

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

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Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 noon & 6:15 pm

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

Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 12:30 pm

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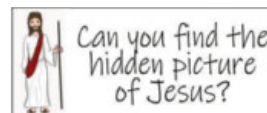
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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Last weekend, we heard Jesus telling us, "Unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of God." Now how could anyone be holier than the scribes and the Pharisees? They dressed wearing numerous images of their religion, including phylacteries - miniature lists of sacred scripture or the Ten Commandments - hung from their headbands so that whenever they turned their heads, they would be following one of the laws that said, "Keep these commandments always before your eyes." They fasted and they said loud prayers for all to hear. But Jesus said that his followers had to be holier than these holy scribes and Pharisees. How could that be possible? Well, Jesus explained, our external actions must be a reflection of what we truly are. It is not enough for others to see us performing the actions of Christians; our whole attitude in life must be Christian.

Evidently, being a strict follower of the rules is not good enough. Jesus expects us to be better than just followers of rules. How easily we become people of the rules or people who abandon them in the name of so-called love! Both of these positions are wrong, and Jesus calls us out of our comfort zones. The Gospel is all about how the Law finds its fulfillment in love. We are called to be an image of mercy and love, and to understand that the Law guides us and must be written on our hearts. This is the most transformative way to follow Jesus and to be heirs to the Kingdom of heaven.

Christ is not abolishing the Ten Commandments, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere fulfillment of them. The whole moral value of any legal observance comes from the interior disposition of him who observes or keeps the law. Life is a gift that comes when the Law is the desire of our hearts and an expression of love. Therefore, according to Jesus, the new teaching of avoiding the act of murder is not enough; but the true Christian must remove any inclination to murder by building up in one's heart true brotherly or sisterly love for all men and women. We must not only avoid injuring our neighbor or fellow man in his person or in his character, but we must be ever ready to help him and prevent injury to him whenever and wherever we can.

As part of my ministry here at St. E's, I'm in charge of promoting vocations. As we continue to pray for and encourage young men and women to embrace a vocation to the priesthood and religious/consecrated life, the Office of Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Newark is rolling out the Aspirancy Program for those actively discerning how God is calling them to give of themselves to Christ and His Church. The goal of the Aspirancy Program is to determine whether someone should apply to seminary, enter religious/consecrated life, or pursue married life. It is a unique program required of anyone seeking to enroll as a seminarian in the Archdiocese of Newark.

I entreat parents to encourage the youth of the parish to consider entering the Aspirancy Program. Please contact the Office of Priestly Vocations at 973-313-6190 for more information.

Peace and Love,
Father Francis

NEWS AND EVENTS



**In honor of Presidents' Day, there will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM.
The Parish Center will be closed.**

This weekend, February 18-19, we will have a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds its future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this weekend. Envelopes may be placed in one of the boxes located in the narthex.

**Collections For The Week Ending February 12
Offertory \$17,814 | Online \$8,865 | Total \$23,679**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

9:00 am Richard Wejnert

5:00 pm Kenneth Dressel

Sunday, February 19

7:30 am Helen & Peter Dahlinger

9:00 am Francesco Salazer

10:30 am Priests & Deacons of
St. Elizabeth's Church

12 noon Bruna & Narciso Morson

6:15 pm People of the Parish

Monday, February 20

One Mass Only

9:00 am Matthew Ryffel

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 am John P. Cahill

9:00 am Antonia D'Aguanno

Ash Wednesday, February 22

7:00 am Edward Connelly Sr

9:00 am Daniel Giletta

Thursday, February 23

7:00 James (Jim) Killeen

9:00 am Patty Swoyer-Salber

Friday, February 24

7:00 am Carlo Prince

9:00 am Babies in the womb

Saturday, February 25

9:00 am Isabell Gatto

1 year Anniversary of her passing

5:00 pm Frank Miller

Sunday, February 26

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Robert Outerbridge

10:30 am Joseph Begnoche 1st Anniv.

12 noon Joseph Begnoche

6:15 pm Shirley Dooley



NEWS AND EVENTS

2023 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. 2023 Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 16th at 3:00 pm for 50 years and May 7, at 3:00 pm for 5 & 25 years. To register, please email Joanne at jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org.

Gather the Children: Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at **the Chapel** during 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, on 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 adult who would like to help with Gather the Children may contact Donna Gormley at dgormley27@gmail.com.



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 SOME-ONE 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.

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.

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. Thank you.



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

Healing prayers for: Chris Barbaro

Recently deceased: Arne Soderlund, William G Poppe Jr., Matthew Torpey, Richard W. Brady, Jack DiPiazza and Louise Campbell

Memorials for the week of February 19

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Rosemarie McCarthy donated by the Prendergast family

Candles on the Altar, Sanctuary Light, Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine & Flower Fund:

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Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine:

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During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us in Church on Friday mornings at 8:40 AM
and Friday evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent.

Lenten Evening Reflection



Monday, March 13
at 7:00 PM in Church
Everyone is welcome!



For more information,
please contact Cathy Ingrasci
at 201-637-4337 or cgingrasci@gmail.com



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Mass 7:00 AM • 9:00 AM

Prayer Service 12:00 PM • 4:00 PM • 5:30 PM • 7:00 PM

Daily Weekday Mass During Lent

7:00 PM • 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays February 24 • March 3 • 10 • 17 • 24 • 31

Mornings 8:40 AM • Evenings 7:00 PM in Church

Lenten Fish Fry and Pasta Dinner – March 24

6:00 PM in Gym

Lenten Evening of Reflection – March 13

7:30 PM in Church

Chrism Mass – April 3

8:00 PM The Cathedral Basilica Newark

Lenten Penance Service – April 4

7:00 PM in Church

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday – April 6

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM

Good Friday – April 7

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Way of the Cross Service 12:00 PM

Passion of the Lord 3:00 PM

Ecumenical Tenebrae 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday – April 8

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Blessing of Food Baskets 9:30 AM • Easter Vigil 8:15 PM

Easter Sunday Mass – April 9

7:30 AM • 9:00 AM • 10:30 AM • 12:00 PM

11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

All Moms are welcome!

- March 2 at 9:30 am - 11:15 am
Parish Center
- March 16 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 PM
members home
- April 6 at 9:30 am - 11:15 am
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- April 20 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 PM
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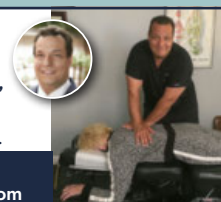
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