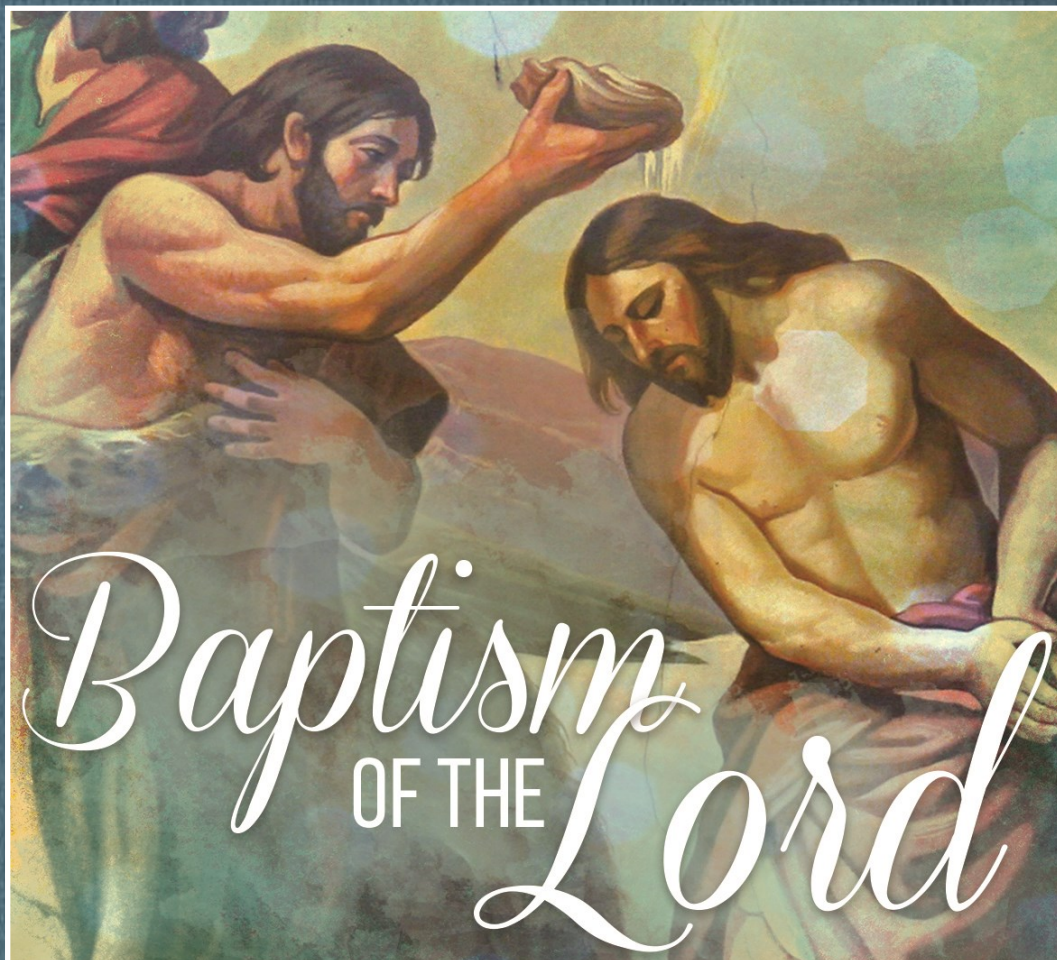




CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019



Pastor
Rev. Stephen Fichter

Parochial Vicars
Rev. Carlos Briceño
Rev. Vincent D'Agostino

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201-891-1122 ext. 266

Facilities Manager
Joseph Costanzo

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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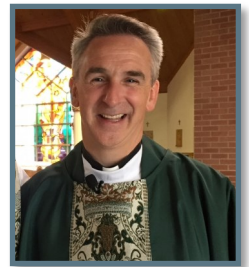
School Principal
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Parish School
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+ My dear parishioners:

It's a brand new New Year! I hope that you and your families will have a fantastic 2019 and that you have all gotten off to a strong start. I was reflecting on the fact that 2018 was my first full calendar year at St. E's, and I have to say that it was a great year in so many ways. I have had so many opportunities to know all of you better, and I am grateful for your warm welcome and support. Your trust in me makes me a better priest and pastor every day!



