



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017

**Pastor**

Rev. Stephen Fichter

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Carlos Briceño

Rev. Vincent D'Agostino

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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 Carlos

Dear Friends,

Advent comes to us as an opportunity to prepare our lives for the nativity of Jesus Christ. Jesus wants to encounter us in this Christmas. I know, for many, Christmas is a very joyful season, but for others, it is not. There are times in which we may feel that God has hidden his face from us. When we see the messiness of lives, our prayer becomes cold, our lives become routine and tasteless. We can be here listening, but our hearts are far away. So we can say as the prophet for last week's first reading: **Where are you God?** (Is 63:16-19). This is what happens to me at times. There are times in which after taking a lot of responsibilities, trying to do the best in the parish and in school, trying to fix my family in what I think everyone should be doing... I become overwhelmed. I could easily see myself like the prophet Isaiah and say: **"God, why do you hide your face from me?"** I can become so busy that my prayer life becomes very distant. So what do I do when I feel overwhelmed? I just go away from the house, walk to the Blessed Sacrament, and just sit. I do not speak much; I just listen to the Lord. Then I feel calmness and peace. I feel comforted and with energy and the grace to continue the journey. This is what works for me. This time of Advent is a time to WAIT, WATCH and WONDER about Jesus who is coming to meet us right wherever everyone is. Let us place our hope in the little baby who is bringing with Him the healing presence of God.

I am so happy to be able to journey in this Advent with all of you at St. Elizabeth's.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Carlos

NEWS AND EVENTS

Communal Advent Penance Service at Guardian Angel Church It is good to seek and offer forgiveness to one another – and wonderful to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year our communal penance service will be at The Guardian Angel Church in Allendale, 320 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, on Saturday, December 16th at 12 Noon. We will gather with priests and parishioners from our neighboring parishes, St. Luke's, St. Elizabeth's, Church of the Nativity and St. Paul's. All are invited! Please note: There will be no confessions at St. E's on Dec. 16th.

Christmas Flowers This verse rings true all year, but never truer than at Christmas. The poinsettias, greens & trees lend a beauty to our church at this joyous season. A flower memorial is a great way to remember your loved ones this Christmas. Donation envelopes were included in your envelope packet and are available in the Narthex or Parish Center. **Clearly** fill in the name of your loved ones and turn in the envelopes with the collection. A special listing of all memorial names will be in our January bulletin.

Stewardship the gift of treasure for last weekend was \$24,575 of which \$3,667 was from online giving. The total amount collected for the Retired Religious Collection was \$6,180. Thank you for your generous support.



Bambinelli Sunday at all Masses December 16/17 Each year in Rome, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child – the "Bambinelli" – from their family's Nativity scene or "Creche". The Pope blesses the children and the figurines they bring. Please bring the Christ Child figure from your family Nativity to Mass here at St. Elizabeth's December 16 & 17. Your "Baby Jesus" figures will be blessed as a reminder that Christ's coming to us is the true Christmas gift.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Jonathan Raleigh
Joseph Policastro

Sunday, December 10

7:30am Rita Lapinski
9:00am Rudi Draudin
10:30am People of the Parish
12:00 Tom Patti & Teresa Patti
6:15pm James J. Smith

Monday, December 11

7:00am Joseph Polito
9:00am Rosa Schiano

Tuesday, December 12

7:00am Jacob Zandstra
9:00am Gringeri &
D'Ura Famlies

Wednesday, December 13

7:00am Florencia Tolosa
9:00am Lucia, Salvatore &
Luciano Alu

Thursday, December 14

7:00am Gary Litwinowicz
9:00am James Rigoli

Friday, December 15

7:00am Kenneth Shelby
9:00am Josephine Novack

Saturday, December 16

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Elizabeth & Harry ,Jr.
Ciarleglio
Joseph D' Annibale
Mary Lombardo-Sonta

Sunday, December 17

7:30am William McKeon
9:00am Mc Niff, Broderick &
Meehan Families
10:30am Joseph Kutrucz
12:00 People of the Parish
6:15pm Rev. John E. Komar

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Rosary Society Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 10am in the Youth Room. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for our exchange games. Also, there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering for the Little Sisters of the Poor-St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly. Questions call Ronnie at 201-891-5560.

St. Martin's Soup Kitchen On Saturday, December 23rd we will be catering the meals to the Soup Kitchen. If you would like to donate please contact, Jonathan Camiolo at jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org by Tuesday, Dec. 19th.

