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Dear St. Elizabeth friends,

I hope you are enjoying these early days of Spring! We have now reached the midpoint of our Lenten journey. The word "Lent" means "springtime", and shares in the same root as the word "lengthen." Soon, the hours of daylight will become longer, and our world will undergo a series of new births and new awakenings as the birds return, leaves appear on the trees, and the early spring flowers begin to bloom.

In our Gospel parable last week, Jesus tells the story of the landowner who wishes to cut down the fig tree and throw it away. But the gardener asks that he be given one more year to cultivate and fertilize the soil so that it will produce fruit. This parable suggests that God is giving us time to do garden ourselves this Spring. This is what Lent is all about. It is a season to loosen and cultivate the soil around our earthbound roots through prayer, fasting and charitable giving. During Lent, our generosity towards others, our self-sacrifice, and our prayer is the framework that empowers us to be fruitful not just for ourselves but for others and the world around us. These practices justify God's patience with us.

Our Lenten journey leads us to the passion and death of Jesus on the Cross. However, it is followed by the immense joy of His Resurrection and our Easter celebration and new life. Lent invites us to draw closer to Christ and to conform our lives with His and to seek and encounter a merciful God. His love for us is far greater than any of our sins. Lent is a penitential season that leads to contemplation of our own mortality. But it is also a season of grace in which we are given an opportunity to bear fruit and to renew ourselves. We were reminded last week of the shortness of our lives and our dependence on God's grace. But there is hope, and we have much to be thankful for.

One of the best models of gratitude and thankfulness for us to consider this Lent is the speech given by Lou Gehrig, the Iron Man of Baseball, known as "I'm the luckiest man on earth." He was just 36 years of age when he delivered this speech, and he was already hunched over by the disease that was wasting his muscles and would take his life in just two years. The speech was profound in the way he thanked his fans, his fellow teammates, the opposing teams, the ball boy, the groundskeeper, his parents, and finally his wife for being a tower of strength and courage. When he finished, the sixty-one thousand people at Yankee stadium wept as they gave him a standing ovation. What moved those in attendance that day was that Gehrig saw hope amidst the darkness by recognizing what was truly important in his life and he was grateful.

As the dark days of winter and early Lent give way to springtime and new life, we are blessed and we are grateful for our kind and merciful God. Our Easter celebration is now only 21 days away! Very soon, we will be able to proclaim with joy to the world that He is Risen! Alleluia!! For this, we are more than just lucky; we are blessed!

Best wishes for a fruitful Lent! Deacon Andy

NEWS AND EVENTS

2022 Anniversary Masses: The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again recognizing those couples celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of Christian marriage. 2022 Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 24th at 3:00 pm for 50 years and May 15 at 3:00 pm for 5 & 25 years. To register, please email Joanne at jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org.

Easter Flowers: As we journey through this Lenten season, our thoughts are often of our loved ones who have gone before us. Using your Easter Flower envelope to donate to the beautiful Easter plants and flowers on our altar is a wonderful way to remember them. A memorial list with the names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. Flower envelopes are in your March packet or may be obtained in Church.

Bereavement Support Night: We encourage anyone who has experienced a loss to join us for Bereavement Support Night on Wednesday, April 6, from 7:30-9PM. We will be in the Good Shepherd Room, Parish Center to extend our support during these difficult times. Registration is not required. We kindly request that participants be fully vaccinated or masked.

Collections For The Week Ending March 20 Offertory \$13,594 | Online \$17,020 | Total \$30,614 **Saturday, March 26** 9:00 am Paul Vitolo 5:00 pm Joseph Murphy

Sunday, March 27
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Richard Fellinger
10:30 am Wejnert & Leone families
12 noon Francis J. Rogalski
6:15 pm Thomas Giamanco

Monday, March 28 7:00 am Joanne M. Cooney 9:00 am Charlotte Romanger

Tuesday, March 29 7:00 am Anna Rafter 9:00 am Betty Edwards, 1st annv.

Wednesday, March 30 7:00 am Frances LiMandri 9:00 am St. Joseph Blessings

Thursday, March 31 7:00 am Matthew T. Rose 9:00 am Sarah Scillieri

Friday, March April 1 7:00 am Susan Theresa Rose,

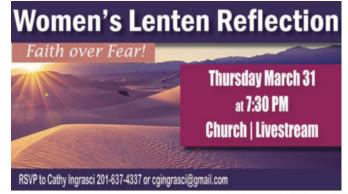
1st Anniversary 9:00 am Capalbo & Calandra fam.

Saturday, April 2 9:00 am Mary Jane Sharpe 5:00 pm Jean Avia

Sunday, April 3

7:30 am James Pressimone 9:00 am Francesco Salazer 10:30 am Joseph Murphy 12 noon Mary J & Frank Sharpe 6:15 pm Pat Jenski

NEWS AND EVENTS









"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: Art Ebner, Ginny Schroller, John Markowski

Recently deceased: Antonio Tarabocchia, Mary Jean James, Joan Ward, Nancy Hohmann, Liming Kuhns

Memorials for the week of March 27

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Theresa Guglielmo donated by The Guglielmo family

Candles on the Altar: In memory Matthew T. Rose Esq., 1st Annv. donated by Jacqueline M. Rose & family

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In memory of Frank Racanelli, husband of Marie, donated by friends Alice & Serge

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Walter & Theresa Gunn, donated by the Gunn Family

Sanctuary Light: In memory of Mabel Accettura donated by the Accettura family







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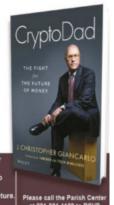
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Lenten Regulations

1. 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.

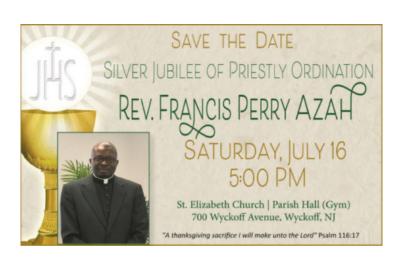
The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

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

- 2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially" or as whole is a
- 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.
- 4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 12 2022.









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