



CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020



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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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Dear friends,

As we begin this Holy Season of Lent, a season of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving let us take a moment to examine our relationship with our dear Lord. As I mentioned last week-end during my homily, forgiveness is not easy. Sometimes we are hurt by people, but also, sometimes we are the one who cause hurt to others. In both situations, we should be able to forgive or ask for forgiveness. Sometimes forgiving those who wrong us can set the stage for miracles of grace. As St. John of the Cross said, *"Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw out love."*



The following is taken from an article published by Ascension Press: "What Forgiveness Is and What It Is Not."

- Forgiveness is not an emotion, it's an act of the will, an act of love. You don't have to *feel* forgiving to forgive.
- Forgiving does not mean forgetting: that's denial.
- Forgiving doesn't mean excusing the wrong or saying it doesn't matter. Things that don't matter don't need to be forgiven. Forgiveness says, "I know what you did. It hurt. But I won't hold it against you."
- Forgiveness is letting go of your "right" to be right. It means offering up your anger, letting go of your desire for revenge—and leaving justice to God.
- Finally, don't confuse forgiveness with reconciliation. Reconciliation requires repentance, but forgiveness does not. From the cross, Jesus forgave people who had not repented and maybe never would. We must do the same.

If you think forgiveness is hard, you're not alone. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said: *"Forgiveness is the Christ-like suffering which is the Christian's duty to share."* Corrie Ten Boom used to ask people who came to her with their own stories of hurt and bitterness, "Can you forgive [this person]?" "No? I can't either. But God can."

On another note, this past Tuesday, we celebrated Mardi Gras to kick off our 40 Day Lenten Challenge. We had a large number of people attending. Everyone is very excited to begin this challenge. Also, one of our parishioners, Mr. John LaDuca, has been discerning the call to the Permanent Diaconate. He will be ordained on Saturday, May 17th, at 12 noon in the Cathedral of Newark. If you are interested in coming, we will be providing bus transportation and will be leaving St. Elizabeth at 10am. Seating is limited, so please call the office to sign up.

I wish you the best during this Lenten Season. Let us pray for one another to receive God's forgiveness but also to let God help us forgive.

Love you all,

Fr. Carlos

NEWS AND EVENTS

Seniors: The seniors will be meeting this Monday, March 2nd, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room. All seniors are welcome.

March 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 joyfully accepted. Thank you in advance.

January Donations-235 Bags & \$931 Cash

December Donations-215 Bags & \$972 Cash

2020 YTD Donations-235 Bags & \$931 Cash

2019 YTD Donations-225 Bags & \$892 Cash

All donations were delivered to OASIS(90%) & Star of Hope Ministries(10%) in Paterson. The St. E. ministry team THANKS all of our parishioner donors for their generous JANUARY support.

Movie Night at St. Elizabeth's: Please join us on Tuesday, March 24th, at 7 pm in the Elizabeth Room to watch the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. Please call the Parish Center no later than Friday, March 20th, and provide the number of people who will be attending. All are welcome!!



Daily Prayer Book Subscribers: It is that time again- time to renew your *Give Us This Day* subscription. The 2020 price will be \$27. Please stop at the parish office today to sign up and pay for your subscription. The final date to order is March 27th. April's *Give Us This Day* is part of the 2019 order. The 2020 order will begin with May's book.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING February 26th
Offertory \$18,388 | Online \$3,622 | Total \$22,010

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 29

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm John Mazor

Sunday, March 1

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Marie Mazur
10:30 am John Casey
12:00 noon Valentin Garcia
6:15 pm Patrick Tuccillo

Monday, March 2

7:00 am Virginia Fazio
9:00 am Calandra & Capalbo Fam.

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 am Joseph Francica
9:00 am D'Ura & Gringeri Fam.

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 am Tyler Speizel
9:00 am Emilio & Estrella & Ellery Horrilleno

Thursday, March 5

7:00 am Grazia Competiello,
1st Anniversary
9:00 am Wieslow Politowicz

Friday, March 6

7:00 am Tina Pecorelli
9:00 am John Patrick Casey

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Dr. Michael J. Novack

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Valentin Garcia
9:00 am Julian Motyka
10:30 am Paul & Angelo Hearn
12:00 noon Sr. Bridget O'Shea
6:15 pm People of the Parish

Gather the Children

March 2020

1-Family Mass
8-Girl Scout Sunday
15-3rd Grade CCD Mass
22-Gather the Children
29-Gather the Children

NEWS AND EVENTS

Honoring Our Altar Servers:

- The weekend of March 7th and 8th, our parish will be honoring our Altar Servers at all Masses. Altar Servers will be given a special honoring gift: they will be wearing our new vestments which our priests will be blessing. Let us thank our Altar Servers for their time and effort with this ministry.

