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Third Sunday of Easter | April 14, 2024



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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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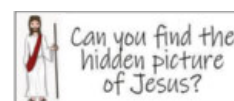
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The Octave, or eighth day, of Easter has always been considered special by Christians. Christ, after His Resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples; but as we heard in our gospel this past weekend, Saint Thomas wasn't with them. A week later, the disciples again gathered in the house with the doors locked. This time, Thomas was with them. He declared that he would never believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he could see Him in the flesh and probe Christ's wounds with his own hands. This earned him the name "Doubting Thomas." But it seems that Thomas doubted even before Christ rose from the dead. The first time was when Lazarus was critically ill and Christ announced His intention to go to him. But the disciples realized that this would take Jesus straight back to the people who were plotting to kill Him. So Thomas gloomily said to the others, "Yes, let us go so that we can die with Him." We next meet Thomas when Jesus was explaining that He must go to His Father's house and that He would come back and take His disciples to be with Him. Jesus said, "You know the way to the place where I am going." But Thomas blurted out...

It is all good because Jesus was calm and compassionate to Thomas when He said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." In Jesus Christ mercy and trust meet because God's plan stems from His merciful love for His people. Knowing there was nothing we could do to earn our way into His presence, He made a way through the crucifixion of Christ. Defeating death, Jesus opened up access to God for us. Through prayer, God's Word, and the Holy Spirit living in us, each day brings new mercy. God is faithful always, even though we fall short every day. Mercy is God's gift to the repentant heart.

This past Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar and is celebrated on the Octave of Easter - the eighth day of Easter. Saint John Paul II has been called "the Mercy Pope." because he beatified and then, on April 30, 2000, he canonized St. Faustina Kowalska who received the message of divine mercy that has spread throughout the world. At the dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow-Lagiewniki, Poland, Pope John Paul II said, "Like St. Faustina, we wish to proclaim that apart from the mercy of God, there is no other source of hope for mankind. We desire to repeat with faith: Jesus, I trust in you!"

God Bless

Father Robert

NEWS AND EVENTS



Seniors will be meeting this Monday, April 15, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room. Lunch will be served. All seniors are welcome.

St. Elizabeth Gift Store: Religious items are available at the gift shop located in the Parish Center. There is a wonderful selection of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and other sacramental gifts. The gift shop is open Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm and Saturdays 9:00am - 12 noon.

MOMS Group: Join other MOMS for coffee, friendship and fellowship on Tuesdays mornings 9:15-11:15am in the Parish Center, in Room L5 on April 23, May 7, 21 and June 4. There will be a babysitter and a light breakfast will be served. For more information, please contact Holly Kramer at hollyekramer@gmail.com.

Prayer Chain: Become a link in our prayer chain! Once a month a list of those who would like to be remembered in prayer will be mailed to you. The praying is done at home with respect for the confidentiality of those seeking prayer. With prayer, all things are possible. If you would like to join our prayer chain, or have someone prayed for, please contact MaryAnn Musto at the Parish Center, 201-891-1122 ext. 212.



Scan for more information



The Collection for the week ending April 7
Offertory \$16,107 | Online \$8,330 | Total \$24,437

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

9:00am Victor Fabano

5:00pm Robert & Eileen Wojtecki

Sunday, April 14

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Richard Keegan

10:30am John Denise

12:00pm Lucrezia Porta

6:15pm Elizabeth MacCallum,
11th Anniversary

Monday, April 15

7:00am Susan Campbell

9:00am Dr. Richard Botta

Tuesday, April 16

7:00am Kristine & Kevin Fiorentino
(Wedding Anniversary)

9:00am Joseph DiBella

Wednesday, April 17

7:00am Maureen Quinn

9:00am Charlie Landers

Thursday, April 18

7:00am Dylan Macaluso

9:00am Pat Kramer

Frank and Melinda Martone, Daniel
Wilson, Michael Lee, Costanza Joseph
Musacchio, Martin Gately, Dolores
Fumai, Jack Egan, John Dowd,
Marc Capizzi

Friday, April 19

7:00am Attilio Grosso

9:00am Sofia Gamen

Saturday, April 20

9:00am Dominic &

Annette Sblendorio

5:00pm Robert Falvey, Lyn Agresti,

JoAnn Nuzzo, Anthony Calianese,

Ted Allen, Jim McTiernan,

Pat Kramer, Joan Week, Pat Kramer,

Patsy Madden

Sunday, April 21

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Keri Loeffelman

10:30am Frederick A. Edwards Jr.

