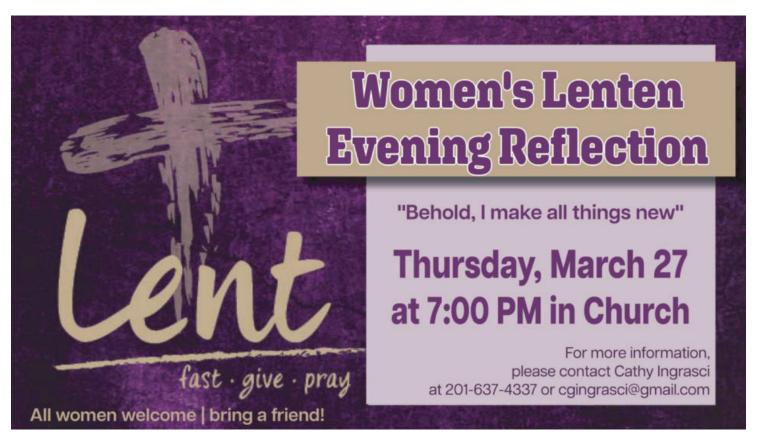


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My dear friends at St. Elizabeth's,

Just before the beginning of Lent, I had the privileged opportunity to go to Rome for two weeks to attend an international conference on the diaconate and then participate in the Jubilee of Deacons. It was part of the yearlong Jubilee Year celebration, Pilgrims of Hope, declared by Pope Francis, which I spoke about in my homily last weekend. On the return 10-hour plan ride, I wrote a reflection. Below is a small excerpt from the reflection.

As I got into the taxicab to begin my journey home from Rome back to New Jersey, I was struck by the sun breaking through the clouds in the early morning over the Eternal City. It seemed to be a defining sign of the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope, with the brilliance of the sun bringing the hope of a new day by dispelling the darkness and early morning gloom. It had been an amazing and inspiring 12-day trip. As I journeyed toward the airport, I felt renewed in faith and full of hope for the future. It had been a transformational pilgrimage for me personally and for my diaconal ministry. It will take me a lifetime to fully unpack the experiences, the places I visited, and the people I met along the way. Throughout the entire pilgrimage, all of Rome – indeed the entire world - was praying in solidarity for the healing and hopeful return of health for our Holy Father.

Throughout my journey I was intrigued with the Pilgrims of Hope logo. It was everywhere, including on the stoles given to us by the Holy Father for the ordination Mass. The logo has four figures configured into a boat. I came to learn they represent all humanity coming from the four corners of the world. Each of the figures is embracing each other as a sign of solidarity and fraternity, united in our common humanity. The figure in front holds a cross which is bent downward towards them representing, through faith, the hope Christ brings to the world and to each of us, a God who bends down to meet us in our trials and difficulties. Underneath the figures are rough waves signifying that life can be difficult. The rough waters can wear us down and even sink us. At the bottom of the cross is an anchor. It symbolizes that vessels, in times of emergency, have a reserve anchor to steady the boat. An anchor of hope. Christ is our anchor of hope!!

The Pilgrims of Hope logo has come to symbolize my own personal journey of faith and hope, not just while I was in Rome, but throughout my entire life. I came to understand we are pilgrims together. A journey of mutual support in fraternity and solidarity sometimes in the rough seas of life. This pilgrimage through time and space taken over the past 67 years of my life also includes my family and friends, my spiritual family at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, and my parish family at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. We are all in this together, journeying in hope to the Heavenly Kingdom. As the boat of life rides the waves, I take great solace in knowing I am not alone. We are traveling together in solidarity and in hope. In the words of Pope Francis:

To Hope is to wait for something that has already been given to us: salvation in the eternal and infinite love of God, that love, that salvation, that gives flavor to our life and that constitutes the cornerstone on which the world remains standing...

Hope is a gift from God given to each of us. Our Lenten journey with Jesus through his passion and death ultimately leads us to the joy of the Easter resurrection and the hope for eternal life. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Hope, may the love of God be poured into our hearts so that we - you and I - can be beacons of hope for our world!

Peace and blessings!

Deacon Andu

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Second Collection: Next weekend our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face, bringing permanent and positive change to their community. Please place your envelope in the collection boxes in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

2025 Annual Appeal: Please respond to the most recent Annual Appeal mailing and join us in supporting the vital ministries that can only be done together. We are grateful to share that we have already received \$39,314 in pledges—thank you to all who have given so generously! Your support of the 2025 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese. Our goal of \$173,643 can only be reached through your generosity and sacrifice. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so today. To make an online gift, please visit rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission. May God bless you abundantly!

