

Saint Elizabeth Parish

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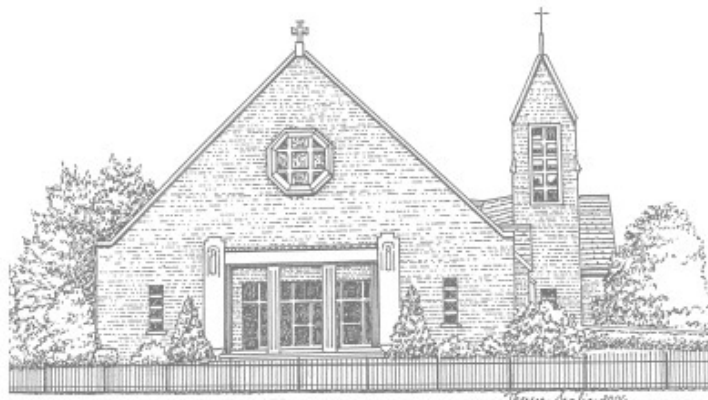
www.stelizabethmilton.org

Parish Mission Statement

The mission of the Parish of Saint Elizabeth is to give witness to the Kingdom of God on earth, to support one another, and to strive for a deeper relationship with God.

As a community of faith, we welcome all to participate in living out the Gospel message of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to serve better the Lord and one another.



Pastoral Staff

Rev. Aidan J. Walsh
Rev. Robert Clark, S.S.C.
Sr. Mary K. Walsh, C.S.J.

Ms. Clare Joyce
Donna Mitchell
Mary Shea DiCenzo
Susan Tuzzo
Dr. George Ashur
John Connolly
Barbara Lydon

Pastor
Priest in Residence
Director of Religious Education
Coordinator for Grades K-6
Coordinator for Grades 7-10
Religious Education Assistant
Business Manager
Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Facilities Manager
Receptionist

Schedule of Masses

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Daily Mass: Monday—Friday, 9:00 am

Telephone Numbers

Rectory (617) 696-6688
Religious Education (617) 698-5763
Fax (617) 698-4864

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms:

First Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm
Parental instruction required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:0—3:45 pm
Anytime by appointment

Eucharist Ministry to the Sick:

Please call the Parish Office to receive the Eucharist at home.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults
Sister Mary K. Walsh, C.S.J.
617-698-5763

Marriage:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding date.

The Second Sunday Lent, February 28, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

Prayers are requested for the people of our parish, for those who are hospitalized, for our deceased relatives and friends, and for the following intentions:

Saturday, February 27

4:00 pm Mary & Tom Dalton; Joseph Leahy Memorial

7:00 pm Jerry Sheehan-25th Anniversary

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am Margaret R. Casey-Anniversary

9:30 am Joseph McNulty-Memorial

11:30 am Alan Putman-Memorial

Thursday, March 4

9:00 am Vincent Murdock-B'Day Memorial

Friday, March 5

9:00 am Special Intention

Saturday, March 6

4:00 pm Dorothea Kiley-2nd Anniversary

Sunday, March 7

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

9:30 am Monica & Marie Folan-Memorial

11:30 am Cornelius Hegarty-20th Anniversary

Please pray for the **recently deceased:**

Barbara Russell, Anna Falzone

John J. Manning, Jr.



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this month in loving memory of *Lieutenant Raymond C. Delaney & Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Sheehan from Virginia Delaney*

Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray.

Luke 9:28



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by Catholics 14 years or older. Remember no meat on Fridays during Lent.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today we will hear an audio homily from Cardinal Sean regarding this year's Catholic Appeal. The Appeal begins today in our parish and in parishes across the Archdiocese. Let me start by saying thank you for the support you gave to last year's Catholic Appeal. This appreciation comes both from Cardinal Sean and me.

The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the offertory is here at St. Elizabeth. Just as your help is critical to keep our parish going, the health of the Archdiocese and all of our parishes depends upon your gifts.

In 2009, because of your generosity, the Catholic Appeal reached over 95% of our Archdiocesan-wide goal. This is an important achievement for our Church, that even during difficult economic times, we have been able to sustain many ministries and initiatives that help to strengthen our parishes, renew our dedication to Christ's mission, and pass on our great faith.

In your pews and at the back of the Church you will find an information packet that contains a message from Cardinal Sean on the mission of our 2010 Catholic Appeal. Over the next few days, every Catholic family who has participated in the Appeal since 2007 will also receive a letter from the Cardinal requesting their support for this year's campaign.

Here at St. Elizabeth, 196 parishioners contributed \$105,651 to last year's Appeal. Again, thank you for your generous and thoughtful support.

Prayers and Best Wishes,

Fr. Aidan

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of February 13-14

Offertory \$7,226

Weekend of February 20-21

Offertory \$7,516

Monthly Maintenance \$3,105

As always, we thank you for your generosity, particularly during these difficult economic times. The offertory is our primary means of meeting parish weekly operational expenses.

Electronic Giving If you are interested in this program, please take a form at the entrance of the church, call the parish office or visit our website www.stelizabethmilton.org.

Excerpts of a letter from The Milton Community Food Pantry (MCFP): *“We are again writing to thank the St. Elizabeth Church Faith Community for its support of the Milton Community Food Pantry’s mission to provide food for neighbors in need. The generosity of your parishioners in the ongoing donation of food items for the pantry is particularly heart-warming in these challenging economic times.*

This summer, our client base has swelled to 188 families. With the continuing gloomy economic forecast and rising unemployment figures, we expect that additional families in town will come to depend upon the donations we receive and the services provided by the volunteers that staff the MCFP to provide nourishment for themselves and their families

We know that with friends like St. Elizabeth Church we will continue to make a difference in the quality of life of our neighbors. Thank you so much for caring and sharing. We truly appreciate the support that you continue to provide for the Milton Community Food Pantry.”

With gratitude,
JINI Connors and Pat Brawley Morise, Co-Directors

Q Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

A The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, we keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat with the Merciful Jesus—The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy warmly invite you to a Lenten retreat to be held on Saturday, March 13 at St. Ann’s Parish, Dorchester. Teachings on Divine Mercy include:

- 11:00 am Talk #1 *Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy*
Lunch—Bring a brown bag
- 1:00 pm Talk #2 *Rev. Richard F. Clancy*
- 2:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00 pm Hour of Mercy and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available until 4:00 pm

- 4:00 pm Holy Mass; Celebrant and Homilist: *Rev. Richard Clancy*, Director of College Campus Ministry. For more information: www.sisterfaustina.org or call 617-288-1202.



Dishin’ It Up for the Homeless Fundraiser will be held on March 11 at 6:00 pm at Stonehill College in the Roche Dining Commons. Tickets are \$65 each or (10) each for \$500. The evening includes live entertainment, a live and silent auction and food. Please contact Sheila O’Loughlin at 617-376- 2255 x235. Proceeds will support MainSpring House

St. Jude Children’s Hospital’s Fourth Annual Family Event— Big Dreams Start Smaller, Tuning into St. Jude Kids. The event will be held on Sunday, March 14, from 1-5:00 pm at Lantana’s, Randolph. Tickets are \$20 now or \$25 if purchased after March 1st. Family fun includes food, games, raffle items, photo booths, face painting, caricature artists, ice cream, music, dancing, etc.

The continuing success of this event would not be possible without the many devoted local teens who have volunteered countless hours to this cause. Contact Allison Kemon at 617-965-5262 or visit www.stjude.org/bigdreamsstartsmaller.