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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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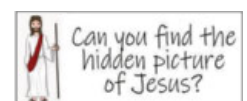
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It is great to be back at St Elizabeth's! I came here on July 3rd, the feast St. Thomas the Apostle, which actually has meaningful significance for me. At first, Thomas is called Didymus - the Twin - and I am also a twin! Tertullian wrote about Thomas that *"He was truly both seen and heard upon the mount; true and real was the draught of that wine at the marriage of (Cana in) Galilee; true and real also was the touch of the then believing Thomas."* Believing and seeing are two traits of an Apostle, and they are for me as a disciple of Jesus. In Pope Benedict XVI's general audience on September 27, 2006, he spoke of St. Thomas:

"The Apostle Thomas's case is important to us for at least three reasons," said the Pope. "First, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adhesion to him."

The true meaning of faith is believing that things will work out despite the difficulties as long as our faith is focused on Christ! I look forward to journeying together with all on the discipleship path towards the heavenly kingdom.

After a year long pastoral at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood, I was blessed to be ordained on May 27 for the Archdiocese of Newark. This has a special significance for me, having been born in Newark. After high school, I went to The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park NY. God was planting seeds in me there. It was the former St. Andrew's on the Hudson, minor seminary, and it still has the original church's stained glass windows in the main dining room! The notable Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a theologian whose writings attempt to reconcile science and religion, is buried there. After that, I worked in the culinary industry for about 35 years for companies such as The Waldorf Astoria, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Paine Webber (now UBS) and Benjamin Moore.

Many will often ask why I chose to be a priest. I answer them by quoting the Gospel of John 15:16: *"For you did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I ordained you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will remain—so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you."*

I received not only a Master of Divinity but also an MA in Church History. I learned that St. Thomas was a skilled builder who was invited by the king to construct a palace and is also the Patron Saint of Architects, so coming here on the Feast of St. Thomas has many meaningful connections for me. I do believe in miracles and, for me, being here is one of them! Amen.

Father Robert



NEWS AND EVENTS

Special Collection Next Weekend: On July 22-23, there will be a second collection for Retired Priests. Thank you for your support!

Door Collection: The Little Sisters of the Poor are committed to preserving the original Charism of their Foundress St. Jeanne Jugan, by giving happiness to the Elderly poor and meeting their needs at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa, NJ. Challenged during these past two years they ask for any support you can give according to your means. They will be at our Parish the weekend of July 29 - 30, 2023. www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

The Collection for the week ending July 2
Offertory \$12,773 | Online \$8,615 | Total \$21,388

The Collection for the week ending July 9
Offertory \$11,149 | Online \$13,260 | Total \$24,409

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15

9:00am June Carroll

5:00pm Rose Chopek

Sunday, July 16

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Salvatore Taormina &
Carmela Sature

10:30am Francesco Salazer

12:00pm Emilio Estrella &
Ellery Horrilleno

6:15pm Jack Hourihan

Monday July 17

7:00am Walter Matesic

9:00am Keri Loeffelman

Tuesday July 18

7:00am Father Francis Azah in
celebration of the

26th Anniversary of his ordination

9:00am Donald Fletcher

Wednesday July 19

7:00am Dorothy & Andrew Marsico

9:00am Charlie Landers

Thursday July 20

7:00am Jack Hourihan

9:00am Vera Gaynor

Friday July 21

7:00am Lucille M. Murphy

9:00am Lucille Murphy, Pam Grosso,
Linda Ward First Anniv., William Coleman,
Pamela Grosso, Patricia Croal,
Shirley Alu 1st Anniv., John Grossano,
Stephen Kent, Donald Jacob

Saturday July 22

9:00am Dylan McAlister

5:00pm Mary Kocher

Sunday July 23

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am John Cannizzo

10:30am Janet Plourde

12:00pm Calvagna & Uzzi Families

6:15pm Elizabeth MacCallum

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. Please contact Father Francis at frfrancis@saintelizabeths.org or speak with him after Mass.



Hosting Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue: St. Elizabeth's Parish has 5 traveling statues of Our Lady of Fatima. For 30 years, Our Blessed Mother's statues have been traveling from home to home....visiting with our families. Although this ministry began with a single statue, it has grown to 5 statues. Hosting families have found strength and comfort through Our Lady's presence. How pleased Our Blessed Mother must be.....to be welcomed into our homes and to bestow Her many blessings upon Her children!

As you may know, Our Lady of Fatima asked Venerable Lucia, St. Jacinta, and St. Francisco to pray the Rosary daily, and to do penance for the salvation of souls. And today, to you and me, Our Lady's message is the same. And so, while the Blessed Mother is in your home, we ask that you try to pray the Holy Rosary (or other devotional prayers to Our Lady) and to perform other tokens of love for the salvation of souls.

We are scheduling families to host Our Lady for **2024**. If you have not been a host in the pastand would like to have Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue visit your home in **2024**, please contact Kathy Marsico on kemarsico@gmail.com or on 201-485-7052. The "itineraries" for Our Blessed Mother are in development, so please email or call as soon as you can to book your week with Our Lady.....the "itineraries" fill up quickly.



Would you like to join our Prayer Chain Ministry?

It is easy to pray for ourselves and our families but can you take the time to pray for the needs of others? If you can, then our prayer chain is for you. If you believe that prayer can and does make a difference, perhaps you would like to join our Prayer Chain. All praying is done in private and is confidential. Once a month you will receive a list of people to pray for who needs our prayers. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, **present your requests to God.** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 Call the Parish Office to join the Prayer Chain or to add an intention, 201-891-1122 ext 212 or e-mail mmusto@saintelizabeths.org.

Save the Date: Bergen Catholic will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30pm and Sunday November 5th at 1pm. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please the admissions office at admissions@bergencatholic.org.

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

Healing prayers for: Brenda Kelley

Recently deceased: Marilyn and Stanley Hafers, Louise Gurba, Joseph Leggiere, Bob Nightengale, Robert Falvey

Memorials for the week of July 16

Altar Bread and Wine, Candles on the Altar, Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine & Sanctuary Light: In loving memory of Carmela Sature & Salvatore Taormina, donated by the Minichetti family

Flowers for the Holy family Shrine:

In celebration of their birthdays Marie & Mary Tully
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Saint Elizabeth Church Music Notes

"I believe that singing in the Choir brings me close to God and I enjoy it very much."

– Ron, choir member

JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date!



**Led by
Christine Eberle**

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November 17-19

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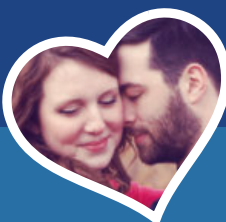
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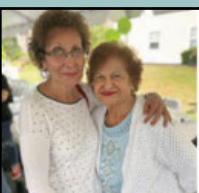


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