



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24, 2018

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Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 pm, 10:30 am,
12 noon & 6:15 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated)

Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 12:30 pm

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My dear friends:

I was so happy to preach this past weekend on the day that we honor our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, spiritual fathers, and all those men who are like fathers to each one of us.

After preaching about the mustard seed that Jesus spoke about and in relating that tiny seed to the Kingdom of God, it made me think even more about the Kingdom of God. It made me think how the Kingdom is present in each one of us – that tiny seed planted in our hearts – to spread the unconditional love and mercy of God and to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to all those we meet.



I mentioned to you of my experiences at Covenant House in Newark and Oasis in Paterson. I witnessed firsthand the work of those many men and women who help to make other people's lives better every single day. How these people go out - like Jesus did - to help the lost, the last, and the least among us.

I witnessed the stories of those who have gone through these programs and the ways in which their lives were transformed. It made me take a step back and reflect on how I can do more. How we can do more. How we can be planters of those seeds in the hearts of others and to be witnesses of God's love and mercy in our own lives. I would like to share with you one other story of kindness and of spreading happiness. I had dinner with my former law partner and his wife on Saturday evening after Mass. I was talking with them about my homily. My former colleague told me that this past week he helped to purchase the old Toys 'R Us mascot, Geoffrey the Giraffe, which is 16 feet tall and weighs 550 pounds. Not knowing exactly why he would do such a thing, he showed me an article that explained that in the bankruptcy liquidation of Toys 'R Us, no one wanted Geoffrey the Giraffe because of its size and weight and the cost of transporting the former mascot of the toy retailer. After a bit of searching, they found a home for Geoffrey at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital in New Brunswick. So, my former law partner and a few others donated the giraffe who has a big smile on his face and is raising his forelegs triumphantly as if he has just completed a gymnastic flip. When asked about this unusual act of kindness, my former partner responded "I just thought it would be really cool for a sick child to see. It's probably incredibly therapeutic if you're a sick child looking for a little boost."

There are so many opportunities for each of us every single day. Opportunities to plant the mustard seed of love and hope in the hearts of others. By our words and by our actions, go out and plant. May we spread the good news of the Gospel to everyone we meet.
God bless you always.

With love and deep appreciation for each one of you,

Father Vincent

NEWS AND EVENTS

St. Elizabeth's Yacht Club (*Young Catholic's Hanging Together*): A new ministry for young adults, single or married, in their 20's and 30's will be meeting next Friday, June 29th at 6pm, at Bear Mountain. This is a great opportunity to interact with Father Stephen and make new friends at our parish. If you have any questions, please call Amanda at 201-739-6060.

Angel Fund: As of June 15, \$19,205 in donations have been received. We are almost half-way to our goal of \$50,000. Thank you to all who have contributed and to those who pray for our success. Checks should be made out to "Sacred Heart School Angel Fund" and placed in the Sunday collection or mailed to the Parish office.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING June 17th
Offertory \$14,933 | Online \$2,130 | Total \$17,063

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 23

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Catherine Francica
James Vaccaro

Sunday, June 24

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Living & Deceased
members of the Colgan &
Meighan Families
10:30 am Rev. Joseph Hearn
12:00 noon Alexander & Jason
DiMarco
6:15 pm Allison Occhiuzzi

Monday, June 25

7:00 am Msgr. John Gilchrist
9:00 am James K. Sullivan

Tuesday, June 26

7:00 am Irene Manzi
9:00 am Peter Cosenza

Wednesday, June 27

7:00 am Orestes Iung
9:00 am Ernie Carradori

Thursday, June 28

7:00 am James Mahometa,
10th Anniversary
9:00 am Rudi Draudin

Friday, June 29

7:00 am Jeanne Donahue
9:00 am James Coté
1st Anniversary

Saturday, June 30

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Richard Todisco
Vincent & Ellen La Iacona

Sunday, July 1

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Pat & Al Jensi, 49th
Wedding Anniversary
10:30 am Philip Mendola
12:00 noon Joseph Basi
6:15 pm Robert D. Lynch

NEWS AND EVENTS

Bread to Roses Magazine: Become a sponsor of our mini-magazine which is published 3 times a year in full color and reaches over 3,200 of our parish households. Call Lisa Hroncich at 201-891-1122 ext. 206 or lisah@saintelizabeths.org for more details.



