

The Feast of the *Epiphany*



January 2, 2022

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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?



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

On behalf of Fr. Stephen, Fr. Jae, and myself, I would like to thank you, our cherished parishioners, for your best wishes and generosity during this Christmas season. May we continue in the new year to build our faith community here at St. E's.

January is here, and we stand on the threshold of a "New Year" and a "New Beginning." This month is named, appropriately, for the Roman god Janus. The special thing about the god Janus is that he is "two-faced" - he has a face looking to the past and a face looking to the future at the same time. That is why the god Janus became the symbol of the beginning of the New Year - the time when we look at the past with thankfulness, and we look to the future with hope. So today, as we look back on an old year and forward to a new one, we are a little like Janus.

This is a time to think about what the past year has brought and what the New Year ahead of us may bring. The beginning of a new year provides us with an opportunity to reflect, to recall the events of the previous year and express our gratitude to God for all the good things that have happened. But it is also a time to remember the sad and painful experiences and, perhaps, sinful realities for which we are sorry, and missed opportunities which we regret.

It is a time to stop and analyze; to take stock of our priorities, values, pursuits, and goals. Soul-searching questions often lead us to setting goals and making resolutions for the New Year. But it is, most of all, a time to joyfully celebrate the promise of the coming months with their new opportunities and happiness, and to be hopeful in spite of the uncertainties ahead. Today is a day to pray for God's blessings upon each of us as we go into the New Year with our hopes and wishes and fresh resolutions.

As we begin the New Year, let us pray that God may help us; that like Mary, Mother of his Son, we too may be resolved to listen to God's word, to discern God's will for us in the New Year, and to carry out our resolve to live according to His will. Whatever situation we may find ourselves in the New Year - a family problem, a job loss, a disappointment, a difficult decision to make - let us remember that God has a solution and a right answer, but only if we turn to Him. Tell God about it in prayer, but also listen to what God tells you. In this New Year, let us resolve to treasure God's word and to ponder it in our hearts. Surely, this will lead us to realize a new life of union with God.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Francis

NEWS AND EVENTS

Special Collection on January 8-9: Next weekend we will have a special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. To learn more go to www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Prayer Chain: Become a link in our prayer chain! Once a month a list of those who would like to be remembered in prayer will be mailed to you. The praying is done at home with respect for the confidentiality of those seeking prayer. With prayer, all things are possible. If you would like to join our prayer chain, or have someone prayed for, please contact Lisa Tota at the Parish Center, 201-891-1122 ext. 212.

Food bags: Brown bags will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please return your filled bag next weekend and place it in the food truck which will be parked in front of the Church.

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 name 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.

St. Elizabeth School is seeking classroom aides for primary grades beginning January and a and a maternity leave replacement teacher grade 2 beginning in February. Please send information to klew-is@sainte-school.org.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 3

7:00 am Jack Shraeder
9:00 am Margaret Walsh

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 am Teresa & Tom Feola
9:00 am Joseph DiBella,
4th Anniversary

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 am Maureen D'Arienzo
9:00 am Dave Calandra

Thursday, January 6

7:00 am Thomas Giamanco
9:00 am Catherine Cosenza

Friday, January 7

7:30 am Dorothy &
Andrew Marsico
9:00 am Anna Maniaci

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am Helen & Raymond
Fennell, Ellen Nelson
5:00 pm Timothy Jones

Sunday, January 9

7:30 am Mark Sproha
9:00 am Margaret & Harold Bell
Bonnie Bell Gerli
10:30 am Amerigo &
Lucia Tramontozzi
12 noon Mary Jane Costanza
6:15 pm People of the Parish



Christ Is Born

NEWS AND EVENTS

Elizabeth Eight Award Recipient



Marie Tully

Marie and her husband, Jim, moved to Wyckoff in 1974 after considering other parishes in Bergen County. They were living in Teaneck and parishioners of Saint Anastasia's. Once they visited Saint Elizabeth's and came to the 11:30 am Mass, they knew they had found the right church and town! At that time, they had four children – Paul, Michael, Mary and Patty. In 1975, they welcomed their fifth child, Karen. Marie is blessed to have 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren!

The two angels, which flank the Saint Elizabeth's altar, were donated by Marie and Jim in memory of their first two children, Elizabeth and Steven. In 2016, a year after Jim passed away, Marie sold her home of more than forty years and moved to Midland Park. She is very happy to live close by and still worship at her beloved Saint Elizabeth's.

Marie participates in the recitation of the Rosary every Wednesday at 5 PM along with many friends and neighbors. She has been a member of Cornerstone since the very beginning as a member of the first three teams. For more than thirty years, Marie has served as a lector and a Eucharistic Minister. She was co-editor of the newsletter, Revelations.

Marie has special memories of trips to Europe with the late Music Director, Manfred Knoop, the Christmas concerts, and the dedication of the present church.

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.



"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 January 2

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Rose Belluccio
donated by Jane & Joe Mailly

Candles on the Altar: In Memory Bard Quku
donated by the Banyra & Egan families

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In Memory of Drew Gibbs
donated by Bruce, Jenny, Teddy & Caroline Murray

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In Memory of Virginia Mary Bonner
donated by the Barabas family

Blessed Mother Flowers in the Chapel: In memory of Alma Van Calcar
donated by the Banyra & Egan Families



Bonfire & Christmas Caroling on December 19