- The Serra International Club will be honoring our Altar Servers with a Mass and a reception on Saturday, March 21st, at 12 noon at St. Luke Church in Ho-Ho-Kus. Altar Servers and chaperones need to contact St. Elizabeth's Parish Office to sign up. For more information regarding these two special events, please contact Fr. Carlos. We appreciate our Altar Servers!



Stations of the Cross: Join us in Church on Friday mornings at 8:40 am and Friday evenings at 7:00 pm, as we pray the Stations of the Cross. The practice of "Walking in Passion with Jesus" is quite ancient. Traditionally, pilgrims to Jerusalem would follow the route of Jesus's Passion. Today, this practice allows us to also walk that route with Christ, to mediate on His Passion and to share it in a particularly intimate way with one another.

St. Elizabeth's Havana Nights Gala: St. Elizabeth School will host its 2020 Havana Nights Gala on Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at The Stony Hill Inn. Proceeds from the dinner support the operation budget to keep tuition affordable, initiatives such as math, science and other technological advances, and provide professional development opportunities. Tickets are \$125 per person and can be purchased at the School office. The committee would greatly appreciate your support of its 50/50 Raffle. For a donation of \$100, you will have the chance to win up to \$28,750! Only 575 tickets will be sold. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, February 29th-March 1st, or can be purchased at the School Office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

2020 Anniversary Masses: The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again recognizing those couples celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of Christian marriage. 2020 Anniversary Masses are celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 19th at 3:00pm for 5 & 25 year marriages and May 3rd at 3:00 pm for 50 year marriages. To register, call Dotsy at the Parish Office, 201-891-1122 ext. 260.

Oasis: Have extra toiletries? Oasis is in need of sample size toiletries. There is a drop box located the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Meg at 201-825-1256.

"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: Maryann Comiskey, Ronald Domm & John Martin

A time for sorrow...

Recently deceased: John "Ted" Noble, Catherine McGreevy, William Balog, Richard Brady, Jr., Ann Barnao, Brian Loreti

Memorials for the week of March 1st

Altar Bread & Wine: In memory of Joseph Francica, donated by the Imperiosi Family

Sanctuary Lights: In memory of Anthony Gabrielle, donated by Allan & Maria Bellezza

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Michael Ferrera, 1st Anniv., donated by his family

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In memory of Angelina Pulmilia, donated by Nancy O'Boyle

**WOMEN'S LENTEN
EVENING of REFLECTION**
Thursday, March 12
7:00 pm - gathering and fellowship
7:30pm - program begins in the Elizabeth Room
*All women of the parish and their female
family and friends are welcomed.*
RSVP Cathy Ingrasci: 201-637-4337 or cgingrasci@gmail.com



**NO
GREATER
LOVE**
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION



Saint Elizabeth's Adult Faith Formation
Flyers are at the narthex desk or on our website.

FIVE Consecutive Wednesdays During Lent
March 4 through April 1, 2020
Mornings at 9:30 am - 11:15 am or Evenings 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm in the Youth Room

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted **and (2) smaller meals which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of **Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially" or as whole is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.

**Canon 920. §1 All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

40 Day Lenten Prayer Challenge: is beginning next week on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. We hope you will join us in this special prayer event during the season of Lent. Our parish is offering the



40 Day Prayer Challenge. Individuals and families can do the challenge at home. We will give you a package with a 40 days calendar. Each day will give you an activity to do. Sign up in the Narthex, Parish Center or our website. For more information contact Fr. Carlos at 201-891-1122 ext. 204. Are you going to take the challenge?

USE THIS LINK TO SIGN UP:

www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c45ada62da6f58-40dayprayer

Immaculate Conception Seminary School: Free "Seven Last Words" Video Reflection series. Experience Lent more deeply this year! Join Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology for our "Seven Last Words" Video Reflection Series offered by our inspiring faculty and administration. Sign up and receive a weekly video reflection and downloadable Reflection Journal to ponder each Word more deeply. Register today at www.shu.edu/lentenseries.

New Summer courses from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology Grow in your faith! Interested in learning more about Prayer, Discipleship and Community? Parables of Jesus? God, Beauty and Film? Learn more about all the graduate theological courses offered this Summer! For details and application information about, please e-mail theology@shu.edu or call (973) 761-9633.

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 4 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:30 am, 12 noon & 6:15 pm

Chrism Mass

Monday, April 6 at 8 pm
(Cathedral in Newark)

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday April 9

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 10

9:00 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Way of the Cross—Family Service

3:00 pm Lord's Passion

7:00 pm *Tenebrae* Service

Holy Saturday April 11

9:00 am Morning Prayer

9:30 am Blessing of Food Baskets

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 12

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon

(please note there will not be a 6:15 pm Mass on Easter Sunday)