

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6th

Mass with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at

8:30 AM - Noon - 7PM.



WELCOME FR. BRUCE CWIEKOWSKI! Fr. Bruce joins us from Providence Portland Medical Center where he serves as the Catholic Chaplain. Thank you, Fr. Bruce, for sharing your time with us while Fr. Jim is in Alaska enjoying the cold. (Actually, he reports that it's surprisingly comfortable, with temperatures in the mid-20's!)

<u>SAD NEWS</u>: As many of you know, JULIE STEINER, a lovely, gracious lady and long-time parishioner died this past Monday, February 18th. Julie's Funeral Mass will be held at St. Elizabeth on Saturday, March 2 at 12:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Town Club. All are welcomed. Julie's children report that Julie's husband, Lee, is doing very well.

<u>ATTENTION READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!</u> Be sure to check your email for an important announcement concerning the new scheduling program we'll begin using next week. If you did not receive the email, please contact Elizabeth in the church office, 503-222-2168.

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL: This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2019 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$23,660.24. If you haven't already done so, please complete your pledge card indicating your gift or pledge. Envelopes are available from the ushers and by the front doors. We'd love to have 100 percent participation from St. Elizabeth to show our support for the Catholic Church in Western Oregon. Thank you!

<u>SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS</u> are being organized and will hopefully begin the first week of Lent. The sign-up sheet is in the gathering area.

HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND - March 3rd:

9AM - Skip & Nita King

11AM - Tim & Traci Shields

But the most fundamental demand of the Law of Love is that we should love freely. We are commanded to choose our own object of love, and not simply to love any object that is place before us.

Yet at the same time our choice is bounded by certain limitations—for our time, our place, our society, our state of life determine for us a certain limited number of friends and enemies. We are not entirely free to say who precisely shall be our friend and who shall be our enemy. Our choice is limited to certain divine possibilities. But, still, we can and must choose to love the people we actually encounter, whether as friends or as people loved in spite of their hostility.

The Law of Love then is not a law commanding that we wallow in sentimental consolation or in condescending official benevolence. It is a command to commit ourselves to the use of this deep power that is in us, to choose to commit ourselves even in situations where the power does not go into action instinctively.

In a word, the command of love is a command to rise above the mechanisms of natural instinct, to use a natural force freely and deliberately, instead of permitting ourselves to be led by it, and carried away by it blindly. (Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, Doubleday, 1965, pp 121-122).



JOIN THE CHOIR FOR LENT AND EASTER! All practices will be on Tuesdays, beginning February 26th (that's next week!) at 6:30 pm (or following the soup & bread suppers) and continue until April 16th.

<u>LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE /SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS:</u> We will continue our tradition every Tuesday during Lent of gathering for a 6:00 pm Lenten prayer service, followed by a simple meal of soups and bread. This is a wonderful tradition at St. Elizabeth and we hope everyone can enjoy one or more of our Tuesday night gatherings.

COLLECTIONS: Last weekend: \$4448.00 THANK YOU!!

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 22nd CELEBRATION OF HOPE GALA: Catholic charities of Oregon is committed to giving families and individuals the tools they need to feel confident and hopeful in the face of life's challenges. Your partnership and support enable Catholic Charities to nurture and build resilience within each individual it serves. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019. 6PM Cocktail Reception. 7PM Dinner, Auction & Program. Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballroom.

LENTEN SEAFOOD FEST: St. Philip Neri Parish, Saturday, March 16, 2019, 3:30 to 8:00 pm. Dinner includes half Dungeness Crab or Salmon filet, homemade New England Clam Chowder, Shrimp Cocktail, rustic bread, mixed green salad, and dessert!! RESERVE your tickets before DEADLINE of March 10! Adults \$35, Children (6-12) \$20, children under 6 free (mac & cheese)! Beer, wine, and soda available for purchase. Choose from two seatings: 3:30 PM or 6:00 PM. Please call parish office, (503) 231-4955, to order tickets or visit website stephilipneripdx.org for handy online ticket purchase and more information! No door sales.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ Psalm

103/1 Corinthians 15:45-49/ Luke 6:27-38.

Monday: Sirach 1:1-10/ Psalm 93/ Mark 9:14-29. Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11/ Psalm 37/ Mark 9:30-37.

Wed: Sirach 4:11-19/ Psalm 119/ Mark 9:38-40.

Thursday: Sirach 5:1-8/Psalm 1/ Mark 9:41-50. Friday: Sirach 6:5-17/ Psalm 119/ Mark 10:1-12. Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15/ Psalm 103/ Mark 10:13-16.

Next Sun: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sirach 27:4-7/ Psalm 92/

1 Corinthians 15:54-58/ Luke 6:39-45.