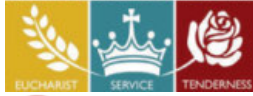


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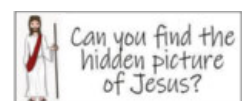
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How often must I forgive?

In a video I recently saw, a 19 year old man in Israel was riding in the back of a minibus, looking at the noontime sun upon the mountain, when a light blue pickup truck driven by another man barreled into the back of it. The truck hit with an enormous bang. The young man's eardrum broke, his shoe flew off, and he landed on the pavement. In the hospital, it was discovered that his neck was broken and he was now a paraplegic. After many months in the hospital, he learned to breathe on his own, to walk, and to talk; but he mourned for the body he once had. When he went back to New York, he was required to use a wheelchair for all four years of college. Eventually, he went back to Israel to find the driver who had caused the accident that almost killed him and had profoundly disabled him. When he found the man, he telephoned him. The man seemed almost to have been waiting for the call. The young man asked to meet with him, never mentioning the fact that he learned the driver had 25 driving violations or the number of operations he had to have as a result of the accident. But the young man thought about all he could have been in life - a doctor, a husband, a father. As he drove to the town where he was to meet the man, he was thinking, "What do I get for the man who broke my neck? Flowers?" He settled on pistachio pastries, and they sat in the living room and talked. In doing this, the young man wanted to get to the very heart of Jesus's teaching on forgiveness, that we "all must forgive your brother from your heart." He recalled what the Jewish psychiatrist and writer Victor Frankl - a man who spent three years in four different concentration camps, including Auschwitz, said:

Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms is to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way. Each moment is a choice. No matter how angry, hurt, constraining or painful our experience, we can always choose how we respond.

Each moment is the moment when we have a choice - when we can choose to "fuhgeddaboudit!" in charity, in the pure love of Christ which is to love God first with all our heart and soul and to love our neighbor as ourself. For forgiving our brother, not just seven times or 77 times, but all the time will change our lives. May God give each of us the fortitude, courage and wisdom of the love of forgiveness. Amen.

Fr. Robert

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

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.

Bereavement Support Night: We encourage anyone who has experienced a loss to join us for Bereavement Support Night on Wednesday, October 4, from 7:30-9 PM. We will be in the Good Shepherd Room, Parish Center to extend our support during these difficult times. Registration is not required.

Knights of Columbus Star Council: The St. Elizabeth Council has earned the distinction of Star Council, the K of C's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities. Significant St. Es programs include Coats for Kids, Pregnancy Center Aid, Support for Seminarians, and Ukrainian Relief. For information on the Knights of Columbus contact Gene Gallagher at 201-264-2256.

The Collection for the week ending September 24
Offertory \$19,373 | Online \$8,855 | Total \$29,568

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Fellingner

Monday, September 25

7:00am Joan Rose Vulpis

9:00am Anne Burke 3rd Ann.

Tuesday, September 26

7:00am Mary Kocher, 20 yr. Ann.

9:00am Jean Rigoli

Wednesday, September 27

7:00am Richard Fellingner, 6th Ann.

9:00am Gardiner (Ken) Kenyon,
2nd Anniversary

Thursday, September 28

7:00am William Muth

9:00am Peter Dunton Busch

Friday, September 29

7:00am Edward Kondrat, 27th Ann.

9:00am Daniel Giletta, 13th Ann.

Saturday, September 30

9:00am Virginia Wohland

5:00pm Joe Schuh, Phyllis Lyden,
Raymond Decker, Maria Maguire,
Thomas James McGuire, Joe Schuh,
Gwendolyn Malatesta,
Rosemarie McCarthy,
Raffaelina Gamen, Fannie Stanson

Sunday, October 1,

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Robert Outerbridge

10:30am Thomas Pecorelli

12:00pm Francesco Salazer

6:15pm Eileen Secora

NEWS AND EVENTS

Sacred Heart School, a longtime ministry at St. Elizabeth is looking for classroom volunteers for this school year. Each week, volunteers from St. Elizabeth go to help out in the school in many different capacities. No teaching experience is needed, just your desire to share your talents. Please join us and be a part of this extremely rewarding ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Carpentieri at patcnj@verizon.net or 201-679-7935.

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



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.

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.

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.

AHA: Eighth grade girls and transfer students are invited to the Academy of the Holy Angels' October 1 Upper School Open House. Prospective Angels will be welcomed at our campus at 315 Hillside Avenue in Demarest, NJ, beginning at 10 a.m. All student visitors should attend with a parent or guardian. The Academy's leaders will share information about mission, curriculum, scholarship opportunities, and more. Guests will also tour our 25-acre campus with a friendly, knowledgeable Angel Ambassador. For more information, please visit at <https://www.holyangels.org/admissions/visit-aha>.

Pray the Rosary: Our Lady of Fatima "1000 Strong Rosary for Life" on Friday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 PM. Please join the virtual "1000 Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call" on Friday, October 13th at 7:00 PM which is being organized by LIFENET. Join priests from throughout NJ to pray for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. For more info: 973-497-4500 or Donna Sullivan 201 891-294. To join via conference call, register at: lifeneteducation.org/1000strong Conference -Call Number: 1-401-252-0031; Code: 759297 #



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

Healing prayers for: Alex Chumpitaz Judy Amerio

Memorials for the week of September 24

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Tom & Teresa Feola
donated by Marilyn & Steven Reinhardt

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Rosemarie McCarthy
donated by the 4th Grade Class of St. Elizabeth School 2022-23

St. E's Yacht Club

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.

Please contact Messalina at Messalinamorley@icloud.com for any questions.



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Oct 8 & 22
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Dec 10

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- Ephesian 5:19



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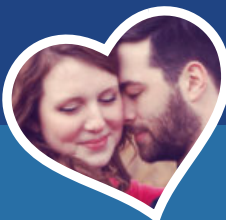
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