Bereavement Ministry: would like to offer their support to anyone who has experienced a loss. We will be in the Good Shepherd Room of the Parish Center on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00pm. No advance registration is required.



The Collection for the week ending March 16 Offertory \$18,708 | Online \$10,995 | Total \$29,703

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 23
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Dorothy Brown
10:30am Francis Rogalski, Sr.
12:00pm Bruna Morson
6:15pm Christine Battafarano

Monday, March 24 7:00am Emily K. Rose 9:00am Stephen Norton

Tuesday, March 25 7:00am Angelo Porcaro 9:00am Gringeri & D'ura family & Friends Living/Deceased

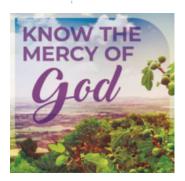
Wednesday, March 26 7:00am Michael Esposito 9:00am Theresa Kuczynski

Thursday, March 27 7:00am Anthony Antonelli 9:00am Paul Vitolo

Friday, March 28 7:00am Joseph Testa 9:00am Kate Joyce

Saturday, March 29 9:00am Marion Reilly 5:00pm Theresa Guglielmo

Sunday, March 30
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Lucille Russo
10:30am John Galiardo
12:00pm Henry D'Alberto



NEWS AND EVENTS

Stations of the Cross: Join us in the church on Friday mornings 8:40am and evenings 7:00pm during Lent. March 28, and April 4 and 11.



Rosary Society: Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 3, at 10:00am in the Elizabeth Room. Father Joseph will be our presenter, and all men and women are welcome to join us.

Additionally, we will hold our annual one-day retreat at St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling, NJ, on Wednesday, May 14. Tickets are \$50, which includes bus transportation and lunch. The bus will depart from St. E's at 8:00am, and Father Vincent D'Agostino will be leading the retreat. Everyone is welcome to attend. To make a reservation, please call Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560. Checks should be made out to "St. Elizabeth Rosary Altar Society" and can be left at the Parish Center.



Prayer Chain: 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 at 201-891-1122 ext. 212 or e-mail mmusto@saintelizabeths.org to join the Prayer Chain or to add an intention.

In need of more minsters to bring Holy Communion to Christian Health: One of the beautiful ministries we have at St. Elizabeth's is our outreach to bring to the residents at Christian Health the Eucharist. This important and vital ministry gives hope to those in desperate need of Jesus Christ. Whenever I visit residents with the Eucharist, I receive many graces, and my heart is filled with hope and joy. This is because God's love is poured not only into the heart of the resident receiving Eucharist, but into my own heart as well. The need for more ministers to continue with this most important ministry of bringing Eucharist, especially on Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, is great and ongoing! If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister serving weekday or on Sunday, perhaps God is moving you towards this ministry. Or if you are not currently a Eucharist Minister, God may be calling you to! If you feel you are being called, please reach out to Deacon Andy before or after Mass or by e-mail at deaconandy@saintelizabeths.org.

Saint Joseph High School invites Flow and Midland Park families to a casual meet-and-greet with Augie Hoffman and Dave Connolly. Join us on Thursday, March 27, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Club 176, located at 176 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff. RSVP is not required. For questions, please contact Dave Connolly at 201-803-0031 or via email at wawbeek37@outlook.com.

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 from 9:00am -4:30pm and Saturdays from 9:00am -12noon.

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

Healing prayers for: Lou Longo, Valera Hascup, Dominick Percoco

Recently deceased: Father Jack O'Connell, Rosanna Hampton, Rita Guiffre, Raymond Chabot

Memorials for the week of March 23

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Rosemarie Elliott given by Claire Sproha

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry or Pasta Dinner Friday, April 11, in the gym Take out 5-5:30 pm pickup 1st seating arrive 6-6:30 pm 2nd seating arrive 7-7:30 pm **Advance Sales Only - Deadline April 9**

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The days of both Fast & Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and (2) smaller meals which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "sub-stantially" or as whole is a serious obligation.
- 3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- 4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.





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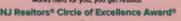
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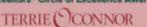
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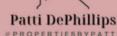
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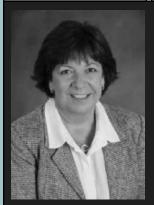
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