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First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

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12 noon & 6:15 pm
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Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

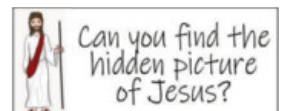
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+ Dear Friends:

Thank you for all the great feedback on my homily last weekend. As I mentioned, I enjoyed reading all the essays from our SES students on who the kindest person is in their lives. So much heart and thought went into each essay. Needless to say, it will be a very tough choice to pick the winners.

This is actually an invitation that I would like to extend to our entire parish. I invite all of us to take a little time to consider *who is the kindest person I have ever met, and why?* Among you, I know we have a gold mine of beautiful and inspirational stories. I know we all have busy lives, but take just 15 minutes to think about this. Perhaps some of you may even be compelled to write your own essay. If you want to share your story, I would love to publish some of them in upcoming bulletins or possibly a small anthology. It is a special grace to share our stories. They can serve to be uplifting to others, and sometimes exactly the words someone else needed to hear!

As I mentioned in my homily, Jesus takes kindness to the next level when He asks us to love even those we don't like at all. To be truly Catholic means to be open to everyone and always reach out in kindness. Jesus does not guarantee that the recipients of our efforts will respond equally. Some may; some may not. However, the result is not what matters. What matters is that we tried.

Speaking of kindness, my thanks to Laurie and Dan Kocher and all the amazing volunteers for the special refreshments we had at the Sunday Masses last weekend. I enjoyed tasting all the frosted and filled donuts in anticipation of fasting during Lent, and I loved that the tables were decorated for Mardi Gras!

This brings me to the solemn occasion of Ash Wednesday we had this week. As we all know, these next 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can be restorative and cause us to reset our spiritual lives. Try something small each day. It will add up, and then you will realize that small steps took you a great distance.

Finally, I will leave you with this brief humorous anecdote. A number of years ago, I was giving a homily on loving one's neighbor as one's self. In my opinion, I thought things had gone well and that my words about being kind to one another had resonated deeply with the congregation. I had just finished my last sentence when a scuffle broke out between two young brothers in the front row resulting in one boy bopping his younger brother on top of his head!

When Mass was over, their mother, with a look of embarrassment, made the two boys apologize for their misbehavior. I chuckled as I remembered my brother and I fighting in the pews when we were their age. If only someone had shared with all of us the tagline to be the "I" in kind and not the "me" in mean, it could have saved us all a lot of "time" as in timeout!

May we all have a meaningful Lent!

God bless, *Father Stephen*

NEWS AND EVENTS

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, March 1, at 7:00 PM. No advance registration is required.

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. If interested, please leave your name with Joanne in the Parish Center and you will be contacted.

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

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.

The collection for the week ending February 12 will be announced in an upcoming bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 27

7:00 am Jack R. Braddell
9:00 am Eugene P Antonio

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 am Robert Albers
9:00 am Vito Picinic

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 am Lilian & Camillo Vecchiotti
9:00 am Angelina Pumilia

Thursday, March 2

7:00 Antonio Tarabocchia
9:00 am Alan Bushe,
Debbie Driggers Cramer,
Denise Lynn Zimmermann,
Florence Bambrick Yarney,
Eileen Gaffney Hartnett,
Frank LaForge, Herb Csaszar,
Shirley Alu, Stephen Tuttle,
Roberta Goetschius

Friday, March 3

7:00 am Antonio Tarabocchia
9:00 am Joseph Francica
4th anniversary

Saturday, March 4

9:00 am Emilio, Estrella &
Ellery Horrilleno
5:00 pm Frank Miller

Sunday, March 5

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Scott Edward Mault
10:30 am Tina Pecorelli
and Lucrezia Porta
12 noon John & Bridget Rocks
6:15 pm Felicita Salto

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.



Easter Flowers: As we journey through this Lenten season, our thoughts are often of our loved ones who have gone before us. Using your Easter Flower envelope to donate to the beautiful Easter plants and flowers on our altar is a wonderful way to remember them. A memorial list with the names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. Flower envelopes are in your March packet or may be obtained in Church.

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.

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.

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

Healing prayers for: Chris Barbaro, Kevin Danlasky

Recently deceased: Douglas Tartaglia, Paul O'Leary, Therese R. McCloskey

Memorials for the week of February 26

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Joe Schuh
donated by the Prendergast family

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Shule Chen
donated by SES Class of 2027

Candles on the Altar : In memory of Frank Kromholz
donated by John & Joan Zannini

Sanctuary Light: In memory of Richard Brady
donated by Jim & Anne Townley

Lenten Evening Reflection



Monday, March 13
at 7:30 PM in Church
Everyone is welcome!



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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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.



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
Parish Center
- April 20 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 PM
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For more information please
 contact Holly Kramer
 at hollyekramer@gmail.com

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Join other Moms for breakfast,
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Ash Wednesday – February 22

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



ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS 2023

1. The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and (2) smaller meals which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially" or as whole is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.

*Canon 920. §1 All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.





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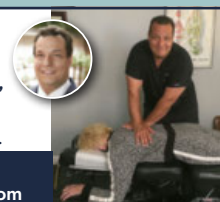
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