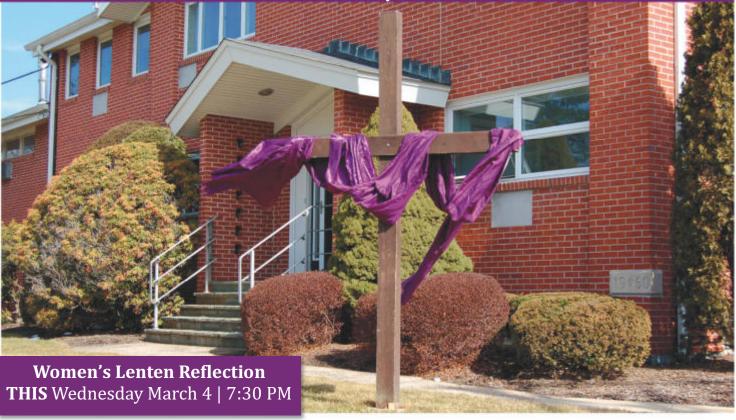
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+ Dear Friends:

Thank you for your great feedback on my homily last weekend and your many humorous responses to the Netflix mug caper! While Lent is a serious time of introspection, examination, and deepening our spiritual lives, I also know that Jesus experienced a few lighter moments on earth, too. I know He smiles with us!

As you may remember from this past week's video, Cardinal Tobin has just issued a beautiful letter on returning to church to receive the Eucharist in person. I strongly encourage you to read his missive, *Returning to Grace: A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist*, which can be found on the homepage of our website just below my video. Cardinal Tobin shares many meaningful ideas and memorable stories about what it means when you have been away from the Eucharist for any length of time and the utter joy to be reunited with Christ in the physical presence of receiving His Body and Blood in person. The Cardinal ends his letter with some



thought-provoking questions about how we may renew our commitment to Sunday being the Lord's day. I think if you take about 15 minutes to read his letter and let some of his thoughts take root that you will find yourself spiritually renewed and challenged, as I did. It is exactly what we need to do during Lent.

In conjunction with the Cardinal's message, we just heard this week that Governor Murphy approved the churches to allow 50% capacity attendance. I am so thankful that we are beginning to see more light on the horizon that this long Eucharistic drought may soon be ending. I will make an exception for this week in Lent by silently proclaiming *alleluia*!

To aid us in our Lenten prayers, let me remind you that beginning on March 1, through March 19, my good friends, Monsignor Joseph Reilly and Diane Traflet will be offering a guided reflection on the Stations of the Cross. You can register at www.shu.edu/LentenSeries. I think you will really enjoy it! In addition, this Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 PM, Cathy Ingrasci will be leading our Women's Lenten Reflection for all the women of our parish. Please make sure to check our website and the bulletin for further details on both of these events.

Looking ahead, we are working out the particulars with Father Jim Martin for a date in April to do a Zoom discussion with him for his new book, *Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone*. I have read it, and it is absolutely fantastic! I encourage you to order your copy so that many of you may participate in this wonderful evening with my longtime friend, Father Jim.

Finally, let us continue to take each of these Lenten days to grow closer to God in prayer and to perform hidden acts of kindness for others.

God bless,

Father Staghen

NEWS AND EVENTS

Stewardship Reflections: February 28, 2nd Sunday of Lent "Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11 It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING February 14 Offertory \$17,6687 | Online \$ 8,814 | Total \$26,501

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING February 21 Offertory \$15270 | Online \$ 5,011 | Total \$20,281

MASS INTENTIONS

9:00 am Memorial Mass 5:00 pm For the protection of babies in the womb & their families

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Deceased members of the Gilmarten and Salto families 10:30 am Richard Brady, Jr. 12 noon Gary Joachim 6:15 pm John Mazor

> Monday, March 1 7:00 pm Ann Sibilia 9:00 am Ann Barnao

Tuesday, March 2 7:00 am Nicholas Stathakis 9:00 am Gringeri & D'Ura Fam.

