

Involvement Areas

- ~ Pregnancy ~
- ~ Celebration of Birth ~
- ~ Grandparent Support ~
- ~ Prayer Support ~
- ~ Miscarriage~
- ~ Infant or Child Death~
- ~ Fertility and Infertility ~
- ~ Adoption ~
- ~ Infant or Child Crisis ~
- ~ Family Support ~



Prayer for Elizabeth Ministry

Creator God, I pledge to truly celebrate the gift of each child conceived and born, and fully mourn each miscarriage and infant child. I will be a strong witness to my belief in the dignity and worth of all life, by treasuring the gift of fertility, by assisting those suffering infertility, by encouraging those in the adoptive process, and by supporting the families experiencing an infant crisis. I will be a strong and consistent voice for life in my home, my parish, my community, and the world. Amen



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Elizabeth Ministry



“Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb”
Luke 1:41-42

Following the example of Mary and Elizabeth, we visit and share the sacredness of all life!



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What is Elizabeth Ministry?

Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach to women in special times of motherhood. The purpose of this ministry is to affirm, support, encourage, and assist women in response to their needs during the childbearing years.

The focus areas include pregnancy, birth, adoption, fertility and infertility, miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, infant or child death and crisis and special needs.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through our Baptismal call, we come as friends and peer counselors to provide comfort and encouragement through our own life experiences.

~ Please consider supporting this ministry! ~

Become Involved

Prayer

Volunteer

*Establish an
Elizabeth Ministry in your area*

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Community Resources

The Rosebud Program

A colorful bouquet of rosebuds is present in area Catholic Churches. We carry our hopes and sorrows to our faith community. This blessing bouquet helps the Church community identify, pray for, and support women at different times during their childbearing years. Each color represents a different need. Prayers for a woman who is pregnant, celebrating the birth of a child, a child who is grieved due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death, or for a couple wishing to become pregnant or adopt.

Visitation

Each one of us is created in the image and likeness of God. We have many needs, especially when we become Mothers. The core of this ministry is a personal connection to women in need. There are many women of childbearing age who face difficulties alone. The parish family is there to pray and support them. Each woman who requests a visit is matched with an Elizabeth Minister who has gone through a similar life experience. This outreach fosters a companionship and a connection with the Church community.

Footprints on the Heart

The Footprints on the Heart Program helps families deal with the loss of a baby caused by miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, and newborn death. Grieving has no set time frame and varies from person to person. Take the time that is right for you. To help you cope, we provide a variety of support resources

Bells & Petals/Storms & Rainbows

A Mom's sharing group devoted to providing an opportunity to share the joyous, as well as sad times of the mothering years. Mom's are encouraged to bring their children for playtime with other children.

St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center

The St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center is the pastoral outreach of the Office of Pro-Life Activities of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo. The outreach center follows the example of St. Gianna Molla in respecting, protecting, and cherishing all human life as a precious gift from God. The center serves life by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support to single mothers and families in need from pregnancy through the first year of life.

Helping Hands-Neighbors for Neighbors

A faith community outreach in the Southern Tier. Infant and children's clothing birth to 5 years of age, as well as basic necessities, books and toys are available without cost.

Remembrance Service/Prayer service

A time to remember all children who are no longer with us. Participating area Catholic Churches offer services several times throughout the year. The Diocesan pro-life department can provide current scheduled dates/times.

WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network

The WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network is an organization comprised of bereaved parents and healthcare professionals who promote standards of bereavement intervention through educational support, community programs and referral services for bereaved parents.

View web: www.wnypbn.org


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