Monthly Food Drive: 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. A Food Bag Donation basket will be displayed in the Narthex for cash, checks or gift card donations.

June Donations-140 Bags & \$900 Cash

May Donations-293 Bags & \$906 Cash

2018 YTD Donations-1,212 & \$5,650 Cash

2017 YTD Donations-1,159 Bags & \$7,041 Cash

All donations went to OASIS (90%) and Star of Hope Ministries (10%) in Paterson. Our ministry team THANKS all of our parishioners for their generous June donations.

St. Elizabeth's Online Giving: If you are considering Online Giving, it is easy to enroll. Simply go to our website (www.saintelizabeths.org) and click on the Online Giving tab in the **How Can We Help you** section. This will take you to the Enrollment form in ParishSoft. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Polito at 201-891-1122 ext. 202 or email at jtpolito@saintelizabeths.org.



Online Giving

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Season. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

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, please contact Father Vincent at 201-891-1122 ext. 209 or frvincent@saintelizabeths.org.

Memorials for the Week of June 24th

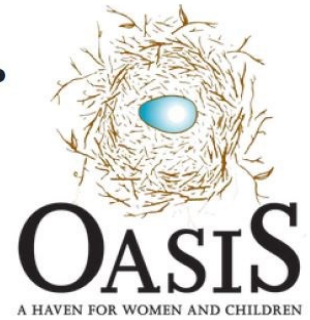
Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine in Memory of Jeff Mockler, given by The St. Joseph Regional High School Cheerleaders.

Adorno Fathers Craft Show: Treat your family to an exciting experience, spend the day at the Adorno Fathers Craft Show on Sunday, June 24th from 10am – 5pm at 575 Darlington Ave., Ramsey. Admission is free. For More information call 201-3277375.

**Thank you, St. E's!
This year you donated...**



**2,180
food bags!**



Thank you for feeding the hungry at Oasis!

Saint Elizabeth's Parish

Welcomes and Congratulates our RCIA Catechumen and Candidates



Cristen Joan Psota

Baptism, Confirmation and Communion at Easter Vigil on March 30, 2018

My name is Cristen Psota I am 28 and grew up in Hawthorne, NJ. I graduated from William Paterson University where I studied Broadcast Journalism. I am the director of a preschool in Livingston where I have been working for 3 years now. I had decided to join the RCIA program because of my catholic family background and the feeling of something missing in my life was occurring. The RCIA program has helped me in finding my faith so much and helped me to gain clarity. I was thrilled to be baptized and become Catholic at Easter.

Luis Christopher Bayon

Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Communion on May 20, 2018

My name is Luis Bayon. I was born in Cuba and came to the United 23 years ago; I was 20 years old. I did not know how to speak English or how hard it was to work for a living. Working hard and going to school at the same time, I was able to earn my college degree in chemistry. I currently work as a Regulatory Manager in the food and fragrance industry. In 2008, I married my wonderful wife Yilenya. We have two beautiful children, Luis and Isabella. We bought our first house in Midland Park and we have resided there since 2014. I thank God for the opportunity to live in this wonderful country. Since my teen age, I always wanted to learn about God, "Jesus" and always wanted to follow the Catholic Church, but in Cuba this was not an option. I was baptized in my house hiding from others. It was meant to be to come to this country, and since then, I had pursued my dream to be part of the Catholic Church and follow the true God, our God Jesus Christ. I cannot explain how grateful I feel to be part of St. Elizabeth Church.



Joseph Patrick Garone

Confirmation and Communion on May 20, 2018

My name is Joe Garone. I was born and raised in Ramsey, New Jersey. I am the oldest of four siblings: one brother and two sisters. I went to Ramapo College and got a Bachelors degree in Psychology and then studied at Holy Name Medical Center to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. I have worked in a variety of places as a nurse including with Alzheimer's patients, in pediatrics and am currently working with a pain management doctor in orthopedics. My brother Marcus attended and went through the RCIA program last year and brought me to one of the first meetings this year. With his support to attend the group and coming from a large Catholic family, I decided that I wanted to become more serious about my faith and closer to God and I decided to go through the program myself. I am very happy I did.

