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COVID Victim's Daughter Aims to CANCEL "Vaccine"-skeptical Priest

First she canceled her mother's memorial Mass at the church. Now she aims to cancel the church's priest. The issue?

Father Michael Panicali of New York City's St. Mark's parish expressed in a sermon that he would not take a COVID-19 gene-therapy agent (GTA, generally referred to as a "vaccine") because of associated complications; he further stated, relating Catholic teaching, that creating any medication using, even remotely, a fetal-stem-cell line is a sin.

This didn't sit well with Elizabeth (last name was not provided), who lost her mother, Helen Sylvester, on April 9, reportedly to coronavirus. In fact, while she wants to have a memorial Mass held for her mother, she can't bring herself to have it at St. Mark's even though her family calls the parish their "spiritual home," as the Daily Beast [puts it](#). "I'm supposed to go there and have him [Panicali] serve the Mass when my mother dies from the virus?" the site quotes her as saying.

The Sylvester family certainly has a long history at St. Mark's, located in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. It's where Helen Sylvester married and where her parents' funerals were held. It's also where Elizabeth and her brother, Anthony, had their first Communion and attended Catholic school.

Losing a parent is painful, of course, and Elizabeth's woes were compounded by China virus regulations. Because her mother was in a nursing home in Long Beach, New York, Elizabeth wasn't allowed to see her after March 11 of last year. So when Helen fell ill April 4, she had to suffer without family by her side. "She died alone," Elizabeth [told](#) the Daily Beast. "In the final hours, we couldn't be there for her."

What's more, the family couldn't have a funeral at any church. This prevented them from fulfilling another of Helen's wishes: That some belongings from her brother, Joseph Gagliardi, would be placed in her casket. Gagliardi, a private in the Army Air Corps, died at sea during WWII and his body was never recovered. Her mother wanted her funeral to "essentially be his," Elizabeth stated.

This brings us to the memorial Mass. Holding it at St. Mark's would be a "consolation" to the family, writes the Beast, as the parish "had been for Helen the epicenter of church, family, school, and community."



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And after “the whole family was vaccinated and the virus seemed to be on the wane, Elizabeth and Anthony figured that it would be safe to hold the memorial Mass at the church in April 2021, but then they decided it might be prudent to wait until June,” the site continued. “But as that neared they reasoned it would be better to hold off until Sept. 18, their father’s birthday.”

Then, however, spooked by media reports about the “surging” Delta variant (which a United Kingdom study found is 20 times *less deadly* than the original strain), Elizabeth canceled even the September date. Shortly after that she read a Daily Beast article about the sermon in question.

“Be very careful about this vaccine,” the Beast quotes Father Panicali as having said. “If I were you, I would not touch it with a 10-foot pole. And I never will because it leads to complications.”

“My brothers and sisters, you are under absolutely no obligation to take a vaccine that is made, produced, manufactured, tested even in the most remote ways with aborted fetal cells,” Panicali also stated. “Do not let anyone tell you otherwise.”

The priest additionally urged “parishioners to join him in resisting the vaccine mandates scheduled for Sept. 13 in public places such as restaurants and groceries,” the Beast further relates.

“‘If they’re not going to allow me to go and buy groceries at the store because I’m unvaccinated, then so be it. I can grow my own vegetables and fruit,’ he said. ‘But I cannot grow my own human soul, and I cannot justify to God why I am possibly contributing or allowing an evil to take place.’”

Perhaps incensed by the attack on evil, the aptly named Beast bears its polemical fangs, characterizing Panicali’s comments as “dangerous lies,” “falsehood,” “bogus,” and “poisonous and deadly views” while calling him a “shameful priest.” As for Elizabeth, she’s trying to get the clergyman removed from service. She wrote letters to Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and to Panicali’s immediate superior, Reverend Robert Mucci. In them, she called Panicali’s comments “false and potentially life-threatening.” But who really is issuing the falsehoods here?

