of John Bevacqua), Emma Bico (friend of Rhoe Guevarra), Louise Borba (friend of Antoinette Ponce), Shirley (aunt of John Ruddy), Lorraine Chavez, Seve Chacon, Nicholas Christakos, Linda Cooper (friend of Christine Ferris), Abigail Daly (granddaughter of Donna Neradka), Carol DelBonifro (aunt of Antoinette Ponce), Carson Dratch (nephew of Deborah Ruddy), Alex Dromerick, Jr., Nestor Ian Fernando, Steve Frick (brother of Betty Bahadori), Mario Funari (father in-law of John Bevacqua), Jeff Gage (relative of Toni Gage), Michael J. Guadagnoli, Carol Hallauer (friend of Gingie Glover), Celia & Torcato & Jeremiah Jowett, Sarah Lazer (friend of Stacy & Jim Crawford), Loc Le (father of Lan Le), Leopoldo Lopez (friend of Myrta Christian), Frank Lyons (parents of Sharon Watts), Andrew Mann (brother of Susan Mann), Lyn Mangona (friend of Rhoe Guevarra), Rosemary McArthur (friend of Jane Milne), Meghan McCormick (friend of Jane Milne), Leonard Moreno (friend of Rhoe Guevarra), Dennis Mutter (brother of Carol Westrick), Bjorn and Madeline, Sid Nelson, Bart Pearlman (brother in-law of Patti Schroeder), Eliodoro Peredo (friend of Gingie Glover), Reynaldo Principe, Marie Pyle, Nelida Pose (Aunt of Maria Rouco), Mario Saenz (grandson of Agnes Bartorelli), Ines Santa Cruz (grandmother of Liam Santa Cruz), Michael Schultz (second cousin of Maddie Booth), Linda Pearlman (sister of Patti Schroeder), Peter Pham (brother of Mary), Ray (father of Kathy Osinski), Eliodoro Rosales, Celia & Torcato & Jeremiah Jowett Howard Waldron (friend of Toni Gage), Gary Wiser (friend of Patti Wang), and Jim Woolsey (friends of Jane Milne). Our gathered community remembers all of these people daily and asks God for His gentle and healing touch. *(Names will be listed for one month and then regularly be rotated off unless you call or e-mail ([vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:vwesley@stelizabethchurchmd.org)) the parish office to ask for an extension. We continue to remember everyone in our prayers, whether listed or not.)*

### Active Service Members

Travis Brinkman (nephew of Kathleen Szabo), Timothy Galginaitis (son of Jeff & Betsy Galginaitis), Robert Heeley (nephew of Carole Gelfeld), Steven Morse (friend of Suzan Corwin), Mike Ryan (nephew of Kathleen Szabo), Jason Scoles (friend of Mike & Stacie Townsend), Gabe Smith (nephew of Betty Bahadori), Sgt. Thomas Eric Sten, Jr., Richard Thomas (friend of Tim & Jenny McDonough).