

It's Advent Season

at Saint Elizabeth's

December 1, 2019

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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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Can you find
the hidden picture of
Jesus in this bulletin?



+ My dear parishioners and friends:

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and friends. I was blessed to be with my family. My sister-in-law had the kitchen masterfully under control, and her culinary efforts were appreciated by all of us right down to the last bite of pumpkin pie. I have to give a big shout out to Lori and all of you Thanksgiving cooks. I tried one year, and I have to say that it is a difficult job, especially keeping everything hot at the same time! Needless to say, I was not asked to cook again.



Speaking of being thankful for people, I am truly thankful for the amazing job that Father Vincent and Deacon Andy did while we were on the pilgrimage tracing the life of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. They kept everything running smoothly, and when I got back, the only thing I had to do was turn out all the lights in the rectory. Father Vincent told me he does not like not to stay alone in the rectory!

Seriously though, as I mentioned in my homily last weekend, we had an amazing pilgrimage, praying at so many holy sites from Marburg, Prague, Vienna, and finally, Budapest. We visited beautiful churches and cathedrals, and remembered all of your special intentions from the book that we took with us everywhere. I hope you enjoyed our daily video updates that we sent home via our website. We had a fantastic group of travelers, and we look forward to sharing our photos and stories with all of you!

When I got back to Wyckoff, I checked on the progress that has been made on our new Daily Mass Chapel. The foundation looks great! We are really on our way, and I could not be happier, nor could I be more grateful to all of you who have so generously donated to its completion. There will be so much for us to celebrate when we say our first Mass in the new chapel. I am looking forward to sharing two sketches with all of you very soon. One drawing of the front facade of the chapel will illustrate the etched glass in the windows and doors devoted to the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The other sketch will depict the completed interior of the chapel. I think it will be the perfect way to understand how our completed space will provide a peaceful way for us to focus on spending time with God.

This weekend, we begin the season of Advent and also the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. It is a time for us to close the book on the past year. We all have our memories of the past 12 months, but now it is time to look ahead with an awakened spirit. Let us await the arrival of the Infant King together and renew ourselves to live the best lives that we can to honor our Savior, the Prince of Peace!

God bless you all,

Fr. Stephen

NEWS AND EVENTS

Seniors: The senior's annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Monday, December 2nd at 12 noon at the Brick House. All seniors are welcome.

December Monthly Food Collection: 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. No time to shop? No worries! Cash, check, or any kind of gift cards are joyfully accepted.

Rosary Society: Will hold its Annual Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 19th at 10am in the Elizabeth Room. If you can join us, please bring a wrapped \$10 gift for our gift exchange. Also, we will be collecting a free-will offering that will be donated to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa. You don't have to be a member to attend. Please call Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560 if you have any questions.

Bereavement Support Night: We encourage anyone who has experienced a loss to come to Bereavement Support Night on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30pm in the Amadeus Room. No registration is required.

Hour of Grace Devotion to Mother Mary: All parishioners are invited to a special Holy Hour on Sunday, December 8th, at 1 PM at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Franklin Lakes members. Member of the Legion of Mary will hold an Hour of Grace Devotion to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary on the Feast of her Immaculate Conception.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17
Offertory \$27,187 | Online (not available this week)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Frank Masciandaro,
4th Anniversary

Sunday, December 1

7:30 am MaryAnn Spatz
9:00 am Deceased members of
the Anello & Fontana families
10:30 am Nicholas Maniaci,
30th Anniversary
12:00 noon Albert Sanz
6:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, December 2

7:00 am Bernard Jaffe
9:00 am Charles Moscherto

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 am Eric Farrugia
9:00 am Gloria & George Barton

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 am Alice Boswell
9:00 am Daisy Perske

Thursday, December 5

7:00 am Gail Muir
9:00 am Alexander Pope,
4th Anniversary

Friday, December 6

7:00 am Carmela Sature
9:00 am Mary Zahauer

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Anna Fotia

Sunday, December 8

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Rudi Draudin
10:30 am Frances Sullivan &
Vera Tehayal, 1st Anniversary
12:00 noon Matthew Piskadlo &
Louise Napoli
6:15 pm MaryAnn Spatz

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How Great Is Our God—A Christmas Choral Celebration

On Sunday, December 15th at 4pm, come celebrate the miracle of God becoming human and dwelling among us with a powerful blend of choral selections. St. Elizabeth's Music Ministry proudly presents "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD: A Christmas Choral Celebration." This concert will feature the Festival Choir, Contemporary Choir, Teen Choir, Children's Choir, and the world-debut of St. Elizabeth's Cherub Choir. Mark your calendars: Sunday, December 15th at 4pm.

