



CHRISTMAS

BEGINS WITH

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Rev. Stephen Fichter

Parochial Vicars

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Rev. Jae Joo

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Al Daloisio
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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

Emergency Number

201-994-5699

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Can you find the
hidden picture of
St. Elizabeth?

"For Unto Us A Child Is Born"

+ Dear Friends:

A very merry Christmas to everyone! There are many reasons why this is a special time of year, but above all, the arrival of the Infant Jesus on that extraordinary night in Bethlehem is the one that as Christians truly captures our hearts. After a patient and prayerful Advent, we celebrate Jesus' Incarnation among us!

As I mention patience, I am reminded of how we have continued to re-invent our normal activities to adapt to these days of emergence from last year's rigid COVID restrictions. As a parish, we have all found ways to keep our faith and spirit alive via a few adjustments to everything we do. One example is how this year's Elizabeth 8 Awards seamlessly went from being a dinner banquet to a simple ceremony in church for this year's recipients, who have given of themselves to St. E's for decades. It was the meaning of the award that transcended the venue.

We have also caught up on so many baptisms, weddings, and memorial services. Mass attendance is getting close to pre-pandemic numbers, and our livestreaming capabilities have become essential so that everyone at St. E's can participate in all events, whether in person or from home. It has been beautiful to see how not even a pandemic can separate us from our love for God.

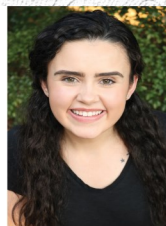
Our ministry fair this October was a great source of encouragement as many of you took the time to see where we needed some extra help and reinforcement. Quite a few of our parishioners generously offered to become involved, and we will certainly benefit from the time and talent of these new volunteers.

Speaking of new friends, this year we welcomed a few new members to our staff. Father Francis, Anne Sundstrom, Veronica O'Brien, and Donna Jackson took over for Father Carlos, Jack Polito, Jay Brown, and Debbie Gaertner. Our new staff members have brought enthusiasm, and our departing friends are remembered fondly in prayer. We are truly blessed to have a staff that rises to every occasion and continues to evolve with creative solutions to new challenges. This fantastic team beautifully cares for our faith community every day of the year!

The Saint Elizabeth's campus continues to improve with the addition of the new Saint Joseph's statue in the Daily Mass Chapel, the 9/11 Memorial Fountain that was dedicated in September on the 20th Anniversary of that tragic day, the gazebo on the soccer field for Mass on the Grass and other events, and the new school roof and solar panels. The conservation and great care that we show for our spiritual home is in direct proportion to the love we have for our parish and for each other as a faith family.

Let us give thanks this Christmas for all the blessings that God has provided, but most especially, His extraordinary presence among us on earth and His gift of salvation. As I kneel at the manger, please be assured of my prayers for the peace and happiness that the Christ Child brings to us all!

God bless, *Father Stephen*



From your St. E's Family



MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

9:00 am Frank, Teresa & Sal Anello
10:30 am Scott Edward Mault
12 noon Persing & Norton Families

Sunday, December 26

7:30 am Wanda Kondrat
9:00 am Georgene Ellen Smith
10:30 am Maryann &
Harry Hammond
12 noon People of the Parish
6:15 pm Ellen Manganelli Tedesco

Monday, December 27

7:00 am Joseph Kutrucz
9:00 am Dr. Anthony Antonelli

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 am Richard De Leo
9:00 am Richard Wright

Wednesday, December 29

7:00 am Veronica Clarke,
28th Anniversary
9:00 am Karol Ames

Thursday, December 30

7:00 am Rosemary Nelson
9:00 am John DeFalco

Friday, December 31

7:30 am Richard Feller
9:00 am Frank Masciandaro
5:00 pm Janet Roglaski

Saturday, January 1

9:00 am Robert Outerbridge
5:00 pm Dan Lavery, 1st Ann.

Sunday, January 2

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am April Gabrielle
10:30 am Dennis McKenna,
45th Anniversary
12 noon Frank & Carmela Uzzi
6:15 pm Edmund Costello

NEWS AND EVENTS

Elizabeth Eight Award Recipient



Sheila Schuh

Sheila and her husband have been members of the parish for 60 years and love being part of this community. During that time, Sheila had the opportunity to volunteer for many ministries such as Christian Family movement, Renew, and the Baptism ministry. As a Eucharistic Minister, Sheila visited and distributed Communion at the Christian Health Care Center.

During her 20 years as a CCD teacher, Sheila primarily prepared children for their First Holy Communion. Sheila's own children and some of her grandchildren attended SES, and she enjoyed volunteering as a class mom, cheer mom, and fundraiser. The Schuh family gift of the antique altar cloth, which portrays Saint Elizabeth's likeness, ensures their lasting connection to the parish they love so well.

Sharing Group: Need new interests? If you want your mornings filled with conversational prayer, spiritual and philosophical questions, and want to meet new friends, join us in the Parish Center on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11am in the Good Shepherd Room. All are welcome. Please contact Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891- 5560 if you have any questions.

Christmas Flowers: A flower memorial is a great way to remember your loved ones this Christmas. Donation envelopes were included in your envelope packet and are also available in the Narthex or Parish Center. Clearly fill in the names of your loved ones and turn in the envelopes with the weekly collection. A special listing of all memorial names will be in our bulletin.



"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.

Memorials for the week of December 26

Altar Bread and Wine:

In memory of Veronica Clarke, 28th Anniversary
donated by Kathleen Clarke Englert and Mark Englert and family

Candles on the Altar & Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine:

In Memory Vincent A. Ciavarra, M.D.
donated by Mildred and Tanny Agres

Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Viola La Rontonda
donated by Bettina & George Stone

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In Memory of Eileen Lyons
donated by the Foley Family

Getting to the Front of the Stable

By Ann Weems

Who put Joseph in the back of the stable?
Who dressed him in brown, put a staff in his hand,
And told him to stand in the back of the crèche
background for the magnificent light of the Madonna?
God-chosen, this man Joseph was faithful
in spite of the gossip in Nazareth,
in spite of the danger from Herod.
This man, Joseph, listened to angels
and it was he who named the Child
Emmanuel.

Actually, Joseph probably stood in the doorway
guarding the mother and child
or greeting shepherds and kings.
When he wasn't in the doorway,
he was probably urging Mary to get some rest,
gently covering her with his cloak,
assuring her that he would watch the Child.
Actually, he probably picked the Child up in his arms
and walked him in the night,
patting him lovingly
until he closed his eyes.

This Christmas, let us give thanks to God
for this man of incredible faith
into whose care God placed
the Christ Child.

As a gesture of gratitude,
let's put Joseph in the
front of the stable
where he can guard and greet
and cast an occasional glance
at this Child who brought us life.

