

**PASTORATE OF  
ST. CASIMIR, ST. BRIGID  
&  
ST. ELIZABETH OF  
HUNGARY**

**5th Sunday of Lent  
March 29, 2020**

**John 11:1-45**



In today's Gospel we hear how a good friend of Jesus falls ill and dies. Jesus says to him, "Lazarus, get up and come out."

## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Dennis Grumsey, OFM Conv.  
**Pastor**

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Mrs. Noreen Heffner  
**Principal - St. Casimir School**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### **St. Casimir Parish Office Hours:**

Monday thru Wednesday - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday - 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday - 8:00 AM to Noon

### **St. Elizabeth Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Thursday - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

### **Food Pantry**

Tuesday & Friday

11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

## **RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

### **St. Casimir Church**

Daily before morning Mass  
(except Sundays & Holydays)  
Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

### **St. Elizabeth Church**

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM

The **St. Stanislaus Kostka Chapel**  
in the St. Joseph Cupertino Center

is open (Monday through Saturday) for private prayer  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Casimir Church

Last Saturday of the Month at 3:45-4:45 PM

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### **First Reading:**

Ezekiel 37:12-14

### **Second Reading:**

Romans 8:8-11

### **Gospel: John 11:1-45**

*Jesus called out to Lazarus,  
get up and come out. To everyone's  
amazement, Lazarus appeared, still wrapped  
in burial cloths. Many people saw what  
happened that day and they believed in Jesus.*



### **St. Casimir Church**

#### **Monday, March 30**

**8:00 AM** + Anthony Marzec

Req. by Stephen & Denise Lesniewski, Jr.

#### **Tuesday, March 31**

**8:00 AM** + Intention of Donor

#### **Wednesday, April 1**

**8:00 AM** + Intention of Donor

#### **Thursday, April 2**

**8:00 AM** + Gregory Zawadzki

Req. by Gene Lastner

#### **Friday, April 3**

**8:00 AM** + Victoria Sarnecki

#### **Saturday, April 4**

**8:00 AM** + Intention of Donor

**5:00 PM** + John & Johanna Kropkowski

Req. by Granddaughter, Fran

#### **Sunday, April 5**

**8:00 AM** Parishioners of the Pastorate  
of St. Casimir, St. Brigid and  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary

**10:00 AM** + Lillian Ford

Req. by Daughter, Patricia

**5:00 PM** + Francis Joseph Ford

Req. by Sister, Patricia

### **St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church**

#### **Sunday, April 5**

**10:00 AM** Parishioners of the Pastorate  
of St. Casimir, St. Brigid and  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary

## PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

Many of us, at least for the present time, face a similar situation to many of our fellow brothers and sisters in places like the Amazon and other parts of the world. Thanks to the spread of the coronavirus, we find ourselves experiencing what other Christians have experienced perhaps all their lives. We might not have a priest shortage (yet), but we are finding ourselves quarantined, with little to no access to priests and the sacraments which priests can offer. Just like those who in other times and places found ways to continue their walk with God, we can, and should, continue on in our faith. We should make time to pray every day. On Sundays, might watch one of the many streaming or televised Masses, or at least, find the Scripture readings for the week, read them, and take time to contemplate their meaning for our lives.

Likewise, there are many devotions which we can use to help us as we deal with the sorrows and fears which we might have as a result of the pandemic. We might make a list of some of our own favorite prayers, and pray them when we wake up or before we go to sleep, such as the Our Father, the Hail Mary. The rosary, certainly, can be picked up and used daily. Similarly, praying from the Psalms can help us find consolation. The [Liturgy of the Hours](#) (said alone or with those in one's household) offers us a way to shape our day and put our hope in God. Various other daily prayers also can lift our spirits as we put our hope, faith, and love in God.



We can do some spiritual reading every day. It doesn't have to be from Scripture. It doesn't have to be from writings of the saints. Though, of course, both of those are excellent resources, what we need are things which inspire us and help lead us to God. Theological writings inspire me, but so does many good works of fiction. For others, they may want to take on the reading of poetry. What is important is to find something to help motivate us, to get us thinking and inspire us.

How we treat others during this time, also, is very important. If we are living with others (friends or family), we might find staying indoors for a long-term basis rather difficult. We must do our best to be charitable to each other, looking after each other's needs, even as we need to find a way to have time for ourselves. But we must also concern ourselves with the well-being of our community as a whole. We must recognize that our duty to the community means we should respect a quarantine or travel restrictions when they are put in place, but also, when we need to go out, such as to a store, we must think of others and their needs. We must not excessively hoard essential goods, nor should we try to find a way to make a profit on the extreme needs of others. We need to work together, showing our love to one another; this is how we are to live out our lives as Christians, being more concerned about the welfare of others than we are about our own selfish desires. Certainly, we can and should do what we can to properly take care of our own needs – but we can and should do so with as much charity to others.

What all of this means is that we should not panic and be afraid if we are unable to receive the sacraments due to the coronavirus (or, for any other similar reason). Christian wisdom tells us that God loves us. It is important to remain open to God. When we cannot go to Mass, when we cannot receive the sacraments as normal, we should find ways in which we continue our spiritual life. It is important to put our hope and faith in God, even as it is important for us to act in prudence. Reading of Scripture, saying daily prayers, doing acts of charity (even if it is for those who are in our household) are good ways to do this. We must not despair. Even though we find the routines of life changes, God is always there, ready and willing to offer his love.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**ST. CASIMIR PARISH**

**March 21/22, 2020**

Attendance.....	No Masses
Weekly Offering .....	\$1,510
e-GIVING .....	\$2,576
Poor Box Donations .....	No Masses
Weekly Offering the same Sunday 2019..	\$3,403
e-GIVING .....	\$2,445
Attendance the same Sunday 2019 .....	534

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PARISH**

Attendance.....	No Mass
Weekly Offering .....	\$40
Online Giving .....	\$300
Poor Box Donations .....	No Mass
Second Collection .....	No Mass

**BEANS & BREAD MESSAGE -  
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES  
SUSPENDED & DONATIONS NEEDED**

We regret to inform that we are suspending volunteer opportunities temporarily due to the COVID-19 virus. We are thankful for your commitment to volunteer but with the uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 virus, the decision to suspend volunteering is in alignment with guidance provided by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and the U.S. State Department regarding social distancing. Please know that your health and safety was at the forefront of our decision-making process.

