



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018



2018 Confirmation Retreat

**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

201-994-5699

Trustees

Al Daloisio

Diane Ulrich

Business Manager

Jack Polito

Office Personnel

Kathe Carson

Debbie Gaertner

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Patricia Khanjian

Deborah McTiernan

Dorothy Pomroy

Lisa Tota

**Bereavement
Ministry**

201-891-1122 ext. 266

Facilities Manager

Joseph Costanzo

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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+ My dear parishioners and friends:

I hope you are all settling well into the New Year, and I hope you are more successful than I have been at keeping my New Year's resolutions. Year after year, I find that I make the same resolutions (like not stealing hub caps or hotwiring cars) but then I fall back into my bad habits. Just kidding, of course, but I just wanted to make sure that you were paying attention.

As I mentioned in my homily this past weekend, Father Carlos, Father Vincent and I love being your priests, and we love that we are all here to serve you. We are so fortunate to have such a truly wonderful parish made up of such warm and loving people. In total, we had approximately 6,500 people attend our Christmas Masses. It was a fantastic mix of happy chaos and a beautiful prayerful experience all at the same time!

Take a look at the front cover of this bulletin. Our 160 Confirmation candidates were on retreat here last Saturday. I am so proud of the progress they are making in their spiritual lives under the direction of Alexis Fuentes, our youth minister, and her very talented team of adult volunteers and high school helpers.

I want to take this moment to thank you for your incredible generosity toward our Christmas collection, which is always the most critical one for any parish. Our numbers were up substantially from last year's collection. As of today, we have received more than \$225,000 with more money continuing to arrive from parishioners, who were not in town during Christmas. We will publish the final count in February.

I have been reflecting about our first six months together, and I have to say that I have been deeply touched by how all of you have made me and Father Vincent feel so at home. I think we are all bonding together well. Many of you have told me how pleased you are with some of the small changes we have been making. I have heard great things about our new bulletin format, and I think having the same homilist at all the Masses each weekend has resonated very positively with many of you as well.

Please be on the lookout for our second issue of *Bread to Roses*, which will be mailed to your homes sometime in mid-February. Deacon Andy will share some excellent information about the Permanent Diaconate, and we will share some photos and stories from Christmas as well!

Changing gears now, there are several other things that I would like to tell you about regarding the work I do as a sociologist. I have published two books thus far. The first book was a study of Catholic priests in America entitled *Same Call, Different Men: The Evolution of the Priesthood since Vatican II*. My other book is based on my doctoral dissertation which tracks a unique and often heart-wrenching dual-transition. *From Celibate Catholic Priest to Married Protestant Minister: Shepherding in Greener Pastures* is a combination of scientific study and individual case studies, which help to illuminate the difficult journey these men took. My third book, a first-time study of American Catholic Bishops, will be published this spring. Once it is out, I look forward to having a discussion group one evening. Perhaps in the meantime, if we can find space in our busy parish calendar, I will offer two adult education sessions, where I could summarize my first two books for you.

Finally, my other research work is conducted through the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. I run their *Cultivating Unity* program for dioceses around the country. Currently, I am working with the dioceses in Salt Lake City and Springfield. Please keep me in your prayers as I help the bishops and priests in these dioceses in order to strengthen the Catholic Church at large.

May we all continue to strive for our best in our individual circumstances and also as a parish! God loves to see us using our talents to bring love and peace to each other every day!

God bless,

Fr. Stephen

NEWS AND EVENTS

In observance of Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 15, there will be one Mass only at 9am. The Parish Center will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday,

Overnight Adoration Monthly Overnight Adoration is every 2nd Friday. The next Adoration will be on Friday, February 9 at 7:00pm and ending with Benediction prior to the 9:00am Mass, Saturday, February 10. 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.

2019 Mass Book will be opening on Monday, January 29, in the Parish Office 9-5pm



COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7,
Offertory \$21,001 | Online \$2,571 | Total \$23,572

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 14

7:30am Peter & Helen Dahlinger
9:00am Rita Lapinski, 1st Anniv.
10:30am People of the Parish
12noon Wladyslawa Cwikla
6:15pm Lisa Dahse

Monday, January 15

9:00am James F. Coté

Tuesday, January 16

7:00am Frank Monahan
9:00am Patricia Ann Kaercher

Wednesday, January 17

7:00am Joseph Cervino Sr.
9:00am George Sheehan

Thursday, January 18

7:00am Kevin Tinsley
9:00am Julia McNamara

Friday, January 19

7:00am Marco Mastrogiovanni
9:00am Lois Jensen

Saturday, January 20

9:00am Memorial Mass
5:00pm Marie McKenna, 1st Anniv.
Wilfred Burke
Betty Kappler

Sunday, January 21

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Alice & Charlie Coté
10:30am Protection of babies in
womb & their families
12noon Agnes McGurk
6:15pm Louise & Sal Capalbo

A Newcomers Reception is

planned for Sunday, January 21st after the 12pm mass in the Elizabeth room. All new parishioners who have joined St. Elizabeth's parish over the last year are invited for refreshments. Come and enjoy a warm welcome and learn more about St. E's, Fr. Stephen Fichter, and the members of the parish staff. We hope you'll join us.



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 Ingrassi 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.

Memorials for the week January 14

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Rita Lapinski, 1st Anniversary,
Given by: St. Elizabeth School.

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Alfred Cipolletti, 8th Anniversary,
Given by: The Cipolletti Family.

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In Memory of Kevin Michael Tinsley,
Given by: Mom, Dad, Kyle, Brian & Grandpa.

The Church of St. Elizabeth
proudly presents our 2018 Parish Mission

**Stepping Out of Pigsties and Fishing Boats:
The Transforming Adventure of Forgiveness**

Presented by Dr. Dianne Traflet
February 25-27
7:00 PM in the Church

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  **TNL Coming Soon!**
Sun, 1/21, 7-8:30pm
YOUTH ROOM

Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

Congratulations to St. Elizabeth's Confirmation Candidates of 2018 who made their Retreat last weekend! The church was packed with over 200 teens who spent the day playing games, laughing, praying, and drawing near to the Lord. We pray that everyone will continue to feel the peace of Christ as they continue toward their sacrament of Confirmation.

Looking Ahead...

- 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
Registration closing soon!

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

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

Discovering Christ 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. 7-life changing Tuesday evenings beginning January 30. Right here at St. Elizabeth's. Dinner. A talk. Fellowship. call Jean @ 201-264-2861 to register.

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.



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

SAVE THE DATE

March 3 - Women's Commission Day of Reflection

March 10 - Men's Catholic Conference

World Day For Consecrated Life, Friday, February 2, at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord the Archdiocese will observe this day with a special emphasis on a call to consecrated life in today's world. We recognize and give thanks for those men and women who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

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.