Speaking of warm welcomes, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the Christmas gifts! Father Carlos, Father Vincent, and I were overwhelmed by so many delicious cookies, cakes, wine, and personal gifts! Your love this Christmas was absolutely felt by all of us. I hope you have felt ours for you!

I also want to thank you for your generosity to our Christmas collection. We will publish the final tally as soon as we have that available, but again, I am very grateful for your support of St. E's and our work here. With the building of our new Daily Mass Chapel this will be an exciting year! Besides daily Mass, we will use this addition for our monthly Overnight Adoration and so many other special moments.

As I was preparing this column, I was thinking of Ed Morris, who celebrated his 100th birthday on December 30, 2018. I was honored not only to be invited to his centennial celebration, but to be seated right next to him! It was a beautiful way to end the year. Ed, as many of you know, is a longtime parishioner, and he used to bring Holy Communion to the Christian Health Care Center. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, Ed is a wonderful example of someone who used his time, talent, and treasure to great effect for many years. He has most certainly been a shining star here at St. E's!

On the other end of the spectrum, that very same day I baptized Clover, one of our youngest parishioners. She is just beginning the first few weeks of life. Her baptism was cause for great rejoicing in her family and also for us as a faith community because Clover, like so many other new infants, represents new life, new hope, and is a brand new bright star in our midst. I always find it so fascinating to think of the amazing things ahead of these little ones in their next 100 years!

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus at the hand of Saint John. Jesus brought new life and the hope of redemption to all of us as Christians. Jesus' birth was heralded by the star over Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, and the light of His star will be over us eternally. We have only to look up at the night sky to be reminded of this. So let us remember the Star of Bethlehem often and dedicate ourselves each day to being bright stars for each other!

Just as a fun aside, Ed's family shared with me that these items are also 100 years old! Did you know that in 1918 it was the first time that we were introduced to Velveeta Cheese, Lincoln Logs, the Panama Canal, Girl Scout cookies, Air Mail, toasters, and time zones?

Finally, I will be away this week at the Monastery of Saint Clare in South Carolina on silent retreat. I will keep all of you in my daily prayers, and I ask that you keep me in yours as well. We are so blessed here at St. E's. Let us share those abundant blessings of our time, talent, and treasure with all those we meet and be bright star lights of hope throughout 2019!

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Stephen

P.S. The titles of the two books that I mentioned in my homily are: *The Star of Bethlehem: The Legacy of the Magi* by Michael Molnar and *The Gift of the Jews* by Thomas Cahill.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Prayer Chain: Become a link in our prayer chain. The prayer chain is a monthly listing of all who are in need of prayer. To place a name or intention on the prayer chain or to become a link, call the Parish Office at 201-891-1122 .

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30

Offertory \$17456 | Online \$2,908 | Total \$20,364

COLLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY ~ JANUARY 1 ~ \$5,172

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7

Offertory \$22,997 | Online \$4,015 | Total \$27,012

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 12

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Living & Deceased
Members of the Egan & Schuh
Families

Sunday, January 13

7:30 am Susan Villano
9:00 am Wladyslawa Cwikla
10:30 am Josephine & Joseph
Palladino & Andriani Families
12:00 noon Ben Landel
6:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, January 14

7:00 am Jeff Mockler
9:00 am Hildegard Persich

Tuesday, January 15

9:00 am Patrick Donegan
10:30 am Douglas Farra

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 am Patrick Clarke
9:00 am Frances DeSales
Sullivan

Thursday, January 17

7:00 am John Frances Quill
9:00 am Rita Laubersheimer,
11th Anniversary

Friday, January 18

7:00 am Gladys Mamola
9:00 am Marco Mastrogiovanni

Saturday, January 19

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 20

7:30 am Julia McNamara
9:00 am Jeanne Marie Murray,
1st Anniversary
10:30 am Sheila Tiernan,
1st Anniversary
12:00 noon John Cannizzo
6:15 pm Friedrich Fischer

NEWS AND EVENTS

St. Martin's Soup Kitchen: On Saturday, January 26, we will be serving chicken legs and thighs (Original Shake and Bake) and mixed vegetables. If you can donate food, contact Peter Ingrassi at pjngiras@us.ibm.com or 201-493-0870. It would be very helpful for planning, if you could call by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.



