



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018



Disturbed by recent news about the Church?
Come to our evening
of prayer, reflection, and discussion
Sunday, September 9th at 7:00 pm in the Church.

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Masses

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 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 friends at St. Elizabeth's,

I hope you have had a good and restful summer with your family and friends! I'm sure by now all of us are back to work and to school resuming our normal routines. I hope those summer memories will sustain you in the weeks and months ahead. For me, it was a grand summer traveling through Europe, attending the Diaconate Congress in New Orleans, and spending time with my family including my 20 month-old grandson.



This weekend we celebrate National Grandparents Day, which is on Sunday, September 9. As grandparents, we can play a vital role in the lives of our grandchildren. For me, I remember spending time with my grandmothers who lived well into their 90's, visiting with them, and learning first-hand the history of our family. My parents and my wife's parents have played important roles in helping my children grow into mature, healthy adults contributing in their own way to our society. There is depth, richness, and beauty to intergenerational relationships that cross time and memory. Relationships that are made even more beautiful when the generations come together in family celebrations and when we worship God together.

The past few weeks have been difficult for all of us as the news regarding the crisis in our Church unfolded, and it continues to do so. This Sunday evening, September 9th, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., there will be an Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Reparation in the Church to pray as a faith community for our Church and for all those effected by the current crisis. The evening will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet prayer time, a short reflection, and Benediction. After Benediction, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

As a married permanent deacon living in the secular world, but also working and ministering in the name of our Church, I found comfort in the words of St. Paul who wrote, "Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more." (Romans 5:20). For me, God's grace and love is alive and working in our world despite the crisis in our Church. I see it in our magnificent hospitals and educational institutions. I see it in the soup kitchens, the outreach to the poor, and in the children born into the world, who would not have been. I see God's grace alive and well here at St. Elizabeth's in all that you do in the name of Jesus Christ.

Where does this grace come from? Where do we find the courage to live our faith during unsettling times? It comes from Jesus Christ! Through our devotion to prayer, scripture, but most especially, through the Eucharist. As I mentioned in my homily last week, our identity and mission is ordered to and flows from the Eucharist, the source and summit of what it means to be a Catholic Christian. God's grace is poured into us whenever we feed on the body and blood of HIS Son giving us the courage to "go forth" to live our faith in the world despite the current situation.

Do not be afraid! Go forth to love God and neighbor.

Peace and blessings!

Deacon Andy

NEWS AND EVENTS

Fall Bereavement Support Groups: Both day and night support groups are being offered to begin on Tuesday, September 18th, in the Amadeus Room in the Parish Center. These groups will run for eight consecutive Tuesdays. Please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for more information and to register in advance.

Sacred Heart School Volunteers: Last spring when the students from Sacred Heart School in Jersey City came to St. E's for a field day, the Sacred Heart students were surprised that they were permitted to walk on the lawn. It was so big, and so beautiful they thought it was just to be looked at! The volunteers from St. E's, who spend time in the school with the Sacred Heart students, frequently have their eyes and hearts opened at the unusual perceptions that the students have. A view of the world through the eyes of a young inner city child is one that we do not often experience first hand. For that reason, volunteers travel week after week to help out in the school. The volunteers will be starting a new school year the first week of October. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to this meeting. Please leave your name at the Parish Center, and we will call you. Lunch will be served.

New Children's Choir For Public School Kids: Cheryl and Jay are starting a new children's choir for public school kids. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 12th, from 4pm to 4:45pm in the church, and continue with rehearsals on Wednesdays. The choir will be for singers in grades 4 thru 8. We will sing about twice a month at Mass with the other children's choir. For information, contact Jay at music@saintelizabeths.org or 201-891-1122 x222.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 2nd
Offertory \$16,548 | Online \$5,776 | Total \$22,324

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 8

9:00 am Memorial Mass

5:00 pm Richard McCrea

Sunday, September 9

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Margaret & Harold Bell
& Bonnie Bell Gerli

10:30 am Mary & Vin LaIacona

12:00 noon Daniel Giletta

6:15 pm Pierce & Hannah
McManus

Monday, September 10

7:00 am Edward Dargento

9:00 am Peter Cosenza

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 am Raymond Corbett, Sr.

9:00 am Richard Todisco, 16th
Anniversary

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 am Dan Kocher, 60th B-day

9:00 am Robert Amerio

Thursday, September 13

7:00 am Dr. Carmelo Guiffre

9:00 am Ernie Carrdori

Friday, September 14

7:00 am Rita Martin

9:00 am Harry Ciarleglio

Saturday, September 15

9:00 am Memorial Mass

5:00 pm Frank, Teresa Anello,
Eleanor Mac Kay

Sunday, September 16

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Frank Monahan

10:30 am Philip DeCicco

12:00 noon Kevin Spatz

6:15 pm Maureen Farley



NEWS AND EVENTS

St. Elizabeth's YACHT (Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together) Club
Hike and Mass on the Mountain - Sunday, September 23rd



We invite those in their 20s and 30s to join us for a hike up in Bear Mountain. During the hike we will stop to have "Mass on the Mountain" with Father Stephen. This is a great opportunity to make friends and enjoy God's beautiful gift of nature!