Advent Giving Tree—ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th AT NOON TIME:

This will ensure your presents will be delivered to the intended churches, organizations and recipients on time. If you are sponsoring a family this year and have questions regarding the family, please contact Beth Rea at 201-803-3576 or at reafive@verizon.net. For any other questions or if you would like to volunteer with sorting and packing of the presents on Saturday or Sunday December 7th or 8th, please contact us as we would welcome your help! Use Laurie's cell phone at 201-788-8980 or on our email DJKLJK@verizon.net. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this rewarding and special ministry. God bless you and Merry Christmas! Laurie & Dan Kocher (Giving Tree Ministry Coordinators)



Great Job! On behalf of the board of the Wyckoff Love Fund, I'd like to thank the sixth grade ccd class for donating \$600 in food cards for families in need. Just this week I talked to a client who didn't have enough to eat. Thanks to your generosity, I was able to make sure that family had something to eat that night. Jesus tells us that at God's table there is enough for everyone. Thanks for making this family's table a little more like God's!

Women's Cornerstone Weekend 2020 February 7th and 8th: St. Elizabeth's Church invites you to participate in Women's Cornerstone Weekend. These 2 days are an opportunity to renew your faith and grow in your experience within the Christian community. It is also a way to meet other people from St. Elizabeth's in a warm, welcoming environment on both a personal and a spiritual level. For more information, please contact Catrina Tripodi and Joey O'Connell: WCornerstone27@gmail.com. You can register for the weekend at www.stelizabethcornerstone.org

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.



"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Your loved one will be announced at Mass for two weeks, then included in the bulletin for six weeks. Call the Parish Center to let us know the names of those we should include in our prayers.

A time to be healed...

Healing prayers for: Lynn Adams

A time for sorrow...

Recently deceased: Marilyn Tuohy, Hilda Frisco, Joan Swenson, Jonathan Marsden

Memorials for the week of December 1

Altar Bread & Wine, Candles on the Altar, Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine, Sanctuary Fund: In memory of Carmela Sature donated by The Minichetti Family

Holy Family Shrine: In memory of Tommy FitzPatrick donated by Tweed, Frayne & Barabas Children

Flower Fund: In memory of Vera Tehayal donated by the Tehayal/Milia Families

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LifeNet: Gala on Thursday, December 12th at 6pm at the Westmount Country Club, \$150 per person. Please contact LIFENETEDUCATION.ORG/GALA for you information and to RSVP.

As We Wait in Joyful Hope
WOMEN'S ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION
 Thursday December 5
 in the Elizabeth Room
 Gathering & Refreshments at 7:00 pm
 Program starts at 7:30 pm
 RSVP Cathy Ingrasci
 201-637-4337 or cgingrasci@gmail.com



Best Time of the Year to Shop! Come out to shop at Tons of Toys OR Tons of Treasures on Wednesday, December 11th and St. Elizabeth School will receive as a donation 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.

Special Thank You to the St. Elizabeth Parish Community. It is impossible for the Sacred Heart School family to approach it's 107th Thanksgiving/Christmas season without our thoughts and thanks turning to the many blessings our children receive from the good people of St. Elizabeth parish. From preparing food baskets, planning holiday assemblies, hanging angels in the windows and lighting Advent wreaths, to the moment when the entire school joins together to sing carols around our live nativity scene – all these traditions of season and faith *could not happen* without the boundless compassion, unending commitment and extraordinary generosity of St. Elizabeth Parish. We are there for our children because you are *always* there for Sacred Heart School. From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the entire Sacred Heart School family, thank you so very much. God bless you. Sr. Frances

SAINT ELIZABETH'S ONE-DAY MEN'S RETREAT



GOD IS LOVE
 with Fr. Vincent D'Agostino

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7**
 FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

INCLUDES CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

For more information or to register,
please stop by the parish center or
speak with Father Vincent.

Saint Elizabeth's Church
Christmas Bonfire & Caroling
 December 8 at 7:00pm
 Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.
 Hot chocolate will be served.
 All are welcome!



Sign up to be our next BRIDGES HOST Family!

BOLD + Bridges
 Youth Ministry
NEEDS YOU!

Do you have a heart for the poor?
 Want to help but feel like you don't know how?
 BOLD + Bridges is looking for volunteers to be our next
 Host Family.

Say YES & INVEST!

As a Host family, you would provide the bread, water and
 fruit needed for us to make bag lunches for the poor. Your
 generosity would go directly to the aid of the
 homeless and hungry.

Run Dates: 12/7 . 1/26 . 3/28 . 4/11

Contact Kathy Welch for details
mkrwelch@gmail.com

The Christmas Novena
DECEMBER 15—23 @ 7PM
 Host the Novena at Home
 and Invite your Family and Friends.
 Watch us on Facebook Live  LIVE
 SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR PARISH CENTER



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass (Church and Gym)
 5:30 pm Mass
 7:00 pm Christmas Pageant
 7:30 pm Family Mass
 10:00 pm Caroling
 10:30 pm Mass

Christmas Day

9:00 am
 10:30 am
 12 Noon