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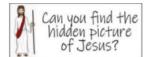
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My friends at St. Elizabeth's,

Last week's Gospel was certainly difficult and challenging. Jesus tells us He has come to set the world on fire and to bring division instead of peace.

Over the past couple of days, there have been several articles regarding the recent wildfires in the West. The heat of a forest fire can rise to temperatures of 700°F, flames can leap

300 feet into the air, and in dry timber, flames can spread faster than a human can run. Everything is consumed. Nothing is spared. It is complete and uncontrollable destruction.

Certainly, Jesus was not speaking about forest fires. But He understood that the fire of human sinfulness can sometimes smolder in the form of envy, jealousy, brooding over past injuries and injustices, and judging others until it suddenly breaks forth into a blaze of violent destruction that can cause division within families, neighborhoods, communities, and nations. Instead, Jesus was speaking about another fire. The Fire of God's Love that He came to kindle upon the earth. God's love is the fire that Jesus tells us He wants to see blazing and transforming the earth into the Kingdom of God. It is a fire that does not spread like a destructive timber fire, but burns slowly within our hearts. It is the fire of the Holy Spirit released into the world when God came into human history and descended upon the apostles at Pentecost.

Each of us has a choice to make. We can be consumed by the fire of human sinfulness or by the Fire of God's Love. We can allow ourselves to be devoured by the fire of power, influence, materialism, and self-glory; or like the finest metal, we can be forged, tempered, and strengthened by the fire of the Master's love. It is not easy. It can be painful. But God's consuming love results in our transformation into something better, stronger, and more magnificent. His love empowers us to take that love out into the world.

We see the fire of God's love in action when parents care for a sick child, or when an adult cares for an elderly parent. The fire of his love shines upon us when relatives, neighbors, or coworkers brighten our day with a smile, a helping hand, or a kind word. The power of God's love to set the world on fire is most powerful when we advocate for the marginalized, the vulnerable, and the unborn in the name of Christ, especially when it is unpopular.

In his homily delivered at the World Youth Day in Australia on Sunday, July 20, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI addressed the youth being confirmed and his words continue to inspire us today:

May the fire of God's love descend to fill your hearts, unite you ever more fully to the Lord and his Church, and send you forth, a new generation of apostles, to bring the world to Christ!...burning with the fire and love of the Holy Spirit, go forth to proclaim the Risen Christ and to draw every heart to him!

Every time we come forward to receive the Eucharist at Mass, we make the choice to be consumed by the Fire of God's Love, a love that empowers us to go forth and set the world on fire!

Peace and blessings, Deacon Andy

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

Mission Co-Op Collection and Speaker this weekend, August 20/21: Each summer, the Mission Office of our archdiocese invites a missionary group to share with all the parishes information about their mission work. This weekend, we will have a guest speaker from the Foundation for Children in Need to speak at all the Masses for the Annual Mission Appeal. The Foundation for Children in Need (FCN) is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. Dr. Geetha Yeruva, founder and president of FCN, is very happy to have the opportunity to visit us and share details about this group's mission work in the interior villages of India. FCN sponsors 2000 children and college students, and has been responsible for building several schools, boarding homes, a community health center, and two homes for the elderly. Over the past eight years, 2000 children born with cleft lips and cleft palates have been helped through free corrective surgeries. We welcome Dr. Geetha and encourage you to support generously FCN's ongoing mission work. Kindly place your donation in the collection boxes in the narthex. To learn more about this group's work, please visit: <a href="https://www.fcn-usa.org">www.fcn-usa.org</a>.

Collections For The Week Ending August 14 Offertory \$12,947 | Online \$9,435 | Total \$22,382

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, August 20** 9:00 am Timothy Costello 5:00 pm Jessie Schmidt

Sunday, August 21
7:30 am Fernando Castro
9:00 am Lorraine De Guzman
10:30 am Gerald O' Connell
12 noon Harry Semus Sr.
6:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, August 22 7:00 am Gary Abbate 9:00 am Peg Prendergast

Tuesday, August 23 7:00 am Happy Birthday Father Stephen 9:00 am Joan Costello

Wednesday, August 24 7:00 am Ed & Rita Laubersheimer 9:00 am William Stachielczyk, 15th anny.

