



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018



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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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Dear Friends:

Happy New Year! These past weeks were so special here at Saint Elizabeth's. We journeyed through Advent together preparing ourselves for the Lord's coming. We celebrated the birth of Our Savior together as a faith community. We now embark upon a New Year filled with so many hopes and expectations for 2018.

As we start this New Year, it's often a time for us to make New Year's resolutions. I read an article recently that said the most popular New Year's resolutions are to "stay fit and healthy," followed by "lose weight," "enjoy life to the fullest," and "spend less, save more." As I read this article, I noticed that faith-based resolutions seldom make the list. I then thought to myself, what would be some good faith-based resolutions to set? I offer some suggestions for all of us to consider:

- Attend mass every Sunday without fail.
- Receive the sacrament of reconciliation often and experience God's mercy and love.
- Read the Bible for 15 minutes each day.
- Create a prayer list of 10 names and pray for each person every morning.
- Do one or more random acts of kindness a week for the entire year.
- Sign up to volunteer at the church in some capacity.
- Pray, pray, pray.
- Engage in acts of forgiveness and allow healing to begin.

In speaking of forgiveness, many of you have asked that I print the message from Pope Francis regarding forgiveness in the family that I spoke of in my homily last weekend. Here it is:

There is no perfect family. We don't have perfect parents, we are not perfect, we don't marry a perfect person or have perfect children. We have complaints from each other. We disappoint each other. So, there is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness. Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival. Without forgiveness the family becomes an arena of conflict and a stronghold of hurt. Forgiveness is the cleansing of the soul and the mind and the liberation of the heart. That's why the family must be a place of life, not of death; Territory of cure and not of illness; Stage of forgiveness and not guilt. Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow has produced sadness; Healing, where sorrow has caused disease.

My wish for all of us is that we have a healthy, happy and holy 2018.

With love and peace and much admiration,

Father Vincent

NEWS AND EVENTS

Overnight Adoration Monthly Overnight Adoration is every 2nd Friday. The next Adoration will be on Friday, January 12 at 7:00pm and ending with Benediction prior to the 9:00am Mass, Saturday, January 13. Adorers will be asked to commit to a specific hour. If you are interested, contact Pat Khanjian 201-891-3262-ext 226, PatK@saintelizabeths.org.

St. Elizabeth's Online Giving Online Giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express account into your church's bank account. For additional information or if you need assistance with this program, please call Jack Polito at (201) 891-1122 ext. 202 or e-mail him at jtpolito@saintelizabeths.org your continued generosity.

Renew Your Magnificat Our subscription to the *Magnificat* expires at the end of January 2018. As you may know, *Magnificat* is a monthly prayer book that contains the prayers and readings for daily Mass, brief introductions on the feast or a short biographical sketch of the saint of the day, meditations on the liturgy as well as the Liturgy of the Hours (abbreviated.) In addition to these, the *Magnificat* has spiritual reflections and beautiful reproductions of religious art along with a commentary on it. Regular subscription is \$44.95; but because we will be ordering in bulk, the cost is less. If you are interested in renewing your subscription or ordering a new subscription, please bring \$30.00 to the Parish Center and put your name on the list **on or before January 25th**.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31
Offertory \$17,640 | Online \$4,899 | Total \$22,539

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Catherine Cosenza
Teresa Feola

Sunday, January 7

7:30am Robert Denise
9:00am Florencia Tolosa
10:30am Narciso &
Bruna Morson
12noon Susan Villano
6:15pm People of the Parish

Monday, January 8

7:00am Harry Ciarleglio, Jr.
9:00am Mary Ciavarra

Tuesday, January 9

7:00am Tim Jones 30th Birthday
9:00am Margaret & Harold Bell
& Bonnie Bell Gerli

Wednesday, January 10

7:00am Anna Maniaci
9:00am Eric Mazzola

Thursday, January 11

7:00am Patricia Englert
9:00am Carol Sterlacci

Friday, January 12

7:00am Patti Englert
9:00am Kenneth Shelby

Saturday, January 13

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Joseph & Emily
Shadiack

Sunday, January 14

7:30am Peter & Helen Dahlinger
9:00am Rita Lapinski
10:30am People of the Parish
12noon Wladyslawa Cwikla
6:15pm Lisa Dahse

January Monthly Food Collection Bags are being distributed this weekend for our monthly food collection. Food bank supplies are low at this time of year, so please help by returning a bag of groceries next weekend. No time to shop? No worries cash, check or any kind of gift cards joyfully accepted. Thanks in advance.

