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Dear friends at St. Elizabeth's,

For today's reflection, I went into my homily archives from three years ago. I have edited and adapted this reflection for this bulletin article. I hope you enjoy it!

Not long ago, my wife and I traveled to Texas to visit our daughter in Austin. We rented a car and drove into the beautiful Texas Hill Country. In exploring the surrounding area, we soon discovered, to our surprise, it was not just known for its ranches and livestock,

but also for its vineyards and fine wines. Out of curiosity, we stopped at a little wine-tasting establishment located in one of the small towns and were pleasantly greeted by the owner.

We sat and talked with him for quite some time as he described the hard work, patience, and love that he had poured into his vineyard and the worry in making sure the soil was just right, that it had the proper amount of sun and water, and that the temperature at harvest would be right for picking. Otherwise, the grapes would become sour and spoiled. What seemed to energize him and bring immense joy to his face was when he told us that, when it came time to pick the grapes, his neighbors would come from miles away to help - including entire families. Fathers, mothers and children would joyfully and with great care harvest the bounty of God's fruit.

Our scriptures over the past three weeks and especially today are filled with references to vineyards because they were considered a prized possession in the ancient world. They provided grapes during the summer heat, dried raisins during winter, and wine for relaxation. Vineyards symbolize God's love for his people. God takes great pains to cultivate us - protecting and preparing you and me as the fruit of HIS precious vine, much like the vineyard owner in Texas. As the fruit of the grapevine gives physical nourishment and joy to the human soul, so does the fruit of our lives in God's vineyard give Him joy.

There is hope in God's vineyard because it is a place of growth and renewal. God plants in us HIS grace and HE gives each of us the love and care to become fine wine. There is hope in God's vineyard because of those who pray for the unborn and for the marginalized and vulnerable. There is hope because of those who visit the sick, bring food to the homebound, or just smile at a stranger struggling with life's burdens. We bring hope and bear fruit in God's kingdom sometimes in big ways but mostly in small ways with little acts of kindness and love.

We bear fruit when we come together as a community to rejoice in God's blessings, like the Texas families joyfully picking grapes in their neighbor's vineyard. God entrusts the vineyard, HIS Kingdom on earth, to you and me, charging us to produce good fruit. Today, watered by God's Word in Scripture and nourished by the Eucharist, let each of us go forth to use our time and talents to produce fine wine through the fruit of our words and actions.

Peace and blessings!

Deacon Andy

NEWS AND EVENTS

In honor of Columbus Day, there will be one Mass only at 9:00am. The Parish Center will be closed.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 7 9:00am Marie and Elizabeth Keegan 5:00pm Toots and Edward Zaretski

Sunday, October 8
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Barbara & Harry Norton
10:30am Richard Fellinger
12:00pm Patti and Veli families
6:15pm Jessie Schmidt

Monday, October 9 9:00am Celeste Persing

Tuesday, October 10
7:00am Mitzi Bilodeau
9:00am Margaret & Harold Bell &
Bonnie Bell Girli

Wednesday, October 11 7:00am Richard W. Lovell Jr. 9:00am Chase J. Meola

Thursday, October 12 7:00am Perry Chevestick 9:00am JoAnn Scrudato Nusspickel

> Friday, October 13 7:00am Peter Ingrasci 9:00am Patrick J. Greaney

Saturday, October 14
9:00am Philip Calandra Happy Birthday
5:00pm Mary, Patrick and
William Jeffers

Sunday, October 15
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Arline Demartini
10:30am Albina & Giuseppe Sciardi Giovanna & Angelo Quintiliani
12:00pm Pietro & Maria Calvagna
6:15pm Marion and Don Rodda

NEWS AND EVENTS

Second Collection for World Mission Sunday: our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on the weekend of October 21-22. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America.

Overnight Adoration: On Friday, October 13, Overnight Adoration will begin with Exposition at 7:00 pm will last throughout the night until Benediction at 8:45 am on Saturday, October 14. You may stop in anytime or reserve an hour to spend with Our Lord. Pat Khanjian 201891- 3262 ext. 226 patK@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.

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

Healing prayers for: Alex Chumpitaz, Judy Amerio

Recently deceased: Carmela Bascietto, Daniel Minogue

Memorials for the week of October 8

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of John Azah donated by Jim & Anne Townley

Candles on the Altar, Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine and Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine:

In memory of Toots & Edward Zaretski donated by Karen Zaretski

Sanctuary Light: In memory of Anne Cahill donated by the Imperiosi family

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MINISTRY FAIR

October 21-22

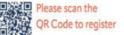
Come to the narthex after the 5pm, 9am, 10:30am & 12pm Masses to find out more information about how you can share your talents.











Saint Elizabeth Church

In Person Pre-Cana Saturday, November 4

foin us for day that will help you prepare for lifetime together

- The day will begin at 10:00am, we will serve lunch and end with 5:00pm Mass.
- The cut off date for registration is Friday, October 27, 2023
- To sign up for this session go to the link below and following the instructions.

Go to our website www.Saintelizabeths.org for more details or to register.If you have any questions please contact Sharon Mault-Weir at



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ddies are mature 7/8th grade and High School students. Adult Helpers are those 18 and over. iddies & Adult Helpers provide assistance to Capernaum Friends uring planned activities designed to foster fun and friendship.

Elizabeth Eight (Award Ceremony) Save the Date Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 PM in the Church to celebrate this year's tonorees Nancy O'Boyle Don Casey

Joe Chiarelli Geri Gaynor Kay O'Connell T.J. Sullivan (posthumously) Ed and Joann Torack



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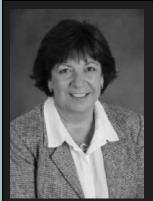


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