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+ Dear Friends:

Thanks for all the emails, texts, and phone calls that I received from so many of you regarding last week's homily about the axe and the tree.

We have all experienced being on both sides of that analogy, and I think it is such a tangible example for us to see where we land sometimes with our words or our actions. In fact, there are two other stories that I would like to share with you about my brother and me. One story is from our teen years, and the other story is from just a few years ago.

As I mentioned, we had a difficult time communicating when we were young. I had the brains, and Tim had the brawn. However, by the time I was a student at Bergen Catholic, I had joined the wrestling team. My mother happened to be out one afternoon, when Tim and I got into a

bit of a scuffle. However, for the first time, this fight had a different outcome. I pinned my brother with a "full nelson" under the dining room table! He told me if I didn't let him up, he would "kill" me. Several thoughts ran through my mind as he struggled in my arms. I could just enjoy these few minutes being the victor, but eventually, I would have to let go. If I let go, I knew I would have to make a quick escape and run for my life to the George Washington Bridge!

These thoughts of logic and reasoning were quickly interrupted when Tim somehow stood up and my head smashed into the table. As blood gushed from my head, he ran to the bathroom for a towel to put pressure on the cut and stop the bleeding. He immediately said he was sorry. When he knew I was OK, he followed his concern with the stern warning, "but if you tell Mom . . ."

Those were the Tenafly years and so much has happened since. My brother has gone on to become a very successful contractor building internet substations all over the world. He has a beautiful marriage to Lori, and they enjoy a very happy life together. This brings me to the story I planned to share in my homily, but every time I practiced it, I became too emotional, and I did not want to cry from the pulpit.

Several years ago, Tim and I were sitting outside my Dad's house on the patio. I was sharing with him a few of my struggles at that time, and I was feeling that maybe I wasn't a good enough priest. Lowering his sunglasses, my brother just looked at me in utter disbelief and said in his inimitable style, "Dude! Did you ever read your resume?" I love my brother. He's my hero in so many ways!

In other news, I promised to let you know when we had new information for our film, *Trinity's Triumph*. I received an email a few days ago telling me that it will air for the first time on November 17. Can you believe our luck that it will air for the first time on Saint Elizabeth's feast day? Initially, you will be able to see it on iTunes, Amazon, and Google. As more platforms become available, I will let you know.

Finally, our Parish Picnic is this weekend. It really is one of our very best events with live music, BBQ, games, and our chili, pie, and cupcake contests. I can't wait to judge the cupcakes! Please bring your families and friends. I look forward to seeing you all!

God bless, Father Stephen

NEWS AND EVENTS

Seniors Welcome Back Luncheon will be held on Monday, September 18, from 12:00 noon—2:00 pm in the Elizabeth Room. Lunch will be served. All seniors are welcome!



The Adult Choir and ACES (Children's Choir) will begin on September 20. For the rehearsal schedule, please check out our website or contact Stacie at syao@saintelizabeths.org.

Rosary Society: Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, at 10:00am in the Elizabeth Room. Our own Father Jae will be our presenter. Come and have an enjoyable and enlightening morning. All are men and women are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie Gringeri, at 201-891-5560.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16 9:00am Larry Smith 5:00pm Frank, Teresa, and Sal Anello

Sunday, September 17
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Albina & Harry Hammond Sr.
10:30am Francis Rogalski Sr.
12:00pm Stephen Hurtz
6:15pm Gaetano Acocella

Monday, September 18 7:00am Thomas Caruso 9:00am Harry Ciarleglio

Tuesday, September 19
7:00am Joanne Bastate Howard
9:00am Patrick J. Greaney

Wednesday, September 20 7:00am Joan Kratchman 9:00am Cathy Brestle

Thursday, September 21
7:00am Marco Mastrogiovanni
9:00am Gargo Matesic, Pat Mazella,
Maro Lawrence Parker, Patricia Alber,
Dottie Granatell, Pat Mazella,
Joe Schuh, Chisholm Family,
Don Jacob, Fr Paul Schweizer

Friday, September 22 7:00am Wendell Kocher 9:00am Robert Sidari

Saturday, September 23 9:00am JoAnn Scrudato Nusspickel 5:00pm Ellen Finley Flach

Sunday, September 24
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Teresa and Tom Feola
10:30am Irene Curran
12:00pm Frank Miller
6:15pm Richard Fellinger

NEWS AND EVENTS

Gather the Children: (Liturgy of the Word for Children in grades K-5) will resume on select Sundays during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children begin in the church with their families. After the Opening Prayer, they gather around the altar for a blessing and process to the chapel. There, they listen to scripture from a special lectionary adapted for children, hear a reflection, sing, and pray. They return to the church for the celebration of the Eucharist.

2023-2024 Gather the Children Dates: October 8 & 22, November 5 & 26, December 10, January 7 & 21, February 4 & 25, March 10, April 7 & 28.

Join our team: Any adults who would like to help with Gather the Children may contact Donna Gormley at dgormley27@gmail.com. We especially could use someone to help to lead singing. (Music is available.) We will have a planning meeting on **Sunday October 1st at 10 AM** in the Elizabeth Room. You are welcome to bring your children.

Sharing Group: If you want your mornings filled with conversational prayer, spiritual and philosophical questions and new friends, join us in the St. Francis room in the Parish Center from 9:30-11am on Tuesday, October 3. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560.

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 4:6-7Call the Parish Office to join the Prayer Chain or to add an intention, 201-891-1122 ext 212 or e-mail mmusto @saintelizabeths.org.

Co-Op Program for Catholic High Placement Test: Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicschoolsnj.org. Additionally, the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7:00-8:30 pm on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, September 19, 50 Byrd Ave, Bloomfield at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Tuesday, September 26, Ramsey, 187 Wyckoff Ave, Academy of St. Paul, Wednesday, September 27, at 144 Grand St., St. Peter's Preparatory School and Thursday, September 28, at 541 Valley Rod, Clark, St. John the Apostle School. For directions and more information, visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.

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

Healing prayers for: Alex Chumpitaz, Judy Amerio

Recently deceased: Dennis Murphy, Patricia Speshock, Pat Nassar, Brenda Kelly, Anne Cahill, Edward Leber

Memorials for the week of September 17

Altar Bread and Wine, Candles on the Altar, Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine, Sanctuary Light and Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine:

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MINISTRY FAIR

October 14-15 and October 21-22

Come to the narthex after the 5pm, 9am, 10:30am & 12pm Masses to find out more information about how you can share your talents.

with Deacon Andy

8 dates: 9/20 - 11/29 (no meeting: 10/11 and 11/8)

in the Saint Elizabeth Room

All are welcome!



St. E's Yacht Clu Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together

Picnic and Soccer Match Saturday, September 30 2:00-5:00 PM

All 20's & 30's are welcome to join us for an"End of the Summer Picnic" & Soccer Match. In the courtyard by the Parish Center

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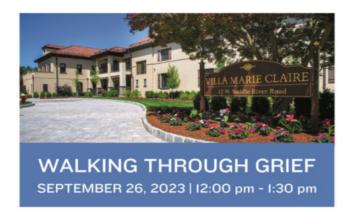
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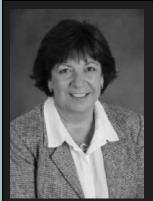


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