

# Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church

917 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852-4203



## 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

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### 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:

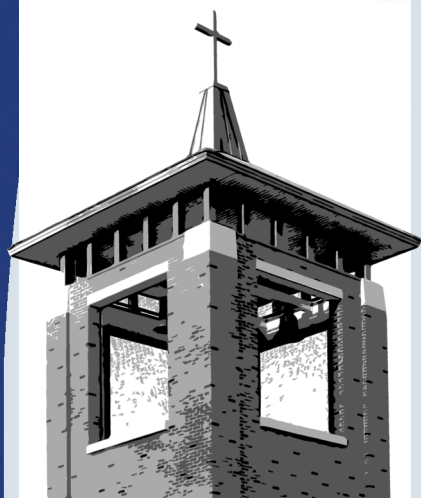
Please notify the parish office as soon as possible with information about anyone who is hospitalized, sick, or homebound and who may wish to be visited by a priest or a Eucharistic Minister.

### 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.



Dear St. E's parish family,

This week we will celebrate the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and inaugurate President Biden. As we do so, let us pray for an end to division, hatred, violence, and bigotry in our nation and for a smooth and peaceful transition of power at all levels of our government.

Below is the text of my homily from last Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the official end of the Christmas season. My basic point is that Christmas is God's perfect answer to the world's injustice and political unrest. I hope and pray that as a parish we will continue to live this answer well and bring healing and hope to our fractured world.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Msgr. Bill Parent*

Christmas, day 17 of 17 days of the Christmas season this year. The official finale. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. I know it doesn't really feel like Christmas this late in the season, especially in a pandemic after the horrendous attack on the Capitol on Wednesday. Christmas feels very, very far away.

Yet Christmas seems to me to be God's perfect answer to what's wrong with our politics, though we don't usually think in those terms. Let me try to explain.

First, what's wrong with our politics? Have you noticed how both ends of our political spectrum are working from the same basic pattern? Oh, they disagree passionately, even violently, about the issues. But whether we're talking about storming the Capitol because of a stolen election or storming federal buildings because of racial injustice, the same basic three-step pattern emerges:

- The pattern starts with a collective belief that we **on our side** are victims of grave injustice. Let's leave the validity of this belief aside for now. The fact is that over the past year on polar-opposite sides of our political spectrum, millions of people believe that people **on our side** are victims of grave injustices perpetrated by people **who are not on our side**.
- The next step in the pattern is the belief that the system is broken – our institutions have failed. This belief is deeply, passionately held, though it tends to be based on information that is incomplete, debatable or outright wrong.

- Then there's the final, most dangerous step in the pattern: violence. Burn it down. Force the people who did this to take us seriously. This violence feels justified, even necessary in order to gain what is rightly ours.

This is a very ancient pattern – the pattern of war and insurrection that is as old as humanity itself – a pattern of tribal hatred and violent struggle for power that is magnified today by social media. **Step one:** we're victims of a grave injustice perpetrated by that other tribe. **Step two:** the system is broken. Throughout history there's generally enough truth in these first two steps that step three is inevitable: our tribe will use the violence necessary to gain what is rightly ours.

What does any of this have to do with Christmas? Christmas breaks this ancient pattern in our relationship with God. On one side of the relationship is tribe Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On the other side is the tribe of all humanity. Steps one and two are already familiar:

**First:** Tribe Trinity is the victim of the grave injustice of tribe humanity's sin.

**Second:** The system is broken by our sin. It is inescapably corrupt and incapable of remedying our injustice. We cannot restore tribe Trinity's plan. We cannot save ourselves.

If ever in the history of the world any tribe was justified in resorting to violence, it would have been tribe Trinity crushing tribe humanity for our sins. Tribe Trinity had every right to the violence of a great flood or the all-consuming fire of a super nova.

But God does **not** restore justice through violence. Instead God restores justice slowly, gently, patiently as the prophet Isaiah prophesied in today's first reading:

...not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street; a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth...

That's the Incarnation of the Christ. That's Christmas, which is God's perfect answer to our ancient pattern of tribal violence. God's Word is born to us: conceived by a virgin, born in a stable, a carpenter's son, baptized by his cousin. Today this Word is born anew

in the Church Jesus founded, in our prayer, in our service, especially as the Eucharist. Why? To restore justice through mercy, not violence. To save us through a loving personal relationship with God that is only possible through the Incarnation of the Christ.

So yes, today is Christmas. In an era of political violence and pandemic, the Christ is born to us so that we might bear him out into the world to break the pattern of tribal violence and heal and save all that can be healed and saved. More than our politics and philosophies and worldly power, Christmas is humanity's hope.

