



# CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH



January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Do whatever He tells you."*

John 2: 1-11

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Rev. Vincent D'Agostino

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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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## Parish School

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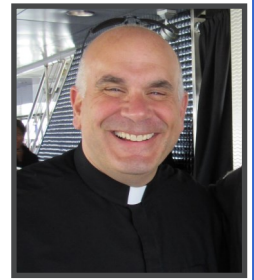
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My Dear Friends in Christ;

Once again, Happy New Year! Last Sunday marked the end of the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, and we now embark upon Ordinary Time together. There is a beautiful quote that “Every new beginning comes from other beginnings’ end,” and it speaks to the circular nature of life. Things begin. Things end. The end of one thing leads to the beginning of another. The poem “The Work of Christmas” by Howard Thurman speaks so beautifully of this:



*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.*

And on the Feast Day of Our Lord’s Baptism, I had the blessing of preaching about the beginning of our spiritual lives when we called to mind our own baptisms – when we became Children of God and when Christ claimed us for Himself. If you were unable to be with us, I asked those present to celebrate their baptisms each year. Look at your baptismal certificates or call the Church in which you were baptized and find out your baptism date. Put that date in your calendar and remember that date as the date that you received God’s wonderful blessings of forgiveness, life, and eternal salvation. Our baptisms are the seed of faith planted in each one of us that needs to be nurtured and needs to grow through prayer, through the sacraments, and through a constant dialogue with God the Father.

Like that mighty oak tree that I spoke about last week, the roots of faith will sustain us through the struggles and difficulties of life. Here is the poem from my homily last weekend that many have asked me to print. As you read it, think of the oak tree as our lives. It grows and grows. And think of the elements – the wind and the snow and the rain as the struggles in our lives. Now think of the oak tree’s roots as our spiritual lives. The bigger and the deeper the roots, the deeper our faith. These roots represent our lives in Christ that start from that tiny seed planted in each one of us at our baptisms. They are unwavering and unaffected when we have a strong faith.

### **The Mighty Oak Tree**

*A mighty wind blew night and day. It stole the oak tree’s leaves away; then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark, until the oak was tired and stark. But still the oak tree held its ground, while other trees fell all around. The weary wind gave up and spoke, “How can you still be standing, Oak?”*

*The oak tree said, “I know that you can break each branch of mine in two. Carry every leaf away. Shake my limbs, and make me sway, but I have roots stretched in the earth, growing stronger since my birth. You’ll never touch them, for you see, they are the deepest part of me. Until today, I wasn’t sure of just how much I could endure, but now I’ve found, with thanks to you, I’m stronger than I ever knew!”*

May the Peace of Christ be with you always.

With love and deep appreciation for all of you,

*Father Vincent (baptism date = March 6, 1966)*

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

**In honor of Martin Luther King Day,  
there will be  
one Mass only at 9:00am.  
The Parish Center will be closed.**

**The Giving Tree:** A very special thank you to all who donated so many amazing gifts this year! Many children from the Eastern Christian Children’s Retreat, the New Bridge Medical Center, and the Perpetual Help Day Nursery experienced the true joy of Christmas through your generosity and good will in this season of rejoicing!

**Spring Bereavement Support Groups:** Both day and night support groups are being offered to begin on Tuesday, February 19th, 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13**  
**Offertory \$18,406 | Online \$4,008 | Total \$22,414**

**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

**Monday, January 21**

9:00 am Alice & Charles Coté

**Tuesday, January 22**

9:00 am Henry McNamara  
1030 am Helen Cappello

**Wednesday, January 23**

7:00 am Elizabeth Delaney  
9:00 am Barbara Daly

**Thursday, January 24**

7:00 am Louanne Cosenza  
9:00 am Julia & Edward Ryan

**Friday, January 25**

7:00 am Elizabeth Delaney,  
1st Anniversary  
9:00 am Ben Landel,  
1st Anniversary

**Saturday, January 26**

9:00 am Memorial Mass  
5:00 pm Robert Amerio

**Sunday, January 27**

7:30 am Elizabeth Delaney  
9:00 am Robert Amerio  
10:30 am Catherine Francica,  
3rd Anniversary  
12:00 noon Ben Landel  
6:15 pm People of the Parish



Tiana Acito  
Braden Albanese  
Megan Bizub  
Curtis Bommer  
Molly Cece  
Courtney Corbett  
Ellie DePhillips  
Elizabeth Dimino  
Brendan Egan  
Gavin Foley  
Luke Giammanco  
Madison Haji  
Bobby Hymans  
AJ Ilardi  
Angelo Lucrezia  
Isabella Marino  
Alex Martino  
Julia McHugh  
Brandon Mooney  
Jamie Murtha

