

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 27, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 13 (After 4:00 PM Mass)



<u>SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION</u> will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

<u>FOOD SUNDAY</u> - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

<u>COFFEE AND DONUTS</u> – A new schedule for serving coffee and donuts will be coming out in September. If you would like to participate in this hospitality ministry, please sign the list in the back of the church. As a committee member you would be responsible for serving after the 9:00 am or 11:00 am Masses two or three times during the October-June period. If you cannot serve on an assigned date you are responsible for getting a replacement. This ministry is fun and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

# CANTORES IN ECCLESIA PRESENTS THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL AUGUST 6-24, IN PORTLAND, OREGON

English organist and conductor Mark Williams will return to Portland this summer to direct the award-winning choir Cantores in Ecclesia in a nineteen-day festival featuring choral masterpieces by the great Renaissance composer William Byrd (1540-1623) and his teacher Thomas Tallis (1505-58=585). The concerts will take place in St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 1112 SE 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The complete festival schedule also includes an organ recital, seven liturgical services, and six public lectures. The schedule is available online at <a href="https://www.byrdfestival.org">www.byrdfestival.org</a>.

#### WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

If you would like to participate in this rewarding ministry by taking the Eucharist to patients at OHSU, please contact Frankie Anderson at 503-245-4254 or <a href="mailto:frankiemanderson@yahoo.com">frankiemanderson@yahoo.com</a>.

CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND RCIA to begin next fall are in the planning stage. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you have children who will be receiving their First Communion or Confirmation, please sign the lists in the back of the Church, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

JOURNEY TOGETHER IN HOPE – a retreat for Catholic families who have family members with disabilities will be held the weekend of August 22, 23, and 24, 2014, at Aldersgate Conference Center—just outside of Salem in Turner, Oregon. This weekend is designed to bring together Catholic families with children (all ages) with disabilities to have fun together, to celebrate, to share faith, to rest and relax, and to build supportive friendships. For registration information, call the Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities at 503-233-8399 or email <a href="mailto:dcoughlin@archdpdx.org">dcoughlin@archdpdx.org</a>.

The success of casinos and state lotteries is a witness to our hope that somehow we might strike it rich without effort. The chance of a lifetime, the unhoped for occasion is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. In order to attain that treasure we must take the risk of a speculator and sell all that we have in order to buy that which holds the promise of greater wealth. Woe to those who label as foolishness that which is profound wisdom, the ability to appreciate and search for real wealth. "Ask yourself", says Newman, "if the Kingdom would disappear, would you change anything in your life? If you see nothing that you would change, it is because you have risked nothing for Christ and the Kingdom."

A life risked for Christ and the kingdom is the demand made by baptism. Social, professional, and even family life, are lived within parameters. Only the Christian life is an absolute. The passion for Christ must submerge all other controlling factors in our lives. For the one who wishes to follow Christ must sell all, refusing to tolerate the least measure of hypocrisy or compromise.

Selling all for Christ does not denigrate freedom. Sacrifice and detachment are the necessary consequences of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge. More than any great cause, Jesus excites within us great joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering the meaning of life, the joy of finding ourselves engaged in the adventure of holiness.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: <u>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>. 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/ Psalm 119/

Romans 8:28-30/ Matthew 13:44-52

Monday: Jeremiah 13:1-11/ (Ps) Deuteronomy 32:18-21/ Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: Saint Martha. Jeremiah 14:17-22/ Psalm 79/ John 11:19-27

Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21/ Psalm 59/ Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest. Jeremiah 18:1-6/ Psalm 146/

Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church.

Jeremiah 26:1-9/Psalm 69/ Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24/ Psalm 69/ Matthew 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 55:1-3/ Psalm 145/ Romans

8:35, 37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

#### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Jim and Kayrl Frazer

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,630.00 Thank you.

### St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

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#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

#### PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

## Reflection

By using a variety of images, Jesus gives a glimpse of what the Kingdom of Heaven will be. Its discovery is a sudden joy; it takes a person by surprise; it happens in secret. But simply discovering the kingdom is not enough: the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price must be possessed at any cost. And it costs everything one has to obtain them.

"Do you understand these things?" Jesus asks his disciples. Are we ready for the discovery of the kingdom? More importantly, once we have found it, are we willing to stake everything we own on it?