

Saint Elizabeth Church

December 27, 2020



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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?

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! It is a blessing to be able to say that Christmas has not been cancelled. All of us need a little bit of Christmas. Christmas comes with Mary's acceptance of God's plan. The Blessed Mother teaches us to receive God's plan with trust. Otherwise, how could she accept God's plan of having a baby and facing the challenge that that entails with Joseph and her family? Last week's Gospel tells us that the angel appeared to Mary and approached her with the following words: "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Mary was able to fulfil God's will because of God's grace.

You and I are given God's grace to face our daily challenges. It is God who provides it and we need to believe just as Mary did. This Christmas comes with many challenges. This is not a normal Christmas. Some families have been hurt in a great way by this pandemic. We will get through this together by asking God's grace.

As we approach the conclusion of this year 2020, it is not the time to think about how difficult this year was for all of us, but to focus on the blessings that came out from it. We were able to spend more time together, to conclude projects at home, to study at home, to cook with the family, to use technology and learn from it, to appreciate the gifts of life and freedom, to communicate with those we have not spoken with, and many other things. We continue to pray for those who suffer and those who grieve. Please stay healthy and safe! Count on my prayers for you and your families.

Finally, I would like to share a prayer that I came across that you can say as we conclude this year 2020 and begin 2021.

A Prayer for Hope After A Hard Year

God, Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days. Help us to keep our focus first on you this season. Please forgive us for giving too much time and attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first. Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy. Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Immanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today, and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2021!

Love you all,

Fr. Carlos



NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Schedule: Solemnity of Mary

Vigil Mass: Thursday, December 31, 5:00 PM

Mass: Friday, January 1, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Special Collection: Next week on January 9-10 we will have a special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. To learn more go to www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Buster Pecrio

Sunday, December 27

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Kenneth Matera
10:30 am Joseph Kutrucz
12 noon Theresa Soyka
6:15 pm Bernard Murphy

Monday, December 28

7:00 am Mary Ann Vanlouie
9:00 am Eileen Probert

Tuesday, December 29

7:00 am Veronica Clarke,
27th Anniversary
9:00 am In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 am Maryann Vanlouie
9:00 am Patricia Stanton

Thursday, December 31

7:00 am Herman Suehnholz
9:00 am Frank Masiandaro
5:00 pm Janet Rogalski

Friday, January 1

9:00 am Robert Outerbridge
10:30 am People of the Parish

Saturday, January 2

9:00 am Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Sabastian Imperiosi

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Grace Toscano
10:30 am Rita Olsen
12 noon Edmund Costello
6:15 pm Ia Favata



NEWS AND EVENTS



BISHOP BARRON SERIES

THE SACRAMENTS

Video series and open discussion with Deacon Andy
January 20 – February 24th

Mornings at 9:45 am - 10:45 am or Evenings 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm via ZOOM

Saint Elizabeth's
Adult Faith
Formation via



FREE!

Please contact the
parish center to sign
up with your email
and the zoom link
will be sent to you.



and pull-ups only, please.

Saint Elizabeth School Girl Scout Troop: SES Girl Scout Troop 96671 is collecting diapers for Families for Families, a non-profit organization, to provide diapers to families in need this season. There are a few ways to contribute or to reach us: drop diapers or pull-ups off at 224 Van Houten Ave, Wyckoff, or purchase from our Amazon Wishlist *Troop 96671 Diaper Drive*, or email us at our troop gmail, troop96671@gmail.com. No newborn diapers— Sizes 4,5,6

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, all the Parish Office at 201-891-1122.

"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.*

Healing prayers for: Agnes & Patrick Long, Bruce Boswell, Ginny Schroller, Lourdes Ciatto, Mike Grifone, Sean Conyngham

Memorials for the week of December 27

Altar Bread & Wine: In memory of Dr. Anthony A. Antonelli, 1st Annv. donated by St. E's 8th grade class

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Dan Brady, donated by the Torrisi fam

Sanctuary Light & Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine:

In memory of Veronica Clarke 27th Anniversary,
donated by Kathleen Clarke Englert & Mark Englert and family

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In memory of Martin Jachts
donated by Ann

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

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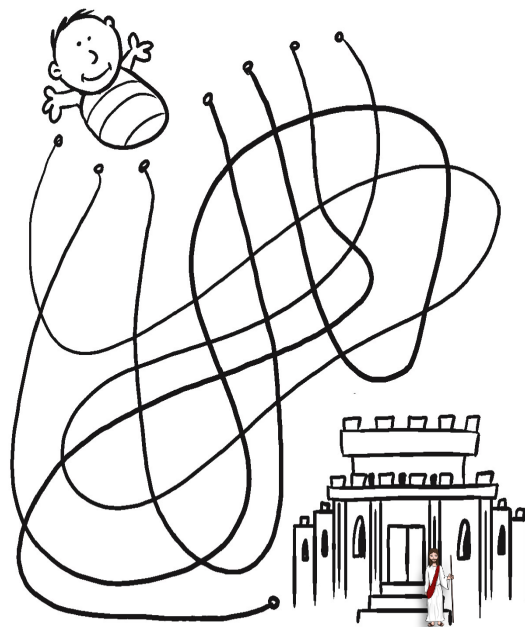


Holy Family • Luke 2:22-40



PUZZLE

Find the path to bring Jesus to the temple.



MISSION

I will offer everything I do for you,
Lord, Jesus Christ.



POPE'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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