2017 Giving Tree Sharing Continues please help us to bring Christmas joy to the many families in need this year 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 anyone would like to help sort gifts on Saturday afternoon 12/9, or on Sunday 12/10 between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, please contact Laurie and Dan Kocher at 201-670-8038, or email them at djkljk@verizon.net. Thank you for your generosity with your gift of time, talent or treasure.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD - A Christmas Choral Celebration

Sunday, December 17th at 4pm come celebrate the radiance of God's light, as foretold by the prophets, through the powerful blend of choral selections and sing-a-longs! St. Elizabeth's Music Ministry proudly presents "LIGHT OF THE WORLD: A Christmas Choral Celebration." This concert will feature the Festival Choir, Contemporary Choir, and the fabulous Children's Choir. Mark your calendars: Sunday, December 17th at 4pm. Come celebrate with us and surround this blessed season with the symbol of light and the promise of God's salvation!

We need your help! St. E's will be celebrating a Christmas Mass at Christian Health Care on Saturday, December 16th. We will need Teens and Adults to transport the residents of Heritage Manor to the auditorium for Mass. Please contact Lisa at the Parish Center for more information and to sign up to help 201-891-1122 ext. 200 or lisa@saintelizabeths.org. You must RSVP, no walk in's. Thank you for helping our elderly brothers and sisters.

Advent Wreath & Candles

*In Memory of my Beloved Husband
Ernie Carradori, given by: Dee Carradori.*

Memorials for the week

Altar Bread & Wine: *In Memory of Odell Nassar, given by: Claire Sproha.*

Sanctuary Light: & St. Elizabeth Shrine: *In Memory of
Ronnie Broderick, 1st Anniversary,
given by: Mary Brown.*

Candles on the Altar: *In Memory of Alex Pope, given by: Elizabeth Pope.*



COME & BE REFRESHED

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Join us for dinner, a dynamic teaching and fellowship. 7 Tuesday evenings beginning January 30, 2018.

To Register or for more information:
StElizabethDC@gmail.com or 201-891-1122

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Gather the Children Sunday children's Liturgy 10:30am Mass December 10 and December 17. All children in grades K-5 are welcome. Registration is not required.

March For Life is the world's largest Pro-Life rally, Friday, January 19. The Bus departs from St. E's after a 6am Mass. If you want to attend the March, Saint Elizabeth's in Wyckoff will be providing a two buses in collaboration with Mount Carmel Church, St. Catharine Church, St. Paul Church and other Northern New Jersey Parishes.

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 16th 5:00 pm 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. More info: Lynn 201-960-9600.

Women's Cornerstone Weekend 2018 February 2nd & 3rd St. Elizabeth's Church invites you to participate in Women's Cornerstone Weekend. These 2 days are an opportunity to renew your faith and grow in your experience within the Christian community. It is also a way to meet other people from St. Elizabeth's in a warm, welcoming environment on both a personal and a spiritual level. For more information, please contact Athena Nicholas at 201-410-2602 or email: WCornerstone25@gmail.com. You can register for the weekend at; www.stelizabethcornerstone.org.

Pilgrimage To Israel with Father Vincent & Deacon Tim

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.



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence will soon be accepting enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Our faith embedded instructional program includes students in Pre-K 3 through grade 8. Please join us Sunday, January 28th following the 9am Mass and Wednesday, January 31st we will host an Open House for prospective students and parents to visit our school. You may also call 201-891-1481 to arrange a private tour of our school at a time that may be convenient for you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart will be hosting their 47th Annual Candlelight Carol Sing on Dec. 13 & 14 at 8pm. At the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark. A free-will donation. For more information call 973-484-2400.

Great Things are Happening with

BOLD 8
Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

BOLD MIDDLE Middle School **CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Saturday, December 16, 6PM-9PM
Snacks, Games, Movies and More!
RSVP TODAY! boldym.com/seh/signup
\$5 Suggested Donation Per Student

TNL Next Week!

Sunday, December 10, 7-8:30pm

Following the
NEW 615 Mass

All High School Teens Are Welcome

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events
Alejia Fuentes • stelizabeth@boldym.com • (201) 639-4636 • www.boldym.com/seh



Advent/Christmas Schedule

Confessions

12:30 p.m. on Saturdays
No confessions on Dec. 16th

Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 16th, 12 noon
Guardian Angel Church, Allendale

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17th, at 4 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 23rd, 5pm Vigil
Sunday, December 24th
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (Sunday Masses)

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
7:30 p.m. Family Mass
10:00 p.m. Caroling
10:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day

(There will not be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (Church and Gym)
12 Noon (Church and Gym)

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00 a.m. Mass