We are planning to depart St. Elizabeth's for Bear Mountain at 1:30pm and arrive back at the parish at 6:30pm.

For further details and to RSVP to this event please email
Amanda Chevestick
ajchevestick@gmail.com




Marriage Encounter Weekend: Fr. Carlos is looking for 10 or more married couples from St. Elizabeth's who wish to make their marriages stronger to accompany him on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Couples will rediscover the gift of each other and their call to love one another: *"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."* (Romans 12:10)

The emphasis of the weekend is on developing a communication technique that fosters a deep and intimate connection in a spirit of love and understanding. **The weekend starts on Friday, September 28th at 8:00 pm and runs until Sunday, September 30th immediately following the closing 4:30 pm Mass.** This weekend will take place in Morristown, NJ. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 confirms your place for the weekend. At the end of the weekend, each couple is given an envelope and asked to make a freewill donation. To register, go to <http://www.wwme.org/find-a-weekend>. Also, please contact our St. Elizabeth couples coordinator, Sue Foy, at 201-655-4036 to sign up on our parish list. For any other information, contact Fr. Carlos at fcarlos@saintelizabeths.org.

Angel Fund: We are zeroing in on our goal! As of August 31st, \$43,340 has been received. Please help us meet our goal of \$50,000. The children of Sacred Heart School are relying on us. Thanks to all who have helped.

Memorials for the week of September 9th

Altar Bread & Wine, in memory of Frances Sullivan,
donated by Ellen & Mike Mahoney.

Sanctuary Light, Candles on the Altar, Flower Fund, Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine, Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine in memory of Eugene T. Heimers, Jr. 50th Anniversary, donated by the Dela Motte Family.

SCHOOL NEWS

Calling all food lovers: The St. Elizabeth School 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival is Friday, September 7th from 5pm-9pm in the church parking lot. Many popular food trucks, live entertainment, games and activities for kids! Bring your own blanket and chairs. Parking available at the YMCA. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Wells at jenwells212@yahoo.com.

Catholic High School Information Night: Saint Elizabeth School will be hosting a Catholic High School Fair on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade families are encouraged to attend to learn more and meet representatives from our local Catholic High Schools.

Mornings for Moms Ministry



Please join us for coffee, fellowship and friendship this fall as we share the week's Gospel and read and discuss

The Five Love Languages of Children



Mondays in the Parish Center

9:15-11:15 AM

Fall meeting dates start on September 17

Exact dates: 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17

Come when you can!

No pressure to make all meetings!

Babysitting will be provided.

\$25 donation suggested to cover program materials.

Please contact Jenica Purisima at Jenicapurisima@gmail.com if interested in joining us.

New BIBLE STUDY offered:



FULFILLED

Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism – Part One

7 Wednesday AM or PM Sessions

Sept. 26-Nov. 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: \$35

For more information, contact:

Jonathan Camiolo—201-891-3262 ext. 225

Summer vacation is almost over – Now it's time to begin your

SINGcation



Come join a CHOIR!

NEW Children's Choir – Wed, Sept 12, 4pm – 4:45pm
Rehearsals in church for children grades 4 – 8.

Children's Choir – Wed, Sept 12, 2:30pm – 3:15pm
Rehearsals in church for children grades 4 – 8.

Festival & Contemporary Choirs – Wed, Sept 12, 7:30pm
Welcome Back Party in St. Elizabeth Room
Contact Jay Brown for more information
music@saintelizabeths.org 201-891-1122 x 222

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH
picnic
SUNDAY
SEPT 30TH
1pm

CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH'S

BBQ & Beer * Pie Bake-off * Chili Cook-off *
Live Music * Bouncy House * Petting Zoo *
Pony Rides * Games Prizes * Photos
w/Pope Francis * Kids Cupcake Contest

Sponsors needed!



Our **Fall Bereavement Support Groups** will begin on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**, in the morning from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and in the evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Both groups will run for eight consecutive Tuesdays and will meet in the Amadeus Room on the 2nd Floor of the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth's Church, 700 Wyckoff Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey.

These groups will provide a safe, confidential atmosphere where you can meet and spend some important time with others, who have also experienced loss. **These groups are open to both men and women of all faiths.** The only prerequisite for participation in these groups is that at least 3 months or more have passed since the time of loss. All our sessions are guided by trained, experienced leaders, who have also lost loved ones.

The only cure for grief is to grieve. It is our hope to create an oasis of compassion and comfort that will allow participants to begin the healing process. For further information and **to register, please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266.** Registration in advance is requested.

If you know someone who is grieving a loss, please pass this information on to them.