12:00pm In memory of Philip Mendola

6:15pm Rose Marie Minichetti

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R.C.I.A. Program for next year begins in May. Signup now—
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW? Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include: Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church, baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church, adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so. Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more details contact Father Jae at FrJae@saintelizabeths.org.

2024 Anniversary Masses: The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again recognizing those couples celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of Christian marriage. 2024 Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on June 2, at 12:00 pm for 50 years and May 5, at 12:00 pm for 5 & 25 years. To register, please email Joanne at jcjaravino@saintelizabeths.org.



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest: The essay contest is open to all 8th and 9th graders in the parish. Prizes of \$150, 100, and \$50 will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Submit essays by April 18, to councilessaycontest@gmail.com. *In Biblical times, the only way to "carry" good news was to bring it physically, walking from one place to another. Technological advances, however, have opened up numerous additional communication channels, all of which we can use to amplify the rate at which we spread the Word. In an essay of 1 to 1.5 typed pages in length, consider: **How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?***



Rosary Society: St. Elizabeth Rosary Society will hold its annual retreat at St. Joseph's Shrine, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ on Wednesday, May 8. The bus will leave St. Elizabeth's at 8:00 am and leave the Shrine at 3:00 pm. Father George Klybus, Pastor of the Church of the Nativity will be our presenter. Reservations are \$50.

and your check made out to St. Elizabeth Rosary Society can be left at the Parish Center. If you are planning to attend, please call Ronnie at 201-891-5560 to insure a seat on the bus. All men and women are welcome. Come and treat yourself to a special day.



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

Healing prayers for: Valera Hascup, Alex Chumpitaz

Recently deceased: Kathleen Torell

Memorials for the week of April 14

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Edward Mault
donated by the Smith & Mahoney families

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Marion Reilly
donated by Jennifer Murray



Saint Elizabeth Church

will be hosting
In Person Pre-Cana
Saturday, April 13

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

- The day will begin at 9:00am, we will serve lunch and end with 4:00pm Mass.
- The cut off date for registration is Friday, April 5.
- To sign up for this session go to the link below and following the instructions.



Please scan the
QR Code to register

Go to our website www.Saintelizabeths.org for more details or to register. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Mault-Weir at sharonm@saintelizabeths.org or at 201-406-2411.



Saint Elizabeth Church New Parishioners

WELCOME EVENT

Sunday, April 28
following the 12:00 Noon Mass

Please join us in the gym for lunch and to welcome all new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last few months. Let us celebrate and greet them with joy!



HEALING MASS

Anointing of the sick will be available

Saturday, June 1
at 9:00 AM in Church

"Come To Me, All You Who Are Weary and Burdened."



CORPUS CHRISTI

Procession following the
12 Noon Mass

Sunday, June 2

St. Thomas Aquinas: "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

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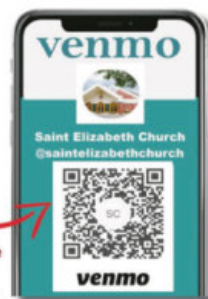
260 families benefited from your generous donations filling the Bags of Hope. In addition, each family received a canned ham to supplement their Easter meal. Bags were distributed to the following local food pantries: St. Mary's Pompton Lakes, St. Anne's Fair Lawn, St. Andrew's Westwood, St. Paul's Ramsey, Families for Families in Wyckoff. Thank you again for contributing to spread Easter joy to those in need.



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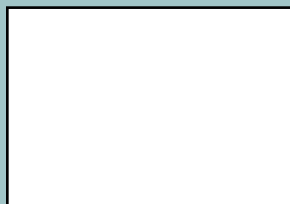
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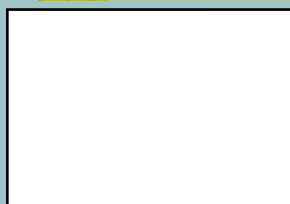
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