St. Martin's Soup Kitchen On Saturday, January 27, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake) and mixed vegetables. If you can donate food, contact Peter Ingrasci at 201-493-0870. It would be very helpful for planning if you would call by Tuesday, January 23.

RICA...IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or is a Catholic but has yet to receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include:

- Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church
- Baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church.
- Adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so.

Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more information, contact Jonathan Camiolo, 201-891-3262 x 225 or jcamiola@saintelizabeths.org.

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.

Pilgrimage To Israel with Father Vincent & Deacon Tim Join our own Father Vincent D'Agostino 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.

Memorials for the week January 7

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of
Veronica Clarke, 24th Anniversary,
Given by: Kathleen Clarke Englert & Mark Engler & Family.

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Tess & Joseph Kahwajy,
Given by: The Franchavilla Family.

Candles on the Altar: In Memory of Paul Smith 15th Anniv.
Given by: Anita Smith.

Memorials for the week December 24 (correction)

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Helen & Conrad Hurtz,
Given by: Nancy Soyka.

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Larro & Cipollitti Families. Given by: Veronica & Family.

Candles on the Altar: In Memory of Joseph Hibo III,
Given by: The Barnes Family.

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In Memory of Allison Occhiuzzi,
Given by: The Occhiuzzi Family.

NEWS AND EVENTS

New BIBLE STUDY offered:

WISDOM

GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE

8 Wednesday AM or PM Sessions

January 24-March 14

9:30-11 AM or 7-8:30 PM

St. John Paul II Youth Room

Registration forms are in Narthex or Parish Center. Cost of Program: \$30

For more information, contact:

Jonathan Camiolo—201-891-3262 ext. 225

BOLD Youth Ministry
Becoming Our Lord's Disciples wishes you a

Happy New Year!

Looking Ahead to 2018!

1/6 Confirmation Retreat

1/14 Discipleship Night

1/21 TNL

1/28 Discipleship Night

2/2-4 BOLD Ski Weekend

2/9 BOLD Middle Snow Tubing

Join us for

BOLD Ski Weekend

February 2-4

boldym.com/ski18

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events
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Women's Cornerstone Weekend February 2nd 3rd

St. Elizabeth's Church invites you to participate in Women's Cornerstone Weekend. These 24 hours over 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.

How is your relationship with Christ?
Is it where you want it to be?
What do your days look like?
Hectic? Out of control at times? Tiring?

Many people find that when their relationship with Christ is strong
— developed on a more personal level —
it improves every other aspect of their life.

Why don't you give it a try?
DISCOVERING CHRIST

7-life changing Tuesday evenings beginning January 30.
Right here at St. Elizabeth's. Dinner. A talk. Fellowship.

Email StElizabethDC@gmail.com or call Jean @ 201-264-2861 to register.

What is the purpose of my life?
Why does **Jesus** matter?
How can I begin a better life?
Tired of just fishing for answers?

DISCOVERING CHRIST

A 7-week series on the most important questions of life.
Tuesday evenings beginning January 30
More info: StElizabethDC@gmail.com or 201-891-1122

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

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

The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association is proud to present "Faith and Family" by Father Stephen Fichter, Ph.D. on Tuesday, January 30th at Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ. Go to <https://goo.gl/zZYnon> for more information and to register. Space is limited.

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SAVE THE DATE

March 3 - Women's Commission Day of Reflection
March 10 - Men's Catholic Conference