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Saturday 12:30 pm

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Dear friends,

Merry Christmas to you!! As we enter into these final hours of 2023, I'd like to take a brief look back with you and reflect on some experiences from the year. I shared in many of your lives through my diaconal ministry as a servant of Christ, and I am very grateful for all of the blessings we've received. Through the baptisms, home visits, funerals, homilies, religious education activities and the many casual conversations (and joking around), I have grown in many ways because of you and I greatly appreciate that. In the challenging times, I hope I was patient and kind with you. In the sorrowful times, I pray I was compassionate and a source of strength for you. In the joyful moments, I hope I added to your joy. In the day-to-

day interactions, I hope you walked away in a better way than before we met. If I let you down in any way, I am sincerely sorry. Overall, I hope that I served you worthily and I promise to continue working on that as we enter 2024. Let us each strive to encounter Christ in one another.

This past week, following the Solemnity of Christmas, we've observed some wonderful feast days in our liturgical calendar:

- Tuesday, December 26th was the Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr. He was one of the first ordained deacons of the Church and was also the first Christian martyr. The Acts of the Apostles says that among those who approved of Stephen's execution was Saul, who persecuted the Christians but later became the Apostle of the Gentiles St Paul. As he breathed his last, St Stephen, in imitation of Jesus, prayed that God might receive his spirit and prayed for forgiveness for his murderers. He is the patron saint of altar servers, bricklayers, casket makers and deacons.
- Wednesday, December 27th was the Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist. He was a fisherman, along with his brother James, also an Apostle. St. John was the only Apostle at the foot of the Cross, and was given care of the Blessed Mother. He is credited with authoring John's Gospel as well as three New Testament letters and the Book of Revelation. St. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors. He is often depicted in art as the author of the Gospel with an eagle, symbolizing "the height he rose to in his Gospel."
- Thursday, December 28th was the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs. The Feast of the Holy Innocents, or Childermas in Old English, commemorates the death of the male children in Bethlehem who were two years of age or under. King Herod the Great had ordered this in order to ensure that the infant Messiah sought by the Magi would be unable to displace him on his throne. This is why Saint Joseph was told in a dream to take the Child and the Blessed Virgin and flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of King Herod. The Holy Innocents are the patron saints of babies, abandoned babies, children's choirs, students, and altar servers.

Prayers to you and your loved ones for a peaceful Christmas season.

In Christ,

+Deacon John

NEWS AND EVENTS

Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children needs volunteers! Oasis needs volunteers to help in childcare, the soup kitchen, the food pantry, and the clothing room between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, in shifts of two hours or more. We are very flexible-you can volunteer every week, every month, or just once in a while! Contact Andrea Johnston at andreajohnston@oasisnj.org or 973-881-8307 ext. 121.

Scan for more information





Altar servers needed: Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way for a child to grown 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.

The Collection for the last weekend will be in an upcoming bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30 9:00am Helen, Conrad and Stephen Hurtz 5:00pm Frank, Teresa & Sal Anello

Sunday, December 31
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Frank Masciandaro
10:30am Luigi & Maria Morson
12:00pm Janet Rogalski
6:15pm Richard Fellinger

New Year's Day Monday, January 1 9:00am Constance Shelby

Tuesday, January 2 7:00am Rosemary Sekel 9:00am Edmund Costello

Wednesday, January 3 7:00am Dylan Macaluso 9:00am Thomas Farley

Thursday, January 4 7:00am Joseph DiBella 9:00am Richard Brady

Friday, January 5 7:00am Attilio Grosso 9:00am William Poppe

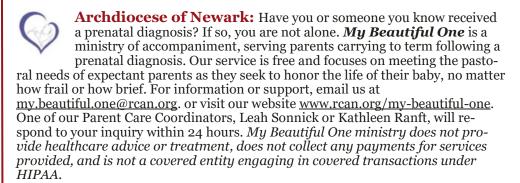
Saturday, January 6 9:00am Dorothy & Andrew Marsico 5:00pm Teresa Feola

Sunday, January 7 9:00am Will Raub 10:30am Dennis McKenna 12:00pm Frank & Carmela Uzzi 6:15pm Mark Sproha



NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Flowers: A flower memorial is a great way to remember your loved ones this Christmas. Donation envelopes were included in your envelope packet and are also available in the Narthex or Parish Center. Clearly fill in the name of your loved ones and turn in the envelopes with the weekly collection. A listing of all memorial names will be in our bulletin.



St. Elizabeth School will celebrate our 70th Birthday in 2024. Are you an alumni, parent of an alumni or a former faculty member? Please join our email list at sesalum@sainte-school.org for information regarding upcoming events in 2024 celebrating this special occasion. Please include your name, email and the year of graduation or years at St Elizabeth School. Be part of the history and tradition of Catholic Education.

Bereavement Support Night: We encourage anyone who has experienced a recent loss to join us on Bereavement Support Night which will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 7:30-9 pm in the Amadeus Room. No registration is necessary.

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.



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

Healing prayers for: all who are ill in the parish

Memorials for the week of December 31

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Mary Altamura donated by the Terry & Joe Coyle

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

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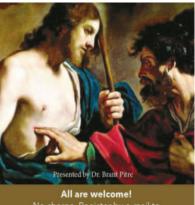
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Saint Elizabeth's

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on select Sundays during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children begin in the church with their families and are invited to the chapel after the Introductory Rites. They return to the church for the celebration of the Eucharist. Any adults who would like to help with Gather the Children, may contact Donna Gormley at dgormley27@gmail.com.

2024: Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 25, Mar 10, Apr 7 & 28



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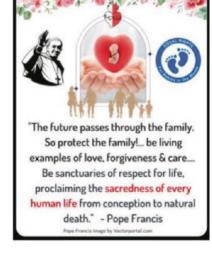
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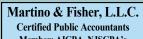
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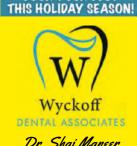


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