Julianna Murray  
Sarina Neal  
Will Neal  
Liam Nelson  
Grace O'Brien  
Jake O'Brien  
Dan O'Connell  
Christian O'Rourke  
Simone Palumbo  
Emma Patton  
Courtney Prendergast  
Kassidy Puglisi  
Caroline Quinn  
Elizabeth Quinn  
Julia Quinn  
Samantha Secora  
Matt Sobkowicz  
Liam Ray  
Christopher Rea

Nick Rea  
Joseph Roughgarden  
Leanna Rubinetti  
Diego Santiago  
Madelyn Sargenti  
Isabella Schuh  
Marc Shore  
Paige Stapinski  
Nicole Stark  
Ella Suchora  
Kayla Sullivan  
Jessica Swenson  
Jamie Tarr  
Maria Torraca  
Jessica Valente  
Emily Viggiano  
Ava Welchans  
Ellie Wilson  
Sofia Wuensch  
John Whooley

*A special thank you to our CAST, Adult Coordinators and BOLD Alumni*

*Nancy Pearce, Tom Valente, Toni Violetti, Marie Neal,*

*Kerry Zachman & Caroline Benedik*

*Your presence is invaluable in the life of this ministry. We couldn't do it without you!*

**Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Boomerang:** The K of C is conducting its annual "Baby Bottle Boomerang" to help and encourage young mothers in completing their pregnancies. Please pick up a bottle in the Narthex after Mass, and return it with your donation (of check, cash, or coin) to one of the collection boxes in the Narthex during the next two weeks. Bottles may also be returned to the Parish Office during the week. Proceeds of this drive will be distributed to: Birthright of Bergen County; and the NJ Right to Life Organization. Thank you!

**Memorials for the week of January 20th**

Altar Bread & Wine, in memory of Joseph Rigoli,  
donated by the Rigoli Family

Candles on Altar, in memory of George H. Parsells,  
donated by John, Patrick, Maggie, and Mark Walsh

Sanctuary Light, in memory of Wladyslawa Czeslaw Cwikla,  
donated by The Badura & Cwikla Families

**Special Blessings:** Last weekend we concluded our Christmas season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord by John the Baptist. So it was fitting that we welcomed back with great joy over 30 families whose children were baptized in 2018 at the 10:30am and 12 noon Mass for a special blessing! It was also an opportunity for all of us present to remember and renew our own baptismal promises as a faith-filled community and to rejoice in the gift of life and in God's abundant love for each of us.





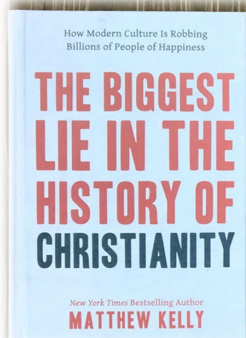
**Free Throw Shooting Contest!**  
**Sunday, January 27 ~ 2:30 – 5 pm**  
**St. Elizabeth's Gym**

**Boys and Girls - Ages 7 –14**  
**Trophies for winners at each age!**  
**No cost to participate!**

**Winners from ages 9 –14 advance to district/regional competition!**  
**We had a state champion and 2 other finalists in 2018 & hope to send a few St. Elizabeth's/ Wyckoff champs to the finals again!**

Sponsored by the St. Elizabeth's Knights of Columbus





**THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY**  
 How Modern Culture is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness  
 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**

**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](http://www.sainte-school.org).



**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](http://www.stelizabethcornerstone.org)  
 For more information, contact Valentina Hickey  
[wcornerstone26@gmail.com](mailto:wcornerstone26@gmail.com) or 201-988-4186

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 Camilo—201-891-3262 ext. 225

**BOLD**  **TNL Tonight!**  
 Becoming Our Lord's Disciples Sunday, Jan 20, 7-8:30pm

**THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING!**  
 Join us for **BOLD SKI WEEKEND 2019**

**FEBRUARY 1-3 @ BEAUTIFUL MT. SNOW, VERMONT**

Reserve Your Spot Today! [boldym.com/skitrip2019](http://boldym.com/skitrip2019)



**St. E's YACHT (Young Adult Catholic Hanging Together) Club**  
**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Those in their 20s & 30s invited to join 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 14<sup>th</sup> to Amanda DeFeo ([ajchevestick@gmail.com](mailto:ajchevestick@gmail.com)).  
 Feel free to bring a friend with you!





**BRIDGES OUTREACH**

Next Run, January 27  
[boldym.com/seh/signup](http://boldym.com/seh/signup)

**Looking Ahead...**

1/27 Discipleship Night  
 2/1-3 **SKI TRIP 2019!**  
 2/10 TNL  
 2/17 No Meeting

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events  
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