



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018



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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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Dear friends of St. Elizabeth's,

This weekend our Church winds down the liturgical calendar with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is fitting we close out the Church year celebrating Christ, who was victorious over sin and death. As I mentioned in my homily last week, these last weeks before Advent provide us with an opportunity to stop and reflect on our own lives, on our mortality and on the end times.



Although this may seem sobering and perhaps a difficult topic for each of us to reflect upon, we do so with great Christian hope in the power of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we heard in our reading today from the Book of Revelation, Christ is the Alpha and the Omega. Greek for representing the beginning and the end—meaning all time and all ages belong to HIM. Christ's kingdom reigns forever and ever. This gives us comfort and hope during the trials and tribulations we all face in our life.

I remember my Dad shortly before he died telling me how “lucky” he was. How could someone who suffered so terribly for so long feel so lucky? Someone who had once been a gifted athlete in his youth, who had a brilliant mind, and had achieved great success in business now feel so lucky in a hospital bed? It has taken me a long time to fully understand what he was trying to tell me. Only recently have I been able to appreciate and understand my Dad's great love for Jesus Christ and his joy in Christ's triumph on the cross for our salvation.

Power, fame, worldly glory, material riches, and earthly pleasures have lured many of us, including myself. However, they are fleeting, and they fail to bring us lasting joy or peace. Only when Christ reigns in our lives, guiding us through life can we fully experience the true peace and joy that the world cannot give. Christ's kingdom while not *of* this world, in the sense of belonging *to* the world, is *in* this world. Through baptism, HIS kingdom is entrusted to you and to me. Each of us is given a mission to build up the body of Christ on earth because WE are the body of Christ.

If you think about it each of us is lucky no matter our situation in life, even in our darkest moments, because Christ walks with us. We are lucky because through baptism we become beloved children of God, brothers, and sisters of Jesus Christ. We are lucky as Catholics and Christians because we have a kind and merciful God. A God who came in the form of human flesh as an infant, who understands our joy and our sorrows. We are lucky because Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of sins so that we may have eternal life.

The closing words of the poem, *When I say... “I am a Christian”* by Maya Angelou sums it up best.

*When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I’m not holier than thou,
I’m just a simple sinner
Who received God’s good grace, somehow.*

This weekend as we celebrate Christ the King, I think my Dad was right – WE are lucky!

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Andy

NEWS AND EVENTS

Seniors Christmas Luncheon: The Seniors will be meeting on Monday, December 3rd, at 12 noon at Fiona's Restaurant in Midland Park.

Advent Wreaths: Available to purchase in the Narthex after all Masses December 1st and December 2d. Price—\$25.00 includes pine wreath, metal frame, candles, bow and prayer pamphlet. First come, first serve.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING
November 18th will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 24

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Nancy Cannon
Helen & Raymond Fennell
& Ellen Nelson
Anello & Fontana Families
Nicholas Vistica

Sunday, November 25

7:30 am Muriel Dragoniist Ann.
9:00 am Marie Corvari
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:00 noon Robert Ciriello
6:15 pm Ralph Leoce

Monday, November 26

7:00 am Virginia Brendel
9:00 am Robert Hermansen

Tuesday, November 27

7:00 am Paxton Tyler Cierski
9:00 am Sheamus O'Hair

Wednesday, November 28

7:00 am Gary Innocenti
9:00 am Arlene Cooke 1st Annv.

Thursday, November 29

7:00 am Raymond Corbett
9:00 am James K. Sullivan, 1st Ann.

Friday, November 30

7:00 am William G. Plowman
9:00 am Frank Masciandaro,
3rd Ann.

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Nicholas Maniaci

Sunday, December 2

7:30 am Florence Ricciardi
9:00 am Gae & Salvatore Sinagra
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:00 noon Joseph McNamara
6:15 pm Winifred Doran

NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Wafers "Oplatki" the Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom long used in family celebrations. A brief prayer begins the festivities of sharing the blessed Christmas wafer. By breaking and sharing this wafer with family and friends, we share the harmony and joy that bring peace and happiness to our hearts and home at this special time of year. If you would like to continue or to begin this sacred tradition, wafers can be purchased at the Parish Office. Donation: \$2.00.

