



Join Us...

Advent Evening of Reflection

All men and women are welcome!

Eucharist and You: Perfect Together!

December 14, at 7:30 PM in Church

Candlelight Christmas Concert



December 17, at 7:00 PM in Church

6:00 PM Photos with Santa and refreshments in the gym

Third Week of Advent December 11, 2022



Pastor Rev. Stephen Fichter	Director of Communications Kathe Carson	Masses Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon & 6:15 pm
Parochial Vicars Rev. Francis Azah Rev. Jae Joo	Bulletin – Webmaster Lisa Hroncich	Saturday: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated) Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am
Deacons Rev. Mr. Andrew Saunders Rev. Mr. John LaDuca	Office Personnel Joanne Ciaravino Deborah McTiernan Lisa Tota	Reconciliation Saturday 12:30 pm
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+ Dear Friends:

As we embark on this third Sunday of Advent, I want to share with you this wonderful passage a priest friend of mine wrote. I think you will find his words both comforting and inspirational.

Praying with Hope

“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three,” writes St. Paul, “and the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor 13:13). I sometimes wonder if Paul had a hard time choosing the “greatest” among these three gifts from God. Certainly, I’m a big fan of love! But, after all, without faith we have no foundation. And, to that end, without hope we would have no future.

Over thirty years ago, as a Jesuit novice, I read something that upended my notion of hope, which until then I had taken for optimism – as in “Don’t worry! It will all work out!” The comment I read was from Pedro Arrupe, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus from 1965 to 1983. He said, “I am, quite happy to be called an optimist, but my optimism is not of the utopian variety. It is based on hope. What is an optimist? I can answer for myself in a very simple fashion: He or she is a person who has the conviction that God knows, can do, and will do what is best.” In other words, hope is grounded in God. It is not simply having a good attitude, as important as it is. It is based on a relationship with the Source of All Being, who comes to us as the Savior whose birth we await during this season of Advent.

Hope is also a gift, something we must pray for. Even in our dark moments, when it seems like God has forgotten us (which God never does) we are invited to pray for hope. And in that very prayer, we deepen our relationship with God, and again find hope. (Father James Martin, S.J.)

As many of you know, I like to walk around our beautiful campus to check on things. I think taking walks is something I learned as a young boy with my Dad. He loved to take my siblings and I out for a walk after dinner, when we were small. It was great because sometimes we would run into a neighbor and get a little news. Sometimes we would see something new in somebody’s yard like a new car, or a new baby carriage, or a new addition. Something was always going on, and those walks kept us up-to-date. The reason I mention this is to tell you that I was thinking the same thing about our beloved St. E’s.

In this season of preparing the way, Joe Costanzo set up the crèche on the front lawn of the rectory. Laurie and Dan Kocher and all their helpers just wrapped up this year’s Giving Tree. Cathy Ingrasci is working on her Advent reflection for both men and women this year. Keri Rigoli and the Christmas decorating committee are planning the seasonal sparkle for church, and Stacie Yao is rehearsing both choirs and the new addition of the little children’s bell ringer ensemble!

Soon there will be two fantastic mosaics arriving – one dedicated to Saint Elizabeth and one dedicated to Saint Francis. We have participated in many outreach programs with the Knights of Columbus, and our friends at Oasis and Father English in Paterson. We are also making our homes ready for family gatherings with decorating traditions and cherished recipes being stirred, whipped, and sliced!

By the end of my walk, I came to the heartwarming conclusion that it is *all* to welcome Jesus, the Prince of Peace. He is our light and our hope. May we never doubt it!

God bless,

Fr. Stephen

NEWS AND EVENTS

Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious will be taken this weekend, December 10-11. Your gift will help furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. This helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please place your offering in the collection box in the back of the Church.

Rosary Society Christmas Party: All rosarians are invited to our annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15, at 10:00 AM in the Elizabeth Room. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for an exchange among those present. Also, we will have a free-will offering for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa, NJ. If you have any questions please contact, Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560.

Collections For The Week Ending December 5
Offertory \$20,415 | Online \$12,675 | Total \$33,090

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

9:00 am Rudi Draudin, 11th Anniv.
5:00 pm Marion & Don Rodda

Sunday, December 11

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Elizabeth Minogue
10:30 am Alphonso & Lucille Danubio
12 noon Malvina Moellers, 21st Anniv.
6:15 pm Rosemary Nelson

Monday, December 12

7:00 am Harry Ciarleglio, Jr.
9:00 am Frank Traina

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 am Marilyn DeVito
9:00 am Lucia, Salvatore,
Luciano Allu

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 am Richard J. Fellingner, Sr.
9:00 am Dionesa Japco

Thursday, December 15

7:00 am Matthew Eisele
9:00 am Josephine Novack

Friday, December 16

7:00 am Mary Roy
9:00 am Jack & Celeste Persing

Saturday, December 17

9:00 am Rozalia Matuszewski
5:00 pm Elizabeth Ciarleglio

Sunday, December 18

7:30 am Paul S. Tyahla
9:00 am Robert Outerbridge
10:30 am Paul Vitolo
12 noon Conrad, Helen &
Stephen Hurtz
6:15 pm People of the Parish

NEWS AND EVENTS

Elizabeth Eight Award Recipient



Robert Ringley



I have been a parishioner at St. E's for 60 years. I arrived in 1962 as a second grade student and received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. After graduation in 1969, I went to Don Bosco Prep for four great high school years!

