



# *St. Elizabeth of the Hill Country Catholic Church*

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**St. Elizabeth Mission Statement:** *We, the people of St. Elizabeth of the Hill Country Catholic Church and Church of the Epiphany, give glory to God by living the message of Christ. We commit ourselves to nurture the spiritual and educational development of God's people. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we strive to be a worthy Parish family and grow in our Catholic faith.*

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## **THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

**163 GALAX LANE, BLOWING ROCK**

(May through October)

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon–Thurs 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Fri 9:00 AM–Noon

## **ST ELIZABETH GIFT SHOP**

Located downstairs to the left of  
the entrance.

Open during office hours and by  
request after Masses

## **EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL**

(Currently Closed)

Located of the Narthex to the left  
of the main entrance.

Open during office hours.

## **CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY TO ASU**

232 Faculty Street

Boone, North Carolina 28607

Web site: [www.ccm.appstate.edu](http://www.ccm.appstate.edu)

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Erin Kotlowski, ASU Campus Minister

Register: [www.sainteccc.org/university-student-online-registration](http://www.sainteccc.org/university-student-online-registration)

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Grand Knight - Cameron Labrutto

To contact Mr. Labrutto, please  
call the parish office.

[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

[www.kofc.org/intothebreach](http://www.kofc.org/intothebreach)

General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
of each month at 7:00 PM

## Schedule of Masses

### Intention

#### **Saturday, January 8**

4:15 PM - English

Maryanne Therese Walker

#### **Sunday, January 9**

9:00 AM - English

Our Parish Community

11:30 AM - Spanish

1:00 PM - Latin

The Barber Family

#### **Tuesday, January 11**

6:00 PM - English

† Edward Happy

#### **Wednesday, January 12**

7:00 PM - English

Diocesan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### **Thursday, January 13**

9:30 AM - English

Jane Peterson

#### **Friday, January 14**

9:30 AM - Latin

Christopher Brock

## What's Happening This Week

Sunday, January 9	10:15 PM	Faith Formation
Tuesday, January 11	7:00 PM	Toastmasters (PJH)
Wednesday, January 12	5:00 – 6:30 PM	Adoration & Confessions
Thursday, January 13	10 AM – 7 PM	Adoration
	2:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study (Lib)
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Hispanic Group (PJH)
Friday, January 14	9:00 AM	Health Screening (PJH)

### Sacrament of Confession

(January 12<sup>th</sup> – No 11:45 Confessions)

Wednesday	11:45 – 12:00
	5:00 – 6:00
Thursday	9:00 – 9:15
Friday	9:00 – 9:15
Saturday	3:00 – 4:00

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

If you would like to commit to spending an hour with Our Lord on Thursdays, please call the Parish Office. We currently have several openings.

## Remember in Your Prayers



Bev Rosen, Mary Cuerdo, Sue Taylor, Christina Howell, Dick Fallis, Barbara Barnes, Pat DeCrosta, Diana Miller, Ann Preston, Bruce Hobe, Al Olszewski, Michele Polan, Camila Escobar, Ed & Char Rossi, Jennifer Forbing, Ruth Drohan, Joe Watts, Kim Reipzel

*If someone has been removed that is in fact still needing our prayers, please call the parish office to request they be placed back on. Those wishing to have their family members or friends on the list please call the parish office. They will remain on the list for three months unless there is a special request.*

***Please pray for the men and women in service from our parish community - Our military men and women will stay on the prayer list as long as they are active duty:***  
Christopher Lawrence, David Barnes, Adam Pinkerton, Bob Mahoney, Scott MacDonald, Nathan Summers, Genia Bodie, Braxton Marcela, Ryan McGuire, Brian Clevenger, Fernando Rangel Ramos, Tanner Dieppa



***Please pray for our Seminarians*** Deacon Darren Balkey, Deacon Aaron Huber, Chinonso Nnebe-Agumadu, Elliot Suttle, Kevin Tran, Christopher Brock, Peter Rusciollelli, Christopher Angermeyer, Anthony del Cid Lucero, Matthew Dimock, Christian Goduti, Matthew Harrison, Kevin Martinez, Jose Palma Torres, Luke Martin, Kolbe Murrey, Noe Sifuentes, Andrew Templeton, Clement Akerblom, Michael Camilleri, Bryan Ilagor, Nicholas Kramer, Bradley Loftin, Peter Townsend, James Johnson IV, Michael Lugo, Patrick Martin, James Tweed, Bailey Van Nosedall, Joseph Yellico, Carson Cannon, John Harrison, Vittorio Iannielli, Gabriel Lugo, Ronan Ostendorf, Mateo Perez, Connor White, John Cuppett, Robbie Bauman, Marshall Bolling, Matthew Brakefield, Kolbe Flood, Ryan Ma, Emanuel Martinez, Matthew Stanley



## *Birthdays* ©LPI

January 8	Anne Suchow, Cameron Labruzzo, Sebastian Miranda-Castro
January 9	Jean Smith, Cassie Rex
January 10	Yessica Trapani, Kenan Foxx, Daniela Trapani
January 11	Anastasia Wilkinson, Robert Craft, Mattie McKinney, Maryanne Walker
January 12	Rosemary Walker
January 13	Mark Zrull, Christian Seeley, Isabella Fajardo

## Pastor's Corner

### The Baptism of Our Lord

St. John the Baptist, the prophet whom prophets foretold, heralded the Christ during Advent, and now, at the end of the liturgical Christmas season, gives testimony once again. He gives this witness not only by being in the spirit of Elias (IV Kings 1:3-8), but by the place he chose as the site of his baptisms: the River Jordan, where Elias (Elijah) was last seen before he was taken up to Heaven, and the waters of which were healed by Elias's son, Eliseus (Elisha). St. Thomas Aquinas, in his Summa Theologica, gives us three reasons for St. John baptizing Christ. One is so that Christ might sanctify Baptism, a sentiment expressed by St. John Chrysostom when he wrote "In truth, Christ needed not baptism, neither his nor any other; but rather baptism needed the power of Christ." Another is so that John, by baptizing, "might accustom men to the Baptism of Christ." And the last is so that "by persuading men to do penance, he might prepare men to receive worthily the baptism of Christ."