In pooh-poohing the priest’s concerns, the Beast writes, “Elizabeth knows that serious side effects from the vaccines are in fact extremely rare.” She doesn’t actually “know” this, however; she *believes* it because the media and health authorities have thus claimed.

Yet as *The New American’s* Rebecca Terrell reported in *COVID Lies* (August, 23, 2021), the CDC’s own Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) database “logged nearly 12,000 deaths from mid-December through July 23”; in contrast, there were only an average of 280 vaccine-coincident deaths annually from 1990 to 2020. Moreover, she cites internationally renowned COVID doctor Peter McCullough — one of the world’s most published experts in his field — as stating that his contacts within the CDC have confirmed that “the real number is ten-fold. (What’s more, added to these deaths are 500,000 “adverse events,” some severe.)

The Beast emphasizes that Elizabeth is a (retired) nurse, as this adds an appeal to authority. Well, I’ll see their nurse and raise them three. Terrell, do note, is a licensed nurse. So is the woman in the interview below who’d rather lose her job than take the GTA.

The same is true of the woman in the following interview.

And the same can be said of the woman who wished to remain anonymous and wrote the following to me in an email (edited for punctuation) in regard to what she considers vaccine-coincident adverse reactions:



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I have seen many, many new diagnoses of cancer; many, many new diagnoses of blood clots; many new diagnoses of atrial fibrillation; GI bleeding; and many, many, many new and “unexplained” diagnoses of thrombocytopenia. I have also seen and heard many reports of unexplained neurological events, one of them being my sister who experienced a neurological event out of the blue (she seems ok for now other than she suffered a bad knee injury when she passed out for NO reason!). There are many, many prolonged hospitalizations and readmissions for what I classify as shot-related events. But not one single soul in my circle/...organization is asking questions [or, presumably, *recording* these as GTA-coincident adverse reactions].

Note that unlike Elizabeth, the last three women cited above still work in nursing and have been observing and treating vaccinated patients — as opposed to getting their impressions from media.

Even more significantly, below is an interview with the aforementioned Dr. McCullough, who actually treats China virus patients, stating that he wouldn't recommend that *anyone* take the GTA at this point.

Returning to the attack on Father Panicali, the Beast wrote that the clergyman had falsely stated that “the vaccine contained the cells of aborted fetuses.”

First, this isn't precisely what the priest said. While he didn't phrase his statement with the exactitude of a scientist speaking clinically (he's not a scientist), what he said above, in my 11th paragraph, is that “vaccines” made even in “*remote* ways with aborted fetal cells” aren't morally licit.

And this does apply to some GTAs. Government entities openly admit this, too. For example, the [North Dakota Department of Health website](#) states that in “various stages of vaccine development and manufacturing, some of the COVID-19 vaccines used cells originally isolated from fetal tissue (often referred to as fetal cells), some of which were originally derived from an aborted fetus.”

Anyway, such medications' use is proscribed in Catholic teaching. Anyone taking issue with this should ponder what I heard a clergyman once explain. “I'm in marketing,” he said — “not design.”

In her complaint letters, Elizabeth also claimed that Panicali is pushing a “political agenda.” Of course, everything will seem “political” when the political entity called government gets involved in everything (including personal healthcare decisions). But perhaps this is all political to Elizabeth. For she also mentioned, and was aghast, that Panicali had participated in the January 6 “Stop the Steal” rally. “Is he insane?” she asked, further revealing her passions.

All this said, Elizabeth should be angry — but at the right people. They would be the pseudo-elites who created a disproportionate “pandemic” hysteria and:

- kept her apart from her mother during her mom's last year of life (Helen caught COVID, anyway);
- compelled nursing homes to accept virus-positive patients (Andrew Cuomo did this);
- ensured her mother couldn't have a proper funeral while holding their own affairs and letting Antifa and BLM congregate and riot, all in violation of China virus regulations;
- made people afraid to attend church services; and
- in general, foist rules on the “little people” that they regularly flout themselves.



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