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Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate all those who were received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Along with their parents and sponsors.

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. I have been thinking a lot about the importance of being vulnerable before our Lord. The Lord knows everyone's personal stories and circumstances-all fears, worries, uncertainties, and the desires of our hearts. "Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:3-4).



Last weekend's homily seemed to touch many people. I have received emails and texts about the message we reflected on. As we reflected, the first lie we always tell ourselves and others is that we are supposed to have it all together, that everything is perfect and without problems. But as you and I know, that is not true. All of us struggle in different ways. The song "Truth be Told" by Matthew West invites us not to hide our scars, our problems, our fears, and our sorrows. Instead, we should realize that we are not alone in our difficulties. No one's life is perfect, and there is no reason why we should pretend that everything is fine.



The gospel of the Samaritan Woman at the Well is reflected in West's song. But Jesus knew the woman's struggles and engaged her in conversation. Jesus brought her peace, forgiveness, faith, and confidence. Until we give the drink of who we are, a drink of our situations to our Lord, will he be able to give us a fountain of living water that purifies and renews. Not until we stop holding that heavy burden and give it over to the arms of our Lord, we would be able to have peace in our hearts.

Let us do an act of faith today and bring our concerns to the Lord. Even though our situations may not change immediately, we will feel His presence and love.

Please check the song by Matthew West, "Truth Be Told." You are loved by the Lord and He wants to give you peace.

Love you all,

Fr. Carlos

#### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Second Collection:** Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief for the Black and Indian Missions.

**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.

**Baby Bottle Thanks from the Knights of Columbus**: Thank you to the parishioners of St. Elizabeth for your generous support of the recent Baby Bottle campaign for Right to Life causes. \$3800 was raised, and \$1900 has been sent to both Birthright in Maywood and the Bergen County RTL chapter.

#### 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,

**Stewardship Reflections: March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16 Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING March 7 Offertory \$20,242 | Online \$8,554 | Total \$28,796

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 13 9:00 am Memorial Mass 5:00 pm Frank Golden

Sunday, March 14 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Scott Mault 10:30 am Sharon Taormina

12 noon John & Bridget Rocks 6:15 pm Theresa Soyka

Monday, March 15 7:00 pm Caesar Valentini 9:00 am Laura Giovannoni

Tuesday, March 16 7:00 am Anne Guarrillo 9:00 am Kevin Meeney

Wednesday, March 17 7:00 am Joseph Balestrieri 9:00 am Arthur & Mary Zahaler

Thursday, March 18 7:00 am Diane Ulrich, 1st Annv. 9:00 am Nicholas George

Stathakis, 1st Anniversary

Friday, March 19 7:00 am Margaret Pressimone 9:00 am Bruna Morson

**Saturday, March 20** 9:00 am Memorial Mass 5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, March 21
7:30 am Edward Connolly
9:00 am Toots Zaretski, 2nd Annv.
10:30 am Narciso & Bruna Morson
12 noon Mark Mitchell
6:15 pm Joan Mazor

#### NEWS AND EVENTS





**Boy Scout Troop 210** is currently collecting tools for a local charity organization, "Families for Families". New or used tools can be dropped off at 244 Van Houten Ave., Wyckoff or 62 Evergreen St., Waldwick.

## "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:** Rita Carey, Eleanor Combs, David Custer, Sean Conyngham, Rhonda and Richard Wilhalme, Maria Mastesic, Joe Schuh, Ginny Schroller

**Recently deceased:** Nello Orlandi, Joseph Kelly, Anthony Philip, Frank Bruno, Andrew R Fraioli

#### Correction: Memorials for the week of March 7

**Altar Bread and Wine:** In memory of Cesare Alfieri donated by Angela Del Mastro

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Joseph Conklin donated by Joan & Ron Andriani

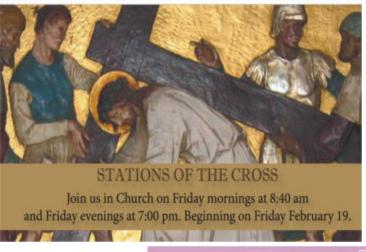
Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In memory of Trish Shortell donated by the Gunn family

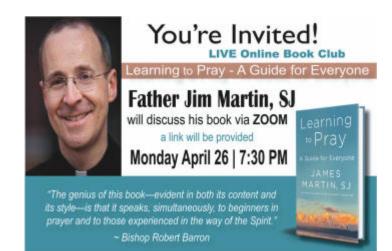
Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory Josephine Hertig donated by the Gunn family

**Sanctuary Light:** In memory Virginia Bryan donated by Frank & Robin Palmeri

Memorials for the week of March 14

Altar Bread and Wine, Candles on the Altar, Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine & Sanctuary Light: In memory of James Taormina donated by the Minichetti family







#### 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 • Vigil Mass 8:15 pm

April 4 • Masses • 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12 noon



March 2, 2021

The Clergy, The Religious, and the Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

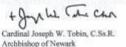
One of the obligations imposed upon all of us during the season of Lent is the observance of abstinence from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well as on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. The law on abstinence binds all those who have attained the age of fourteen.

Every year our Lenten austerity is interrupted by one or two solemnities, feast days of the highest rank that celebrate a mystery of faith such as the Trinity, an event in the life of Jesus, his mother Mary, or another important saint. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is commemorated on March 19th and, this year, that celebration falls on a Friday. What is more, last December, Pope Francis announced a special "Year of St. Joseph" to be celebrated from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

Some of the faithful have asked me to dispense the Archdiocese from abstinence from meat on Friday, March 19, 2021. I am happy to grant that dispensation to all as part of the celebration of this Solemnity during the Year of St. Joseph.

A most fitting way to celebrate the Solemnity is a festive meal with your household and a gift to one of our food pantries or soup kitchens to ensure that the poor will eat as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,



## 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 abstinence.

- 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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