The March for Life 2019 Washington, D.C. If you want to attend the March, Saint Elizabeth's in Wyckoff will be providing ONE BUS in collaboration with Mount Carmel Church, St. Catherine Church, St. Paul Church, and other Northern New Jersey Parishes. First come, first serve.

(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Ministry)

When: Friday, January 18, 2019

Where: Departing and returning to St. Elizabeth's parking lot.

Time: Leaving for Washington D.C. after the 6 am Mass. (Bagels and coffee will be served in the morning. A boxed lunch will be provided on the bus).

Cost: Bus Transportation and Lunch: \$50.00.

Angel Fund Update: Thanks to all who gave to the Angel Fund. We are *close* to our goal! There is still time to give. Please help put us over the top! Checks may be payable to Sacred Heart Angel Fund.

Attention Magnificat Subscribers: This year we will be replacing the Magnificat with Liturgical Press's monthly magazine *Give Us This Day*, which is similar to the Magnificat with all the same liturgical readings, information about the saints, and morning and evening prayers. Fr. Stephen thinks you will enjoy reading it. It's one of his favorite publications. Our Magnificat order ends with your February edition. If you would like to receive your monthly copy of *Give Us This Day*, please stop in the parish office and drop off your payment by February 1st for the March edition. In addition, another great plus is that a one-year subscription to *Give Us This Day* is only \$20 rather than the \$30 for Magnificat.

St. Elizabeth School: A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence invites you to join us at our Open House on Sunday, 1/27 from 10am-12pm and Wednesday 1/30 from 9am-11am. We are accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 School Year. Join us for our Open House or call for a private tour. Call for information at 201-891-1481 and visit our website at www.sainte-school.org.

RCIA...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.
- Adults baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so.

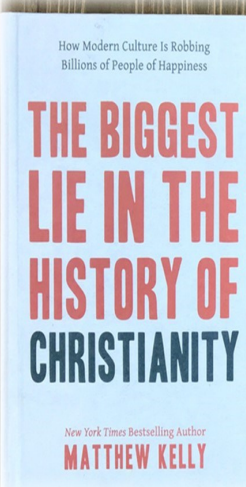
Now is a great time to get information and find out more!

For more information, contact Fr. Vincent,
frvincent@saintelizabeths.org.

Memorials for the week of January 13th

Altar Bread & Wine, in memory of Raymond Corbett,
donated by Ellen & Mike Mahoney

Sanctuary Light, in memory of Alfred Cipolletti, 9th Anniversary,
donated by Veronica and Family



How Modern Culture Is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness

THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

New York Times Bestselling Author
MATTHEW KELLY

FAITHFUL READERS BOOK DISCUSSION
WITH FR. VINCENT & DEACON ANDY
MONDAY, JANUARY 21
7:30-8:30 PM
ELIZABETH ROOM



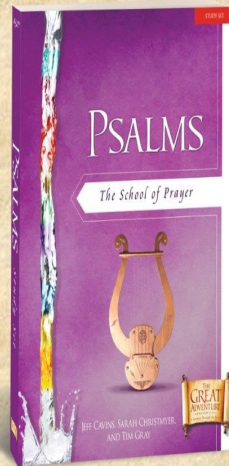
New Bible Study

PSALMS

The School of Prayer

January 16 - April 3
11 Wednesdays in Youth Room
9:30-11 AM or 7-8:30 PM

Registration forms in Narthex or Parish Center. Cost of Program: \$35
For more information, contact:
Jonathan Camiolo—201-891-3262 ext. 225



St. Elizabeth's YACHT Club - Saturday, January 26th



Please join us for a wonderful volunteer opportunity at OASIS - A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson, NJ.

We will be helping with their tutoring program called "Rise and Shine" from 10:00-11:30am. After volunteering, we will stop at a diner for lunch together.

Please RSVP by January 14th to Amanda DeFeo (ajchevestick@gmail.com).

Women's Cornerstone

February 1-2, 2019

This two day, one night retreat is a wonderful opportunity to renew your faith, encounter the St. Elizabeth's parish community and meet faith-filled women in a welcoming environment.

Connect and Renew

Register today at www.stelizabethcornerstone.org
For more information, contact Valentina Hickey
wcornerstone26@gmail.com or 201-988-4186