Sub Tuum Praesidium,

Fr. Buckler



## **Collections Week of January 2nd**

Offering	\$ 7398.00
Maintenance	\$ 127.00
Poor Box	\$ 27.00

Current Avg Monthly Operating Expense - \$21,500.00

**We greatly appreciate those who support our Parish. Masses are open to the public and everyone is welcome. For those who are not able to attend due to illness or caring for someone who is ill, donations can be sent to the office at:**

**259 Pilgrims Way, Boone, NC 28607**

**or you can sign up for online giving:**

### **Online Giving**

**Our parish offers Online Giving.**

**For information, or to sign up, please visit their website:**

**<https://osvhub.com/saintecc/funds>**

## **The Knights Corner**

**Baby Bottle Campaign** The Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle campaign to benefit Hope Pregnancy Resource Center is drawing to a close. Baby bottles can be returned during the Christmas season at Mass or to the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Thomistic Tidbit**

“God Himself is the rule and mode of virtue. Our faith is measured by divine truth, our hope by the greatness of His power and faithful affection, our charity by His goodness. His truth, power and goodness outreach any measure of reason. We can certainly never believe, trust or love God more than, or even as much as, we should. Extravagance is impossible. Here is no virtuous moderation, no measurable mean; the more extreme our activity, the better we are.”

— St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica

*Pray The Rosary Daily*

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50<sup>th</sup>  
1972 • ANNIVERSARY • 2022

*In Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Diocese of Charlotte*

*Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>*

*At St. Elizabeth's*

*Adoration & Confessions*

*5:00 - 6:30 PM*

*Mass*

*7:00 PM*

*There will be no Confessions at 11:45 AM*

*Or Mass at 12:15 PM*

**Parish News**

**The Gift Shop** just received a new shipment of Greek diptychs and triptychs with beautiful Greek icons. These tend to sell quickly, so stop by to get yours before they are gone.

**St. Elizabeth's 2022 Calendars** are still available in the Narthex. Feel free to take another if you would like.

**Faith Formation**

The Next Youth Group Meeting will be Saturday, January 15th, from 5:30 PM (after the Saturday Vigil Mass) to around 7:30 PM. Youth in grades 8 - 12 are invited. We'll have some good food, play some games, and learn a little bit about our faith. Please RSVP on the parish website homepage. Hope to see you there!

**Adoration**

“One thing is certain, that next to Holy Communion no act of worship is so pleasing to God, and none is so useful, as the daily visit to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament dwelling upon our altars. Know that in one-quarter of an hour which you spend before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament you attain more than in all the good works of the rest of the day.” – St. Alphonsus Ligouri

Adorers are needed for several hours for our Thursday Adoration. If you can commit to an hour each week, please call the parish office.



**STROKE SCAN PLUS**

# Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings

**St. Elizabeth of the Hill Country Catholic Church on Friday, January 14**

Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment. *Appointments are limited due to our COVID safety procedures.*

## Do You Have Any of These Risk Factors?

High Blood Pressure ♦ High Cholesterol ♦ Family History of Stroke, Heart Attack, Aortic Aneurysms or Cancer  
Diabetes ♦ Atrial Fibrillation ♦ Obesity

The first symptom of a stroke IS a stroke! Early detection helps to save lives. Manage these controllable risk factors: smoking, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, excessive weight, and alcohol consumption.



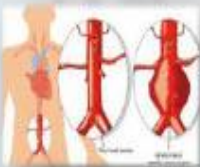
### Stroke Risk Screening

Ultrasound of the carotid artery looking for plaque or blocked arteries.



### Liver Screening

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as masses or tumors.



### Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Ultrasound of the abdominal aorta looking for an aneurysm.



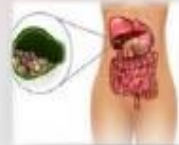
### Kidneys (2) Screening

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses and stones.



### Thyroid Screening

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as nodules or cysts.



### Gallbladder Screening

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as polyps, stones, and sludge.

## Total Discounted Package: All 7 Screenings for \$159

Savings of \$184 Appointments: 832-437-7355

### Additional Testing Available\*

- ♦ Bone Density \$25
- ♦ A1c (Diabetes) \$25
- ♦ Cholesterol \$25
- ♦ VTD (Vitamin D) \$45
- ♦ PSA (Prostate) \$45
- ♦ TSH (Thyroid) \$45
- ♦ CRP - \$45



For more available testing: Open phone camera & hover over QR code. When link appears at top of screen, tap to open it.

\*These additional tests are not included in the Total Package cost and may not be available in all regions.

### Screening Preparations

- ♦ Wear a two-piece comfortable outfit.
- ♦ No big meals or caffeine 2 hours prior to screening.
- ♦ If you are diabetic, make sure to eat a light meal.
- ♦ If you are taking medication, continue to take it.

*Saving Lives  
Since 2001!*



Results read by a Board-Certified Radiologist and mailed directly to you in 3-4 weeks. Life threatening results expedited. Unless you are symptomatic, typically, your doctor will not order diagnostic versions of these screenings and insurance companies may not pay for them. Please note that there is a 350 lb. weight limit on the medical screening tables. Stroke Scan Plus [www.strokescan.com](http://www.strokescan.com) (ENG 031821)