Advent Giving Tree—New This Year—

Sponsor A Family: With the Christmas season less than 8 weeks away, the Advent Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex at St. E's. Many of you have asked in the past if this ministry offered an option allowing parishioners to sponsor an entire family rather than selecting separate gift tags from the tree. Well, we're happy to report that this year you'll have that opportunity to do so. Whether you're interested in doing so as a family, CCD class, Confirmation, or Youth Group service project, or a parishioner with a big heart. For more information and to select a family to sponsor, please contact Beth Rea at 201-803-3576 or at reafive@verizon.net. She will assist you with choosing a family from our list this year. Families range in size from 2 to 10 members. There will still be individual tags on the tree, which will be set up and available on Saturday, November 17th. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this rewarding and special ministry. God bless you, Laurie & Dan Kocher (Giving Tree Ministry Coordinators)

Come Let Us Adore: A Christmas Choral Celebration

Sunday, December 9th at 4pm

Come celebrate the miracle of God becoming human and dwelling among us through the powerful blend of choral selections and sing-a-longs!. 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 "Come Let Us Adore" A Christmas Choral Celebration." This concert will feature the Festival Choir, Contemporary Choir, and the fabulous, Children's Choir. Mark your calendars: Sunday, December 9th at 4pm. Come celebrate with us and surround this blessed season with the symbol of light and the promise of God's salvation!



Memorials for the week of November 25th

Altar Bread & Wine, in memory of Tess & Joseph Kahwajy
donated by The Franchavilla Family

Sanctuary Light, in memory of Astrid Runkowski
donated by Lucy & Harry Semus & Family

Candles on the Altar, in memory of Maureen Farley
donated by the Romond children

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine, in memory of Jeffery Mockler
donated by the Romond children

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine,
Happy 61st Wedding Anniversary Joe & Sheila Schuh
donated by the Carpentieri Family

ADVENT WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION



Tuesday, December 4
Elizabeth Room

Gathering & Refreshments 7:00 PM
Program begins at 7:30 PM
All women welcome—invite a friend!

RSVP Cathy Ingrassi
201-637-4337 or pingrasci@optonline.net

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

Attention all St. Elizabeth School Alumni: Please take a moment to visit the school website at www.sainte-school.org. Please scroll down to the circle labeled "Alumni" to receive emails and updates about St. Elizabeth School. Thank You!

Poinsettia Sale: Please support the 5th & 6th grade SES girl scout troops poinsettia sale. All proceeds will be used for the troops to buy baby supplies for Several Sources as the girls work to earn their Bronze Award for service. Please contact Kerri Rigoi at jrigs67@aol.com or Amy Nightingale at amynightingale@aol.com or you may stop by the school office for an order form.

Best Time of the Year to Shop! Come out to *Tons of Toys* OR *Tons of Treasures* on Wednesday December 5th. St. Elizabeth School will receive 15% of your purchase. Mention St. Elizabeth School at checkout. Coupons are not accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Krista.Barabas@gmail.com.

Seasons of a Man's Life

Retreat Day for Men

Saturday, December 1, 2018
8am-1pm @ Church of Saint Elizabeth

Reflections by Fr. Stephen, Fr. Carlos, Fr. Vincent,
Deacon Andy and Jonathan Camiolo

Mass, breakfast and lunch included Free Will Offering
RSVP now to jcamiola@saintelizabeths.org or 201-891-1122

CHRISTMAS BONFIRE

CAROLS

December 16, 7:15 pm
on the back field
bring your favorite
Christmas cookies
to share
Hot chocolate will be served!

Imperial Cities

November 10-20, 2019
Pilgrimage led by Fr. Stephen & Fr. Carlos

Journey to the Imperial Cities of Central Europe with Fr. Stephen and Fr. Carlos. Visit Marburg, Germany, where St. Elizabeth of Hungary lived, then on to Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. It will be an amazing 11 days/10 nights.

Brochures available in Narthex, at Kiosk, and in Parish Center. Get yours today. **Space is limited! Sign up now!**

Information Meeting on Monday, November 19
7:30pm in the Elizabeth Room



Cornerstone

St. Elizabeth's invites you to Women's and Men's Cornerstone 2019. These two day, one night retreats are an opportunity to renew your faith, experience the Christian community and a meet other people from St. Elizabeth's in welcoming environment on both a personal and a spiritual level.

Team Commissioning - November 18 at 10:30am Mass
Women's Cornerstone—February 1-2, 2019
Men's Cornerstone—March 1-2, 2019

Save the Date

Radio City Christmas Spectacular
Featuring the Rockettes

With Fr. Vincent,
Fr. Stephen & Fr. Carlos
December 27th 11:00 AM
More details to follow.
See Fr. Vincent with any
questions.