In addition, we will temporarily alter our food service model. In order to accommodate this new model, we are asking for bagged lunches rather than casseroles for the time being. Popular lunch items include soft fruits, sandwiches, chips, bottled water, juices, granola and protein bars, individually packaged trail mix and snacks. To arrange donation drop offs, please call tempbbc@vincentbaltimore.org Thank you for your continued support.

**If you need to contact, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Andy or staff, please do so by email.**

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**Fr. Andy AndrewSantamauro@olaprovince.org**

**Bernadette bvece@verizon.net**

**Donna st.casimir@verizon.net**

**PARISH UPDATE**

Please know that those who scheduled a mass for a loved one over these next few weeks, that both Fr. Dennis and Fr. Andy are offering mass each day and that your loved ones are being remembered even though the mass is not being offered publicly.

**The chapel will remain open daily from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for private prayer including Saturday and Sunday.** Come and spend some quiet time, say the rosary or some prayers.

Leaving our church open this past Sunday for Adoration worked well and people respected the distancing guidelines. and so we will continue to do that again this coming Sunday, March 29 from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM. Again a reminder, no more than 10 people at one time and to keep at least 6 feet apart from one another.

If you still have children's clothes to drop off for the **Giving Tree, they can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church during Adoration on Sunday, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.**

Visit [www.archbalt.org/online-mass/](http://www.archbalt.org/online-mass/) or go to MyParish App to watch, listen to or stream a live Mass along with other spiritual resources. You will also find other useful information.

As a parish, we also worry about how to financially care for the parish during this unprecedented time. Even when you are not able to attend Mass you can still support the parish through your weekly offertory contributions. You can mail your offertory into the parish, drop it off at the parish or sign up for online giving. During this time of uncertainty, in order to maintain consistent offertory contributions, please consider our online giving link located on the Home Page of our website, [www.stcasimir.org](http://www.stcasimir.org).

In the meantime, we will communicate to you through email (Flocknote), the Parish Facebook page and the Parish Website on a regular basis, especially if there are needs. We are also set up myParish App for your convenience on your phone.

**E-GIVING DONATIONS - ST. CASIMIR**

Help us keep our budget on track by setting up recurring donations through your e-giving account. Your continued support allows us to help our church family. Go to our website [www.stcasimir.org](http://www.stcasimir.org) and click on the e-Giving icon. It will take you to our e-Giving page and you can sign up to have recurring donations made weekly, biweekly or monthly. You can also make one time donations. Make sure you click the recurring box if you want it to come automatically.

## ONLINE GIVING - ST. ELIZABETH

Please remember that tithing is our main support for our beautiful church building and all the expenses of parish life! Online giving is easy and secure with GiveCentral. Visit [www.givecentral.org/location/479](http://www.givecentral.org/location/479) to set up your account and make one-time or recurring donations. St. E's also takes Venmo donations! If you need assistance or would prefer to receive weekly tithing envelopes, send us an email at [stliz1@comcast.net](mailto:stliz1@comcast.net).



## MY PARISH APP

St. Casimir has set up the Pastorate on My Parish App. We are asking everyone to sign up for the App now. There is some very useful information that can be found on the app, Prayer list,

prayers to read, readings of the day, when you can watch a Mass without the faithful being livestreamed, local news, etc.

To get the app on your phone - Type 88202 as the number and then text App in the message and send. A link will be sent to you saying - Tap the link to install the my - Parish App : [myparishapp.com/appstore](http://myparishapp.com/appstore).

We are still learning how to post information for our Pastorate of St. Casimir, St. Elizabeth & St. Brigid. But at least in the meantime, you will have access to many resources posted through the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. Change your heart through good works this Lent.

*Fasting* is a way to deepen our relationship with God and others. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

*Abstinence* is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Fridays are days of abstinence.

## FOOD PANTRY AT ST. ELIZABETH

**Open on Tuesday & Friday -11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**  
Please don't forget the poor and bring a canned good or two to St. Casimir Church vestibule during adoration on Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In this time of crisis, every day more homeless and disadvantaged families come to knock at the doors of our Church. Thank you for your generosity.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We are updating our Prayer list for our families and friends who are sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name. Please pray for **Pat Ruckiewicz and Gia Givens**. There is also a Prayer Intention Book in the Vestibule of Church to write your own intentions before each Mass.

## TRI PICK WINNERS

3/09	848	C. Curtis	221	Fr. Joe
3/10	682	J. Amuso	393	not sold
3/11	458	J. Welker	132	D. Leffler
3/12	581	not sold	427	V. Falcone
3/13	298	not sold	685	L. McClelland
3/14	171	L. Edwards	913	not sold
3/15	831	L. Rush	286	H. Hassay
3/16	625	J. N. Manfre	833	A. Acord
3/17	930	E. Horner	281	K. Curtis
3/18	964	not sold	205	not sold
3/19	531	J. L. Walther		

## LET US PRAY . . .

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen