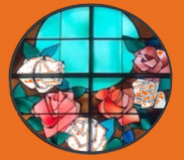




CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017



† We give thanks
to the Lord
for He is Good.

Pastor

Rev. Stephen Fichter

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Carlos Briceño

Rev. Vincent D'Agostino

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Andrew Saunders

Pastoral Associate

Jonathan Camiolo

Youth Minister

Alexis Fuentes

Music Ministry

Jay Brown

Cheryl Wyka

Emergency Number

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Al Daloisio

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Jack Polito

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Debbie Gaertner

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Pat Khanjian

Deborah McTiernan

Dorothy Pomroy

Lisa Tota

**Bereavement
Ministry**

201-891-1122 ext. 266

Masses

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM,
12 Noon & 6:15PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 5:00PM (Anticipated)

Weekday: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12:30PM

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A Note from Father Stephen

+ Dear friends:

Since my last column, a lot has been happening in our wonderful parish! Among many other things, this past weekend 20 teenagers from our BOLD Youth Group attended an overnight retreat in Pittstown. The weekend before 30 women from our parish enjoyed a wonderful weekend retreat at Villa Pauline in Mendham.

Closer to home, I have been teaching our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at our parish school. I recently attempted to explain to them in simple terms the miracle of transubstantiation. To my delight, they got it! We have some very smart students in our school and some fantastic teachers making sure they are being well educated. I have also had the joy of visiting the hundreds of children and our marvelous catechists in our CCD classes.

I was reflecting as I began this column that I have been with you now for four months. I think the minor tweaks we have made (such as the new look to this bulletin and the one-homily-per-weekend format) are working out well. They are simple refinements meant to keep us operating at our best level.

This brings me to the insert in last week's bulletin. I hope you were all able to get a copy of the parish financial report that was prepared by our Finance Council. As you saw in the report, we have been on a steady decline in terms of Mass attendance and overall financial giving to the parish over the last few years, but I really believe we can turn it around. In fact, we can already see an improvement in both areas. I am confident that if we all make our best effort we can bend the downward slope upwards.

Speaking of the Finance Council, when I first arrived, it seemed to me that we did not have enough women on it. After consulting with the current members and with our staff, Lori Averso and Geri Gaynor's names were suggested. The great news is that both of these talented women accepted our invitation. I am grateful for their participation. I have also decided to reconstitute our Pastoral Council. After extensive consultation and prayer, I have appointed Mary Brown, Joe Chiarelli, Jean Gaviglio, John LaDuca, Patrick McCarthy, and Keri Rigoli. I am confident that these six dedicated and widely respected parishioners will be helpful to me and our staff in making important decisions down the road.

For those of you who may not know, John LaDuca is on the path to becoming a permanent deacon. The picture you see here in the bulletin is John receiving a special blessing from Bishop Cruz. He is on course to complete his studies and to be ordained in May 2020. In this Year of the Deacon, let us all pray together for John and his family during this exciting time of study and congratulate him. In the picture to the right you can see John kneeling and his two sons, Ryan and Shane, on the right.

I am extremely encouraged to see so many of you taking advantage of our newly added 6:15 Mass on Sunday evenings. We have increased our attendance from 120 people the first weekend to 180 this past Sunday.



You will be happy to know that when Cardinal Tobin and I spoke last week, he told me that he wants to come to St. E's to say Mass for us. Once a date is secured, I will let you know! If you want to see the Cardinal earlier, he will celebrate Mass for our Deanery on November 29 at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, located at 25 Purdue Avenue in Oakland. Following the Mass, there will be a Q&A session with him. Please join us!

Finally, I leave you with these few thoughts to keep in mind as we approach Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. My homily last weekend centered on the ideas of being prepared and being wise. This is a good moment for all of us to take stock of what is in front of us, make a plan, and be peaceful. I know that I am deeply thankful to all of you for your love and support. I hope by this time you will have received our new magazine *Bread to Roses* in the mail. If not, please call our office to make sure you are on our mailing list.

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you and all your families! God bless,

Fr. Stephen

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Colleen Young
Rosemary MacQuaide
Margaret Prendergast
Joann E. Langan
Rocco & Florence Vitale
Joseph & Emily Shadiack

Sunday, November 19

7:30am John Wells
9:00am Josephine Aramini
10:30am Jim Rigoli
12:00 People of the Parish
6:15pm Joseph Golden

Monday, November 20

7:00am Helen Lovell
9:00am Rosemary MacQuaide

Tuesday, November 21

7:00am Peggy Prendergast
1st Anniversary
9:00am Mary Columbo

Wednesday, November 22

7:00am Christine Chimenti Vona
9:00am Ronnie Broderick

Thursday, November 23

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Friday, November 24

9:00am Raymond & Helen
Fennell, Ellen Nelson

Saturday, November 25

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Nancy Cannon
Nicholas Maniaci
Rita Lapinski
Frank Vitale, 3rd Anniversary
Mary Lou Shadiack-Jones

Sunday, November 26

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Deceased Members of
the Anello & Fontana
10:30am Joseph Kroth
12:00 Joseph McNamara
6:15pm Andrew Nahas

NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Schedule

Thursday, November 23rd 9am Mass

Friday, November 24th 9am Mass.

The Parish Center will be closed
on November 23, & 24th.



Special Collection This Weekend, Catholic Relief Services a Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Learn about those living in poverty and pray for those who benefit from this collection. Please note the collection box in the back of the church.

Cardinal Tobin will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:30pm followed by a reception with an opportunity for Q&A at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 25 Purdue Avenue, Oakland. For more information call 201-327-097.



Pilgrimage To Israel With Father Vincent and Deacon Tim Kennedy Join our own Father Vincent and Deacon Tim Kennedy in the Holy Land from April 26, 2018 to May 5, 2018. The cost is \$3,395 per person ALL INCLUSIVE 4 star hotels, meals, round trip air, Christian Tour Guide, deluxe motor coach and more! For more information please call the Parish Center at 201-891-1122.

Save the Date Women's Evening of Reflection, December 6th, in the Elizabeth Room more details to follow.

2017 Giving Tree Sharing begins this weekend at St. Elizabeth's. You are invited to share the spirit of Christmas with our less fortunate sisters and brothers this Advent and Christmas season. Your generous response to this ministry over the years has made Christmas brighter for thousands of children, women and men in our own local communities of Paterson, Newark, Ringwood, Ramsey and Jersey City. Please help us continue this remarkable tradition by taking a card or two from the Christmas tree in the Narthex and purchasing a gift for that person. Please follow the wrapping instructions on the card you select and return your NEW gift WITH THE TAG taped to the OUTSIDE of the package no later than 12 NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time to help this rewarding ministry, please contact Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038, or email djkljk@verizon.net. Thank you for your generosity with your gift of time, talent or treasure.

Memorials for the week

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Mabel Accettura & Janet Accettura Synder,
Given by: Raymond Accettura

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Mae & Dominick DeVincentis,
Given by: The Franchivalla Family.

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In Memory of Frank Monahan,
Given by: Marie Tully.

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In Memory of Margaret Pascarella,
Given by: The Imperiosi Family.

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saturday, November 12th 8:00-10:00am. Pray with Image at Women's Choice abortion clinic, 10 Zabriskie St. Hackensack – *if you need a ride, meet at St. Elizabeth Church doors by 8:00am*, Saturday, December 16th 5:00 Mass. Image processed, Rosary at 6pm, Veneration until 7pm, Sunday December 17th, 7:00 am- 1:00 pm. Image will be displayed at all Masses. Countless miracles have been attributed to Our Lady of Guadalupe as She lovingly intercedes through the Missionary Image. Mother Mary will be waiting to help you with any struggle or need! More info: Lynn 201-960-9600.



Respect Life Meeting on Monday, December 4, at 7:30pm in the Elizabeth Room. Come and listen to the Sisters of Life and their mission. The March for Life is on Friday, January 19, information will be available.

St. Martin's Soup Kitchen On Saturday, November 25th, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake), mixed vegetables. If you can donate foods contact Peter Ingrassi at 201-493-0870. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, November 21st.

Stewardship the gift of treasure for last weekend was \$21,887 of which \$2,432 was from online giving. Thank you for your generous support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Little Sister of the Poor's Annual Christmas Boutique Luncheon & Auction on Tuesday, Dec. 5 11-3pm at the Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes. For more information call Barbara Dennen at 201-891-1628 or Marquerite at 973-684-3479.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

Santa's Sleigh 5K Run... join us to run or walk on our first 5K Run Event which will be held at Darlington County Park on Saturday, December 2. We hope to bring our community together for this spirit filled event. We are seeking sponsors and if you have or know of a business that would be interested, please let us know. Visit <http://www.santasleigh5k.org/> for more information. Thank you!

Breakfast with Santa

Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30am for Breakfast with Santa. Activities include pictures with Santa, crafts, games, reindeer food making station and letters to Santa. For information and to sign-up, please contact Eileen Hiller at ehiller419@gmail.com.





*Walking with Christ
presents...*

**Forgiveness and
the Prodigal Son**
with Fr. Vincent
Tuesday, December 5
7:30 pm
Elizabeth Room

*Our own Father Vincent shares his personal
story of forgiveness and relates it to the well-
known parable from Luke's Gospel.*

RSVP to StElizabethDC@gmail.com or in Parish Office

BOLD 

Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

**Great Things are
Happening at BOLD!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in **EMBOLDEN**, our yearly Fall Retreat. It was an amazing weekend of fun, reflection, building friendships, and making memories. If you missed it, be sure to sign up for **our next event: BOLD SKI TRIP** @ Gore Mountain, 2/2-4 Details coming soon.

SEE YOU TONIGHT AT TNL!

[For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events](#)
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**TNL
TONIGHT!**

Sun, Nov 19, 7-8:30pm
**Following the
NEW 615 Mass**



UPCOMING EVENTS

TNL11/19, 12/10
Bridges Run.....12/1
Christmas Party..... 12/17