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Catholic Schools Week 2023 January 29-February 4

Open House Sunday, January 29th, 8:30-11:30 am Wednesday, February 1st, 8:30-10:30 am



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7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, Sunday:

12 noon & 6:15 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated)

7:00 am & 9:00 am Weekday:

Reconciliation

Saturday 12:30 pm

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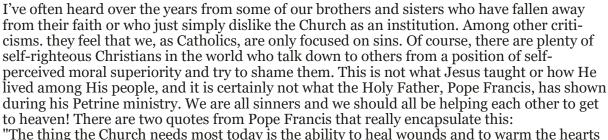
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of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle." and "The confessional," Pope Francis says, "is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy mo-

tivates us to do better.

In last week's readings, we heard our Blessed Lord command us to repent of our sins. We explored the ways in which we enter into that spiritual darkness, choosing to move away from He who is the Light. Most of the time, we realize that if something we do is wrong, it needs to be concealed and kept a secret from others. We know that if these things were to be exposed to the Light, we would be ashamed. Some of us suffer from addictions that we hide from others. Is it pornography, gambling, illegal substances? These are wounds that can be healed.

Sometimes we try to justify our sins, attempting to convince ourselves that something bad is actually good. Our conscience, however, knows better. That little voice placed in our hearts to help us determine right from wrong will not agree, and this will cause tension in our spiritual lives. Many of our brothers and sisters who sincerely support ending an innocent human life in an abortion are suffering in this battle. We must pray that they open their hearts to the Light and receive the Lord's healing mercy. These are wounds that can also be healed.

I look back and realize that, due to a poorly formed conscience, how many of my decisions hurt my relationship with God and with everyone around me. Ignorance is not bliss! I liken this type of spiritual darkness to living in a dark room and just never bothering to turn on the light switch or to open the blinds. Once I began to learn more about our faith and objective truth, the light came on and I discovered the mess I had made! Sins we may commit very often, like gossip or taking the Lord's name in vain, can suddenly shock a sensitive conscience.

As Lent approaches, let us prepare to make it our best one yet. Let's listen to some great Catholic media like Word on Fire by Bishop Barron or Catechism in a Year by Father Mike Schmitz or the Relevant Radio app. Let's take a few minutes before we go to sleep to examine where in our days we may have drifted into the darkness. Finally, let's get to confession and experience the wonderful joy of God's mercy! (We have confession every Saturday at 12:30pm in the church.)

God bless you, Deacon John

NEWS AND EVENTS

SES Open House: St. Elizabeth School celebrates Catholic Schools Week with two Open House dates. Come visit us on Sunday, January 29th from 8:30-11:30, and Wednesday, February 1st from 8:30-10:30 or call 201-891-1481 for a private tour. Join our SES Family! We are a PreK3 through grade 8 school.



Bereavement Ministry would like to offer their support to anyone who has experienced a loss. We will be in the Good Shepherd Room of the Parish Center on Wednesday, February 1, at 7:00 PM. No advance registration is required.

Sacred Heart Volunteers: Sacred Heart School in Jersey City, a longtime ministry here at St Elizabeth's, is looking for volunteers. Each week volunteers go to help out the school in many different roles. No teaching experience necessary, only a desire to share your talents. If you do have a special talent such as art, music or computers, these are areas that are in great need. If you have some time and would like to help these wonderful students, please contact Mary Carpentieri at 201-679-7935.

> Collections For The Week Ending January 22 Offertory \$19,820 | Online \$9,410 | Total \$29,230

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28 9:00 am Salvatore Capalbo 5:00 pm John Nunnery 15th Anniversary

Sunday, January 29

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Robert Outerbridge 10:30 am Mary Ellen McCarthy 12 noon Rita Olson 6:15 pm Matthew Ryffel

Monday, January 30 7:00 am Michael and Bertha Chopek 9:00 am Michael J Novack III

Tuesday, January 317:00 am Rita Olson
9:00 am Marilyn Genovese

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 am Eileen Lyons 9:00 am Wanda, William and Joseph Murphy

Thursday, February 2 7:00 am Francis J. Sharpe 9:00 am Matthew Ryffel

Friday, February 3 7:00 am Thomas Caruso 9:00 am William J. Toth

Saturday, February 49:00 am Mary Ellen McCarthy
5:00 pm For the protection of Babies in the Womb

Sunday, February 5

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Douglas Vetter 10:30 am Richard W. Lovell 12 noon Lesli Polidoro 6:15 pm Franco Cocucci



NEWS AND EVENTS

Sewers Needed: A meaningful part of the Baptismal ceremony involves a bib being placed on the child during the service. These bibs are made by home sewers. We invite more sewers to join the committee. A sewer who does machine embroidery is also needed. The sewing is simple. The materials and instructions are provided. Your commitment of time would be minimal and flexible. If interested, please leave your name with Joanne in the Parish Center and you will be contacted.



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 he 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.

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 MaryAnn Musto at the Parish Center, 201-891-1122 ext. 212.

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 January 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.

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.

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

Healing prayers for: Craig Barbaro

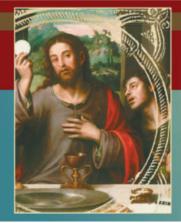
Recently deceased: Rose DeJager, Anne Sharkey

Memorials for the week of January 29

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Mary Ellen McCarthy donated by the McCarthy family

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Elaine Greenman donated by Frank & Evelyn Tuminello

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Perla Silvestre donated by Chisolm family



NEW video series and open discussion on EUCHARIST with Deacon Andy

10 dates: 1/18 - 4/5 no meeting: 2/22 or 3/29

Wednesdays

Mornings 9:45-11am or Evenings 7-8:15 pm in the Saint Elizabeth Room

All are welcome! No charge. Register by e-mail to jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org

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Preschool Worship 3-4 yr olds

Contact Donna for more informationat Donnaj@saintelizabeths.org



Let Your Voice Be Heard!

New Choir Members Welcome

Rehearsals Wednesday 7:30 PM to 9 PM in the choir room Contact Stacie at syao@saintelizabeths.org for schedule and Sunday choir information All parishioners are invited to sing with us!

ages 7 to 14 years



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