



March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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**Tuesday
April 4**

**7:00 PM
in Church**



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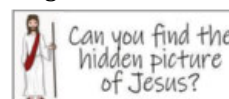
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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

In John's Gospel, Jesus makes a profound statement: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12). This statement speaks to the concept of spiritual blindness and the transformative power of spiritual light.

Spiritual blindness is a metaphor for the state of being ignorant or unaware of the truth of God's word. This blindness is characterized by a lack of understanding, a distorted view of reality, and an inability to discern right from wrong. It is a condition that can lead to a life of sin and despair

as one becomes trapped in a cycle of darkness and confusion.

However, Jesus offers a solution to this condition of spiritual blindness: he declares himself to be the light of the world, offering guidance and illumination to those who follow him. By following Jesus, one can experience the transformative power of his light which brings clarity, understanding, and the ability to discern truth from falsehood.

This transformative power is not just a momentary experience, but a lifelong journey. And that's what the Lenten Season is all about. As one continues to follow Jesus, his light shines brighter and brighter, revealing new aspects of truth and guiding one towards a life of righteousness and fulfillment.

The man born blind, whose story we heard last weekend, is a symbol of spiritual blindness - a condition that prevents one from seeing the truth of God's word. Despite his physical disability, the man is receptive to Jesus' teachings and follows his instructions to wash in the pool of Siloam. Through his faith in Jesus, the man's physical blindness is healed and he gains the ability to see the world around him for the first time.

However, the miracle also causes controversy among the religious leaders who are skeptical of Jesus' divine nature and view the healing as a violation of the Sabbath. Through their questioning of the man, we see how entrenched spiritual blindness can be, as they refuse to believe the man's testimony and even cast him out of the synagogue.

Yet, the man's faith and the transformative power of the miracle continue to grow. When Jesus reveals himself as the Son of Man, the man who had been born blind but is healed believes and worships him. This moment represents a significant turning point in the man's spiritual journey, as he moves from physical sight to spiritual insight and understanding.

Overall, the opening of the eyes of the man born blind in John 9:1-41 represents a powerful example of the transformative power of faith and the potential for spiritual growth. In his healing, the man gains not only physical sight but also a deeper understanding of the truth of God's word and the transformative power of Jesus' teachings.

In conclusion, as we continue our spiritual journey of Lent, the concept of spiritual blindness and light speaks to the transformative power of Jesus' teachings. By following him, one can experience a life of clarity, understanding, fulfillment, and freedom from the darkness of spiritual blindness.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Francis

NEWS AND EVENTS



Altar Servers Needed: "Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues." If your child is interested in serving at Mass, please contact Father Francis, at frfrancis@saintelizabeths.org or speak with him after Mass.

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.

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



The Knights of Columbus The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest is open to all 8th and 9th grade students in the parish. The **essay topic** is: "Explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the sacraments." Essays should be typed, 1 to 1 1/2 pages (approximately 500 to 750 words), and will be judged on content, clarity, and grammar. Cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be awarded to the top 3 entries. All completed essays should be emailed to: councilessaycontest@gmail.com. Please include a parent's or guardian's contact information. The deadline for all submissions is Friday, April 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Polizzi at 201-446-5551.

The Collection for the week ending March 12
Offertory \$19,679 | Online \$ 9,845 | Total \$29,524

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25

9:00 am Thanksgiving to St Anthony
 5:00 pm Perry Chevestick
 Gina Knau
 Denise Lynn Zimmermann
 Joseph Barbera
 Dorothy Marcotulio
 Marcia Warner
 Marie Vahlsing
 James B Keaveney
 Desmond Tuohey
 Jeffrey Tassani

Sunday, March 26

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am Julian any Helena Motyka
 10:30 am Emma and George Violick
 12 noon Bill Daddio
 6:15 pm Theresa Guglielmo

Monday, March 27

7:00 am Milutin Fatovic
 9:00 am Anthony Balestrieri

Tuesday, March 28

7:00 am Paul Vitolo
 9:00 am Ruebenacker Family

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 am Joanne Bastate Howard
 9:00 am Barbara Murray

Thursday, March 30

7:00 am Mabel Accettura
 9:00 am Amerigo & Lucia Tramontozzi

Friday, March 31

7:00 am Anthony Esposito
 9:00 am Jack Hourihan

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am Charlie Landers
 5:00 pm For the protection of Babies in
 the Womb

Sunday, April 2

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am Scott Edward Mault
 10:30 am Teresa Dunne 2nd Ann.
 12 noon Mary Jane Sharpe
 6:15 pm Joseph & Elise McManemin
 Diane Warren

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.



St. Elizabeth School will host its 2023 Great Gatsby Gala on Saturday, April 22nd at Macaluso's. Proceeds from the gala support the operating budget to keep tuition affordable, fund initiatives such as math, science and other technological advances, and provide professional development opportunities. Please consider purchasing a 50/50 ticket. The committee would greatly appreciate your support! Tickets will be sold after all Masses on March 25/26th. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Introduction to Tenebrae: This year we again are presenting the Lenten Service called Tenebrae which is the Latin word for darkness or shadows. It's based on an early Christian service and several ancient - pre 4th century - Good Friday traditions.



The service asks us to reflect on our relationship with God, our Father, and how He, through Jesus, brings new meaning to a human being's life. It is to help you understand - and feel - the extent of God's love for humanity - from the distant past to and through today.

The structure of the service has four components including the Seven Last Words. Music and slides match the words and the other sections of the service.

Service length is about 45 minutes and is offered in a darkened church. The congregation participates in the service - gently - and in a manner that you should find "relevant".

Please come - it can help you relate to what Jesus went through as a human being and how we, as His disciples and followers of His teachings, experience the 21st century version of His treatment.

The service will be on Good Friday evening, April 7th and its starts at 7:00 PM.

Bereavement Support Groups will begin in the morning on **Tuesday, April 18th** and in the evening on **Thursday, April 20th**. Both groups will run for eight consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for more information and to register in advance. All participants are required to be fully vaccinated.

Bereavement Support Night: The 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, April 5 at 7:00 PM. No advance registration is required.

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

Healing prayers for: Edward Mault Sr, Ginny Schroller, Tom Baber, Mary Ellen McKeon

Recently deceased: Victor Fabano, Dr Dick Botta, Rose Outerbridge

Memorials for the week of March 26

Altar Bread and Wine & Candles on the Altar:

In Loving memory of Wally Allison
 donated by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Uzzi family

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine:

In memory of Demi Luongo, 13th Anniversary in heaven
 donated by the Coyle & Gormley families



St. E's Knights of Columbus
Lenten Fish Fry & Pasta Dinner
Friday, March 24, in the gym

Take out 5-5:30 pm pickup
 1st seating arrive 6-6:30 pm
 2nd seating arrive 7-7:30 pm

Advance Ticket Sales Only
\$20 Adults/\$15 Kids

Tickets are available for purchase
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BUNDLE OF HOPE
Easter Food Drive
DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND!

Please return your filled bag to the Narthex this weekend March 25-26. A basket will also be available in the Narthex for monetary donations to assist in purchasing Easter Hams.




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APRI 7
7:00 PM

CHURCH
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Tenebrae Service
Good Friday



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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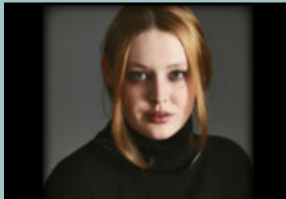


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