> Thursday, August 25 7:00 am Sal Averso 9:00 am Ethel Delaney

Friday, August 26 7:00 am Bardhyl Quku 9:00 am Marion Lomaglio

**Saturday, August 27** 9:00 am Anna Lubicich 5:00 pm Henry McNamara

Sunday, August 28
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Matthew Piccini
10:30 am Fred Towers
12 noon Gerald O'Connell
6:15 pm Annette Mani



### NEWS AND EVENTS

**St. Elizabeth Knights Achieve Star Council Status:** Council 13678 has been designated a Star Council, the top award for Knights of Columbus chapters. The Star Award recognizes excellence in faith formation programs, service-oriented activities, and membership growth. We would like to thank to the parishioners of St. Elizabeth parish for your support in helping the council achieve this distinction. Any men interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus may contact grand knight Gene Gallagher at 201-264-2256 or membership chair Rob Farrrington at 201-704-6911.

**Bereavement Support Groups** will take place will begin in the morning on *Tuesday, September 13th* and in the evening on *Thursday, September 15th*. Both groups will run for eight consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for more information and to register in advance. All participants are required to be fully vaccinated.

**St. Elizabeth's Women's Cornerstone** invites you to participate in the Women's Cornerstone Retreat on **Saturday, September 10th, 2022.** Cornerstone is an amazing opportunity for fellowship and renewing your faith. It is a great way to meet other women in a warm and welcoming environment. You will experience discussions led by former Cornerstone participants, small group discussions, delicious meals, and time for personal reflection. SIGN UP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. Register online at <a href="www.stelizabethcornerstone">www.stelizabethcornerstone</a>. org. If you would like to know more about this amazing opportunity, please contact Allie Dwyer at 845-641-9313, or email us at <a href="www.menscornestone28@gmail.com">womenscornestone28@gmail.com</a>. Suggested offering for the day is \$95.00, payable online or by check made payable to St. Elizabeth's. We look forward to spending the day with you and providing a memorable Cornerstone experience. In faith, your 2020 Cornerstone sisters.

**Families for Families**, a local non-profit, has opened a food pantry in Wyckoff at 250 Braen Ave. The pantry is available to anyone needing food. The current hours are Friday, 3-5pm, and Sunday, 10am-1pm, or by appointment. If you have any questions or need an appointment, please email <u>food-program@families4families.com</u> or call 347-572-5335.



**Supplies Needed:** We will be collecting school supplies for our sister school, Sacred Heart in Jersey City. Last year, the drive was a huge success and we collected enough supplies to last them through most of the year. The following items are needed, and any donation is greatly appreciated: copy paper (greatly needed), black and white marble notebooks, paper towels and tissues, glue sticks, paper clips (larger ones), masking tape and scotch tape, pocket folders, fine point black, red and blue permanent markers, colored pencils, crayons, sticky notes, pencils, red and blue pens, erasers, and highlighters. The drive will run until August 14th. Please drop off supplies in the narthex at your convenience. Supplies will be delivered during the week of August 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Haviland at 201 214 3647 or email her at <a href="mailto:susanchaviland@gmail.com">susanchaviland@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your generosity.

# "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

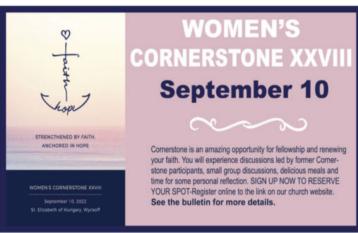
Your loved one will be announced at Mass for two weeks, then included in the bulletin for six weeks. Call the Parish Center to let us know the names of those we should include in our prayers.

**Healing prayers for:** Jimmy Pomroy, Sue Noel

Memorials for the week of August 21

**Altar Bread and Wine:** In memory of Betty Curtin donated by Liz & Dan Sytsma

**Flowers for St. Elizabeth Shrine:** In memory of Mary Ellen McCarthy donated by Janette Schweiker & Ken Frisco





# Join Us For A Women's Retreat

**Save the Date Loyola Retreat Center** Morristown

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**Details to follow soon!** 



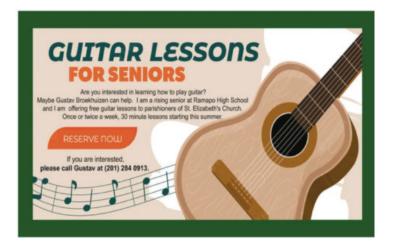
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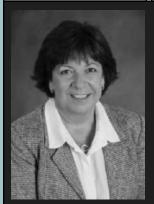
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