

**March 17th, 2024**

**Last Sunday's Collections**

Envelopes: \$1,200  
Loose: \$911  
E-Giving: \$1,612  
Thank you for contributing to the well-being of our parish!

**Mass Intentions:**  
**Robert Fitzgerald and Anthony Tucciarone** . *If you would like a Mass intention for your loved one, contact the parish office.*

**Next Sunday's Readings:**  
Next week is Palm Sunday and we will be reading the Passion.  
To view the complete list of readings for Palm Sunday please visit:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032424.cfm>

**E-giving:**  
**Stelizcc.churchgiving.com/**  
On Sunday, and every other day too!

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE:**

Just point your camera at the code and click the link that pops up. It's that easy!



**Rosary:**  
The Rosary will be prayed every evening at 7pm over Zoom and led by Janet Stern.

**FR. JIM'S JOTS**

Greetings,

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal. This past week, we reached 100% of our goal. Thank you to all who supported this appeal whether through your monetary contributions or your prayers.

On March 23rd, we will have a Lenten Retreat led by Sr. Anns James and a communal Reconciliation service to follow at 12pm. "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship" (CCC, no. 1468) The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. I encourage you to attend this wonderful service as we prepare for the Season of Lent to come to a close and the start of Easter celebrations.

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead.*



**Irish Blessings to you and yours,**  
Fr. Jim, Pastor

*Information on the Sacrament of Penance derived from Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) and United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCB)*



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit

[www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection ([usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org)).

**EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTIONS**

As we continue the year of parish Eucharistic revival, let us reflect on paragraph 54 from The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, a USCCB document:

"There are many people who have been attracted to the Catholic Church and entered the Church because they came to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our first U.S. born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is one of these converts. She was drawn to enter the Catholic Church after she witnessed the devotion of Catholics to the Blessed Sacrament. She wondered about that devotion. God's grace led her to faith in the Real Presence.

On the night after her entrance into the Catholic Church and her First Communion, St. Elizabeth Ann wrote in her journal: "At last GOD IS MINE and I AM HIS." For the rest of her life, her deep faith and pioneering service to the Church in our young nation was nourished by the Holy Eucharist." St. Elizabeth Ann, pray for us!



**SACRAMENTS**

If your child needs baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation please contact the Parish Office. For more info on First Communion or Confirmation, contact Liz Wiznerowicz: [religioused@stelizcc.org](mailto:religioused@stelizcc.org).  
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Do you attend Mass but wanting to become more involved? Do you want a deeper relationship with God? If you have been baptized, or if you were baptized in another tradition, God may be calling you to a deeper relationship through the Catholic Faith. For information, contact Christopher Metzger: [metzger.christopher@gmail.com](mailto:metzger.christopher@gmail.com)

**LENT SCHEDULE**

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of Cross take place in the church and will be on every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) from 5pm-6pm. Every week, stations will be led by a different Church ministry/group so Stations will be different every time. On Good Friday, Stations will be at 12pm.



**Palm Sunday Masses will be Sunday, March 24th at 8:30am and 10:00am.**



**Holy Week Schedule**

**Holy Thursday, March 28th at 7pm**

**Good Friday, March 29th at 7pm**

**Easter Vigil, March 30th at 7pm**

**Easter Sunday, March 31st at 8:30am\* and 10am**

\*There will be no music at the 8:30am Easter Sunday Mass, the choir will be present for the 10am Mass.



**Chism Mass.** - As we approach Holy Week, please see the see the information below regarding the celebration of the Chism Mass that will take place on **Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.**

This is a unique opportunity to gather with Bishop Knestout and the priests of the diocese as they renew their priestly promises, expressing their union and communion in Christ with all the faithful in the life of the Church. In addition, at this Mass, the Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated for use in the celebration of the sacraments and sacramentals of the Church (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, the Sacred Chrism). If you would like to attend, please take a parking pass that can be found in the back of church for free parking downtown. Or you can contact our Office Manager, Eva ([evabalkarli@stelizcc.org](mailto:evabalkarli@stelizcc.org)) for a digital copy.



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Eva Chiles, Hannah Schooler, Petra Thompson, Sr. Beulah Martin SBS., Mary Ann Allen, Jennifer Soistman, Mike Anderson, Marie Masse, Michelle Beck and Burton Robinson. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise noted. Please contact Office Manager, Eva ([evabalkarli@stelizcc.org](mailto:evabalkarli@stelizcc.org)), to add or remove names.

**GENTLE REMINDERS:**

Face coverings are optional and silence your cell phones before entering the church.

**Parents:** As a reminder, you are required to escort any child, 12 years and under, downstairs to the restrooms and remain with them until their return

**PARISH LINKS:**

**All Saints Catholic School**

Allsaintsric.com  
3418 Noble Avenue Richmond, VA 23222  
804-329-7524  
***This school is part of our parish, as we contribute every year for children to pursue their education***

**PARISH OFFICE:**

Hours: Tues-Fri, 1-4pm  
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**Parish Website:**

[www.stelizcc.org](http://www.stelizcc.org)

**Parish Blog:**

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**Jazz Festival Website:**

<https://stejazzfestival.com/>

**St. Elizabeth is a busy parish.**

Don't miss out. Every week, you can receive an email with the announcements you hear at church and read in the bulletin. Get the latest news delivered to your inbox. To sign up, go online to [bit.ly/STECC\\_Bulletin](https://bit.ly/STECC_Bulletin)