Merry Christmas.

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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## Mass Intentions

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
Mon. 1/18	11:30am	Joseph Ngo
Tue. 1/19	7:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Ngo
	11:30am	Joseph Tai
Wed. 1/20	7:00am	Neville & Marie Emmanuel
	11:30am	Ana Singson (int)
Thu. 1/21	7:00am	Fr. Stefan Yap (int)
	11:30am	John & Elizabeth McDonough
Fri. 1/22	7:00am	Marie Pyle (int)
	11:30am	Hazel Cavallo
Sat. 1/23	9:00am	Richard Cardea
	5:00pm	Geraldine Sobolewski
Sun. 1/24	7:30am	Our Parish Family
	9:00am	Patricia Sargent
	10:30am	Kenneth & Linda Lee
	12:15pm	John Lucci
	6:00pm	Special Intention

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** to confirm a date and time. Mass stipends can be accepted online by going to **stelizabethchurchmd.org/massintentions**

## Scripture Readings

### Week of January 18th

MON	Heb 5:1-10 / MK 2:18-22
TUES	Heb 6:10-20 / MK 2:23-28
WED	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / MK 3:1-6
THU	Heb 7:25—8:6 / MK 3:7-12
FRI	Heb 8:6-13 / MK 3:13-19
SAT	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 / MK 3:20-21
SUN	Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / MK 1:14-20

# Parish Life

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

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

## How May 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 <https://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.

## 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>

## Parish Office Closed— Monday, January 18th

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day the parish office will be closed. Mass will be held at 11:30 am only.

## St. Camillus Food Pantry Thank You

The St. Camillus Food Pantry sent us a letter thanking us for our very generous contributions of gift cards for families during the Christmas season (our Advent Tree collection), they are grateful for our continued generosity for helping those in need.

## 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.

## PRAYER FOR THE NATION OR STATE

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

— THE ROMAN MISSAL



### 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.

### 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/stechurch](https://facebook.com/stechurch)

### 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 Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 PM, from January 14 – February 25, 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).

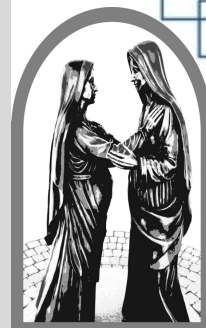
### St. Elizabeth's Support for the St. Camillus Food Pantry

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 weekend 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

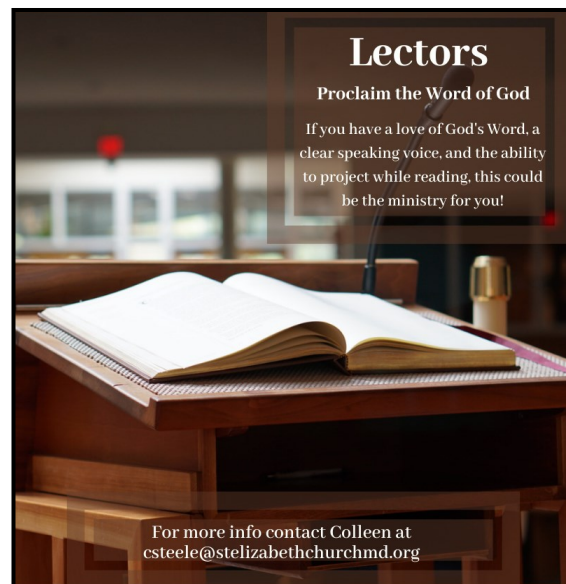
- Wednesdays at 7 pm
- Saturdays at 4 pm
- First Fridays at 11 am
- By appointment with a Priest



## 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:

(23/24 January)

5:00 pm	Fr. Vitturino
7:30 am	Fr. Stefan
9:00 am	Msgr. Parent
10:30 am	Fr. O'Brien
12:15 pm	Fr. Stefan
6:00 pm	Msgr. Parent

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. 20th at 7:00 pm Fr. Stefan  
Sat, Jan. 23rd at 4:00pm Fr. Vitturino  
Wed, Jan. 27th at 7:00 pm Msgr. Parent





## 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 ([smegyery@stelizabethchurchmd.org](mailto:smegyery@stelizabethchurchmd.org))

# VIRTUAL YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE 1/29/21

MAY WE STOP WANDERING INTO THE  
WILDERNESS OF THE CULTURE OF DEATH  
AND INTO "LIFE IN ABUNDANCE".



TO REGISTER AND FIND MORE INFORMATION,  
VISIT: [YOUTHRALLYANDMASSFORLIFE.ORG](http://YOUTHRALLYANDMASSFORLIFE.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).