My wife, Linda and I have been married for 38 years, and we love being part of the Saint Elizabeth's Community. During this time, our children Robbie and Jackie both attended SES. I served nine consecutive years on the school board with four of them as President. I also spent four years as a member of the Archdiocesan School Advisory Board.

For over 25 years, I have been a Eucharistic Minister and lector. I served Communion to the Christian Health Care Center (CHCC) for 10 years and have been a member of Parish Life ministry for 15 years. It has been my great pleasure to have participated over the years in Men's Cornerstone, the Liturgy and Decorating Committee, St. Martin's Soup Kitchen, the Para Transit Ministry, as well as being a founding member of KOFC, where I was the first Deputy Grand Knight.

For all the accomplishments Linda and I have enjoyed over all these years, the crown jewel is our first grandchild, Abigail Reagan, who arrived on October 14, 2021!

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Campaign; The St. Es Knights ask for your support of their annual children's coat drive. Brand new winter coats will be bought in bulk for \$22 a piece and distributed to underprivileged children in Paterson, Jersey City and Newark. Donations may be made by credit card on the council website www.kofc13678.org or by check sent to the parish center, c/o Knights of Columbus. Any amount is appreciated. Call Gene Gallagher at 201-264-2256 with any questions.

Gather the Children: Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at the **in the Chapel** during 10:30 am Mass on Sunday on December 11, January 8 & 29, February 12, March 5 & 26, April 23 & May 9. Children will begin in the church with their families and are invited to the chapel after the Introductory Rites. They return to the church for the celebration of the Eucharist. Any adults who would like to help with Gather the Children may contact Donna Gormley at dgormley27@gmail.com.

St. Elizabeth's Gift Shop is located in the Parish Center and is open during normal business hours. The gift shop will also be in the Narthex on December 17-18.

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 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.

Healing prayers for: Edward Mault Sr, Kevin Danlasky

Recently deceased: Vincent Mosdar, Don Jacob, Thomas Langbein

Memorials for the week of December 11

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Wanda Kondrat, 2nd Anniv.
donated by the Imperiosi family

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Charles Gutowski
donated by Graig, Laura, Alexander & Barbara Gutowski

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine: In memory of Daniel Bray
donated by Joan & John Zannini

Flower Fund: In memory of Marilyn DeVito, Happy Birthday
donated by Tom DeVito



St. Elizabeth's Advent Giving Tree

will be *Virtual Again!!*

Please visit the St. Elizabeth's website or Facebook page and click on the Giving Tree hyperlink for the digital form to complete. There are lots of gift options to choose from. And once you fillout the form you will be contacted by email from a member of the St. E's Giving Tree Ministry.

Or, you can call Laurie and Dan Kocher at **201-670-8038** and they will help you.

NEW Drop Off Dates: **Saturday, December 10** from 9:00 am to 5:00pm (or) **Sunday, December 11** from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon
Drop Off Location: **St. E's rectory garage area.**

Organizations we are collecting for:
Perpetual Help Day Nursery, Christ the King Church, Straight and Narrow, Several Sources Foundation, Oasis and St. Joseph's Parish, Jersey City

Thank you for helping to make this Christmas more special to so many!

Saint Elizabeth Church

CANDLE LIGHT

Christmas Concert and Favorites



SATURDAY
DEC 17

Adult and Children Choirs | Parish Musicians

7:00 PM in Church



Photos with Santa
refreshment in the gym 6:00 PM

Snow date December 18



Best Time of the Year to Shop at

TONS OF TOYS

December 13,14 &15

St. Elizabeth School

WILL RECEIVE 15%
on your purchases as a
donation when you mention
St. Elizabeth School at checkout.

If you have any questions,
please contact Krista.Barabas@gmail.com

JOIN THE

ages
7 to 14 years



ACES
A Chorus Ever Shining

Practice on Wednesday from 3:45 - 4:30 pm
For more information, please contact Stacie
at Syao@saintelizabeths.org

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Church, Gym & Outdoor
5:30 PM Church, Gym & Outdoor
7:00 PM Pageant - 7:30 PM Church & Gym
10:00 PM Caroling - 10:30 PM Church

Christmas Day

9:00 AM Church & Gym
10:30 AM Church & Gym
12 Noon Church & Gym

All Masses will be live-streamed.

Make a joyful noise!!

Holiday Bell Choir



CALLING CHILDREN
AGE 3 - 7

Two practices:
1pm on December 4 and 11
Perform at
Christmas Candlelight Concert
on December 17 at 7pm

For more information, please contact
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