Wednesday, March 3 7:00 am Joseph Francica 9:00 am Catherine McGreevy

Thursday, March 4

7:00 am Julianne Leskauskas, 37th Anniversary 9:00 am Emilio, Estrella, Ellery Horrilleno

Friday, March 5 7:00 am Milton M. Gonzales, Jr. 9:00 am Gerald Cassidy

> Saturday, March 6 9:00 am Memorial Mass 5:00 pm Catherine & Joseph Francica

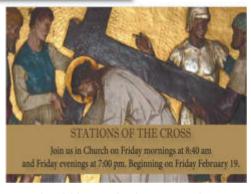
Sunday, March 7

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Julian Motyka 10:30 am St. Elizabeth Staff 12 noon Dr. Michael J. Novack 6:15 pm Raymond Maniaci

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since she alone possesses Jesus,
the true Prince of Peace,
in the Blessed Sacrament.

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The 2022 Mass book is open: All requests should be made thru our website or using our printed form. Look for the "*Mass card requests*" on our website. If you use the printed form you MUST drop it off in the mailbox outside the parish center. All requests will be filled in the order they are received. Further instructions are on the form and online. Forms are available in Narthex and at black mailbox at Parish Center. No phone requests will be taken. Thank you for your cooperation.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest: The St. Elizabeth Council is sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest open to 8th and 9th graders in the parish and school. Discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider the difficulty in understanding why something was happening, and what lessons of faith and hope were learned. The 1 to 1.5 page typed essay will be judged on content, clarity, and grammar. Cash prizes of: \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be awarded to the top 3 entries. Essays can be emailed to councilessaycontest@gmail.com. Please include a parent's contact info. The deadline is Monday, March 15th. Questions? Contact Mark Polizzi @ 201-446-5551.

St. Elizabeth's Bereavement Ministry: Due to the pandemic, the Bereavement Ministry has not been able to offer in-person support groups. However, the designated, confidential phone line continues to be monitored by the Bereavement Ministry team of facilitators. The line is checked frequently for messages and calls are returned as soon as possible. For all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, we encourage you to call the bereavement line at 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for support during these difficult times.

"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: Rosemarie Maso, Betty Ryffel, Vincent Comperatore, Joe Begnoche, Rita Carey, Kevin Higgins, Eleanor Combs, David Custer, Sean Conyngham, Rhonda and Richard Wilhalme, Maria Mastesic, Joe Schuh, Andrew R Fraioli, Ginny Schroller

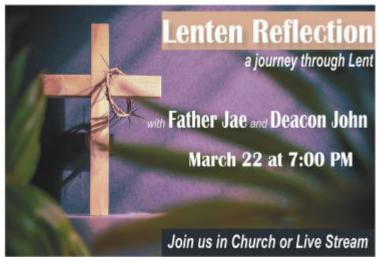
Recently deceased: Anthony Gringeri, MaryAnn Franchesi

Memorials for the week of February 28

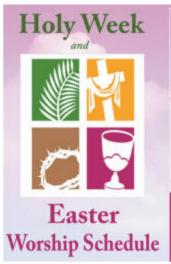
Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Vito Picinic donated by the Scrivanich family

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Nancy Christopher donated by Michael & Gerri Levrini

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Virginia Bryan donated by Nancy, Charimaine Roberta







Palm Sunday March 28

5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon & 6:15 pm

Good Friday April 2

9:00 am Morning Prayer 12 noon Way of the Cross 3:00 pm Lord's Passion 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday April 1

9:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday April 3

9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am Blessing of Food Baskets

Easter Sunday

April 3 • Easter • Vigil Mass 8:00 pm April 4 • Masses • 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12 noon





Lenten Regulations

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 electronece.

- 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.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.



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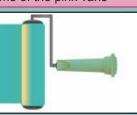


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