

FIRST HOLY *Communion*

May 9, 2021

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St. Elizabeth Church CONGRATULATES the First Holy Communicants on May 1 & 8

+ My dear parishioners and friends:

Thank you very much for your wonderful feedback on my homily last weekend. As I mentioned in my closing prayer of the homily, we ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us, to inspire us in our daily lives, and that we may imitate his quiet yet powerful virtues. I also wanted to share with you *The Memorare of Saint Joseph* that I have prayed for many years as part of my Holy Hour each morning.

REMEMBER, O most illustrious Patriarch St. Joseph, on the testimony of St. Teresa, your devoted client, never has it been heard that anyone who has invoked your protection or sought your mediation has not obtained relief. In this confidence I come before you, my loving protector, chaste Spouse of Mary, Foster-father of the Savior of men and dispenser of the treasures of His Sacred Heart. Despise not my earnest prayer but graciously hear and obtain my petition. [Mention your request.]

Let us pray. O God, Who by Your ineffable Providence did vouchsafe to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Your Most Holy Mother, grant, we beseech You, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

In other news, I take this moment to congratulate all our First Communicants, who have received the Eucharist for the first time last weekend as well as those receiving this weekend. I am so proud of you for achieving this beautiful milestone in your young lives as Catholics.

While I am speaking about being proud of our young parishioners, I want to give a big shout out to the following St. Elizabeth Council and Newark Archdiocese Free Throw Champions who won the State of NJ Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships held at St. Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge: Shannon Sullivan, Abby Scott, Trinity Horn, Camden Epstein, Jack Moody, Patrick Prendergast, Michael Moody, and Max Baczynski. Our Council had the state champions in 8 of 12 eligible categories. Fantastic job everyone! Go St. E's!!

Update on my Dad: Last Sunday afternoon, my Dad was rushed to Jersey Shore Medical Center after one of his neighbors found him outside his house in an incoherent state. My younger sister drove down to be with him, and it was determined that post-surgery he continues to struggle with aspirating food. He was named for Saint Joseph and has always been a quiet but strong and beautiful example for my brother, sisters, and me. I ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Finally, as you know in this year of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis asks that we say the Rosary incessantly this month with the intention of seeing the pandemic come to an end and allowing us to resume our social and work activities. In days gone by, people would sometimes say that they were storming the gates of heaven with prayer. Let us answer Pope Francis's call and join Father Carlos each evening to pray the Rosary together. I know when we pray from our heart that Jesus, Mary, and all the angels and saints in heaven hear us and will guide us to a loving answer.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Stephen



NEWS AND EVENTS

Stewardship Reflection: May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"- JOHN 15:12-13 Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 2
Offertory \$16,805 | Online \$7,619 | Total \$24,424

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8

9:00 am Leonard Kewandoski
5:00 pm Michael Owen Cassidy,
19th anniversary

Sunday, May 9

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Margaret & Harold Bell
Bonnie Bell Gerli
10:30 am Ann Marie Lee
12 noon Gary Innocenti
6:15 pm Frank & Agnes Burke

Monday, May 10

7:00 am Betty Davi
9:00 am Edward Connolly

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 am Leonard Lewandowski
9:00 am Francis J. & Catherine Fox

Wednesday, May 12

7:00 am Sophie Cvetan, 1st Anniv.
9:00 am Ksenija Beverin
Vigil Mass
7:00 pm Peter Duncan Busch

Ascension Thursday, May 13

7:00 am Philip Schneider
9:00 am Constance Minichini

Friday, May 14

7:00 am Joan Castiner
9:00 am Sophie Cretan

Saturday, May 15

9:00 am Kenneth G. Newman
5:00 pm Billy Golden

Sunday, May 16

7:30 am Helen & Peter Dahlinger
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Robert Outesbridge
12 noon Joseph Sature
6:15 pm John (Ted) Noble



NEWS AND EVENTS

Special Collection: Next weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, June 15 from 10:00 am –12 noon and from 1:00-3:00 pm. Volunteers would only have price items. If you are interested, contact Joanne at the Parish Center at 201-891-1122 ext. 260 or at jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org

Volunteers Needed: We are truly blessed to have individuals in the parish who make bibs that are presented to each infant baptized into our community as a symbol of the child's new life in Christ. If you would like to help with baptism bibs (very little sewing required), please contact the parish office at jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org.



R.C.I.A.—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include: Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church, baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church, adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so. Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more details contact Father Jae at FrJae@saintelizabeths.org or Father Carlos at FrCarlos@saintelizabeths.org.

"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: Christi & Dennis Rufino, Glenn Personette, Sal Averso, Marian Langan, Dennis Carlock, Doug Maso

Recently Deceased: Bill Gavin, Dr Marika Marki, Fernando Castro, Marilyn Elizabeth Brown

Memorials for the week of May 9

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Dora Villa Franco
donated by Marianne Franchavilla

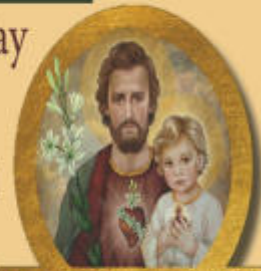
Candles on the Altar: In memory of Frank A Winters
donated by The Winters Family

Flowers Fund: In memory of Dr Marika Marki
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Praying the Rosary

during the month of May
with St. Joseph
 Monday - Friday | 7:00 PM

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
 December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

Ascension Thursday

Vigil Mass
 Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM

Mass
 Thursday, May 13 at
 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM



When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Luke 24:50-51



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Sunday, June 6

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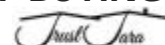
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