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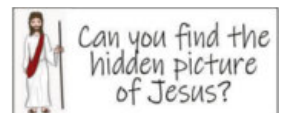
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My dear friends at St. Elizabeth's,

For this week's bulletin article, I decided to go into the archives and pull out a homily I gave six years ago. I decided to use a portion of it because the message is as relevant today as it was when I first gave the homily. I hope you enjoy it!

In last week's Gospel, we, along with the crowds and His disciples, ascended the mountain near the Sea of Galilee to hear Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount and His discourse on the Beatitudes. This week, we remain on the mountain top as Jesus continues with His Sermon on the Mount, to hear additional instructions about the true essence of what it means to be His disciple, through the metaphors of salt and light.

Today's gospel passage has very deep significance for me because it reminds me of a time nearly 21 years ago when I found myself on the top of a rolling hill at Downsview Park near Toronto, Canada. I was one of over 800,000 pilgrims who had come to see Pope John Paul II for Evening Prayer and for Mass the following day as part of World Youth Day 2002. Just picture in your mind's eye a peaceful sea of humanity across the rolling hills as far as you can see – mostly young adults with their colorful flags and banners of their countries and home parishes flapping in the breeze.

The Pope himself seemed to grasp the significance of the situation in his closing homily when he told us Christ was speaking the same words to us on the hillside near Toronto as He did to his disciples on a hillside near the Sea of Galilee. These same words have echoed in the hearts of His disciples across time and space for over 2,000 years, and they speak to us – to you and to me – today on this hillside of St. Elizabeth's in Wyckoff. To live the beatitudes and to be a disciple of Christ does not mean we are just *like* salt or just *like* light. No! Christ tells his disciple and us today is that “YOU ARE the salt of the earth.” “YOU ARE the light of the world.”

In ancient times, salt was essential for life and was considered extremely valuable. It was used as a food preservative and seasoning to make food more tasty and flavorful. Christ telling His disciples and us today, to be “salt”, means we are to flavor the world with the power of God's love; to give flavor to the lives of others, especially the poor, the marginalized and vulnerable; and to give flavor to the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ – in our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our communities by the witness of our very lives.

Light is another powerful element which gives warmth and illumination. It does so, not for itself, but like salt, it is to be given away to others. In the ancient world, without a light or a lamp there could be no guests to be entertained, no activities or socializing at night – only sleep and darkness and, perhaps, despair. To “BE” light means to flavor the world with joy as a beacon of hope by drawing others into the community of faith. True discipleship is a light that bursts forth through the darkness, shining not on oneself but upon others.

May each of us scatter the darkness of the world by being salt and light in the way we love others!

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Andy

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.



Seniors will be meeting this Monday, February 6, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room. Lunch will be served. All seniors are welcome.

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 is 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, contact Mary Carpentieri at 201-679-7935.

Collections For The Week Ending January 29
Offertory \$12,144 | Online \$13,015 | Total \$25,159

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4

9:00 am Mary Ellen McCarthy
5:00 pm For the protection of Babies
in the Womb (living)

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

Monday, February 6

7:00 am Stephen J. Gallagher Passaro
9:00 am Patti and Veli Families

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 am Walter P. Humak
9:00 am Matthew Ryffel

Wednesday, February 8

7:00 am Kristen DiCicco
9:00 am Frank McCoo

Thursday, February 9

7:00 am Margaret & Harold Bell &
Bonnie Bell Girli
9:00 am Mary Ellen McCarthy

Friday, February 10

7:00 am Mary Ellen McCarthy
9:00 am Leone & Wejnert Families

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am Paul Caruso
5:00 pm Michael Peck

Sunday, February 12

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Tommy Fitzpatrick
10:30 am Tommy Fitzpatrick
12 noon Patti and Veli families
6:15 pm Christopher Gaertner
15th Anniversary



NEWS AND EVENTS



2024 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK OPENS ONLINE FEBRUARY 7 at 1:30 PM. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE www.saintelizabeths.org and click on 2024 Mass Intentions. There are easy instructions for reserving and paying for your mass card.

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 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.

"Coats for Kids" Thanks: The Knights of Columbus thanks parishioners for their generous support of the recent coat drive fundraiser. A record \$13,374 was collected and a record 594 coats were distributed to the underprivileged in Paterson, Jersey City and Newark...Men interested in learning more about the Knights should contact Grand Knight Gene Gallagher, 201-264-2256.

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 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.

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

Healing prayers for: Chris Barbaro

Recently deceased: Helen Vallonchini, Alan Zampieri, Deacon John McKeon

Memorials for the week of February 5

Altar Bread and Wine: In loving memory of Joe Schuh
donated by The Corbett family

**Candles on the Altar, Sanctuary Light,
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Eucharistic Adoration

with evening prayer and a short reflection on the "Right to Life"

February 10, at 7:00 PM

All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22

Mass
7:00 am
9:00 am

Prayer Service
12 noon
4:00 pm
5:30 pm
7:00 pm



Ashes will be distributed during the Masses and Prayer Services



BUNDLE OF HOPE Easter Food Drive

MARCH 25-26

Food bags and shopping lists will be handed out on the weekend of March 11-12. Please return your filled bag on March 25-26. A basket will be available in the narthex for monetary donations to assist in purchasing Easter Hams.




NEW video series
and open discussion on
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no meeting: 2/22 or 3/29

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jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org

Knights of Columbus

Basketball Free - Throw Contest Winners!

Congratulations to..

Girls 7 - Kate Canzani (Wyckoff)
Girls 8 - Sophia Mammolitti (Wyckoff)
Girls 9 - Korina Mendez (Wyckoff)
(daughter of Knight, Angel Mendez)
Girls 10 - Olivia Mammolitti (Wyckoff)
(repeat champ)
Girls 11 - Shannon Sullivan
(Wyckoff/St. Elizabeth's School)
(daughter of Knight, TJ Sullivan)
Girls 12 - Taylor Perneti (Wyckoff)
Girls 13 - Kate Moody (Wyckoff)
2-time champ; previous was 2020
Girls 14 - Toni Perneti (Wyckoff)
(3-time repeat champ)

Boys 7 - Jack Brigandi (Wyckoff)
Boys 8 - Lucas Mutzberg (Wyckoff)
Boys 9 - Zach Smotkin (Wyckoff)
Boys 10 - James Karg (Wyckoff)
(son of Knight, Larry Karg)
Boys 11 - Jack Moody (Wyckoff)
(4-time winner, except for '22)
Boys 12 - David Custer (Wyckoff/
St. Elizabeth's School)
Boys 13 - Jack Bednarek (North
Haledon/St. Elizabeth's School)
(repeat champ)
Boys 14 - No entries

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GOAL: 5000 Masses by 12/31/25
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1. **Contact** your Church Secretary.
2. **Request** one or more Masses to be said "For the Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families." (Sunday Mass is preferred but any day will do). Make a financial offering.
3. **Email** info@lifeneteducation.org with the date(s)/time(s) of the Masses and we'll add it to the tally. That's it!!




Let Your Voice Be Heard!

New Choir Members Welcome

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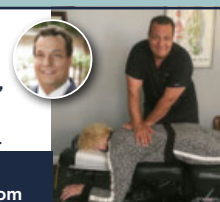
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