



*Congratulations*  
*Elizabeth Eight Award Recipients*  
 November 16, 2025

**Pastor**

Rev. Stephen Fichter

**Parochial Vicars**

Rev. Robert Burkot  
 Rev. Joseph Pavone

**Deacons**

Rev. Mr. Andrew Saunders  
 Rev. Mr. John LaDuca

**Pastoral Coordinator**

Susan Jansson

**Religious Education**

Patricia Khanjian

**Sacramental Coordinator**

Jackie Heemskerk

**Youth Minister**

Sammey Chisholm

**Wedding Coordinators**

Sharon Mault-Weir  
 Marta Yagos

**Director of Communications**  
 Sharon Mault-Weir

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 Lisa Hroncich

**Business Manager**  
 Dan McHugh

**Office Personnel**  
 Joanne Ciaravino  
 Donna Jackson  
 MaryAnn Musto

**Director of Music**  
 Stacie Yao

**Facilities Manager**  
 Joseph Costanzo

**School Principal**  
 Karen Lewis

**Trustee**  
 Helen Van Slyke  
 Edward Meyers

**Masses**

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

**Emergency Number**

201-994-5699

**Bereavement Ministry**

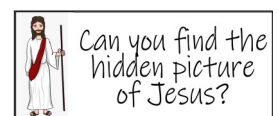
201-891-1122 ext. 266

**Parish Center**

Office: 201-891-1122

**Parish School**

Website: [www.sainte-school.org](http://www.sainte-school.org)  
 Office: 201-891-1481





Dear friends,

With our readings last week centered on the end times and the return of our Lord, it is fitting that this week is the last of our liturgical year. Fortunately, we've known when the end of the year was for quite a while! It allowed us as a parish staff and community to properly plan and be prepared for Advent and the new liturgical year.

I wonder how we would operate differently if we did not know the date. What if we were only given one day to prepare for Advent? Or even just an hour? We would have to drastically change how we do things. It would require us to be very vigilant and flexible and ready to respond. I don't know how successful we would be, but the point is that preparing for the unexpected requires us to drastically change how we live day to day.

As a public safety bomb technician in my former life, can you guess what we spent most of our time doing at work? Training and maintaining our equipment. Through training, we repeatedly simulated realistic scenarios so that we were comfortable performing our tasks under pressure in real world situations. Using our equipment constantly meant that batteries would always need to be charged or replaced, vehicles needed service, supplies needed to be filled, and so on. If we did none of these things, we would simply not be able to perform our mission.

Saint Dominic Savio was only twelve when he met Saint John Bosco, who later recorded a striking moment from Dominic's life. While playing soccer one day, Dominic and his friends were asked what they would do if they had just one hour left to live. The other boys gave answers that included making a confession, doing penance and saying goodbye. But Dominic's answer was, "I would continue playing soccer." That's because he lived his life prepared to meet God. He had no "loose ends to tie up."

I pray that you and your families have a blessed week and a life changing encounter with Jesus Christ this Advent.

God bless,

Deacon John



### NEWS AND EVENTS

**There will be one Mass only at 9:00AM on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. The Parish Center will be closed on those days and reopen on Saturday, November 29.**

**Advent Chocolate Calendars and Blue Books** will be available in the narthex this weekend. Please take one.

**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, December 10, at 7:00 pm. If anyone is interested in attending Bereavement Support Night, please call (201) 891-1122 ext. 266 to make an appointment.



**Gather the Children:** Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on November 23 and December 7, during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children begin in church with their families and are invited to the chapel after the Introductory Rites. They return to the church for celebration of the Eucharist. Any adults who would like to help with "Gather the Children," may contact Donna Gormely at [dgormley27@gmail.com](mailto:dgormley27@gmail.com).

**2025 Advent Giving Tree Ministry** please help us bring Christmas joy to families in need by taking a name from the Christmas Tree in the Narthex or scanning the QR code and filling out an online form and purchasing a gift for that person or family. Please follow the wrapping instructions on the back of the cards, or included in the email you receive in response to your online request. Return your NEW gift WITH THE TAG taped to the OUTSIDE of the package no later than 12pm SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help sort gifts on Saturday or Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>, please call Laurie or Dan Kocher at 201-788-8980, 201-788-5913. Thank you for your help and generosity.



Scan for more information

The Collection for the week ending November 16 will be announced in an upcoming bulletin

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 22

**9:00am** William & Stella Stachielczyk  
(Wedding Anniversary)

**5:00pm** Deceased members of Anello  
& Fontana families

### Sunday, November 23

**7:30am** People of the Parish

**9:00am** Edward Mault Sr. 2nd Anniv.

**10:30am** Narciso & Bruna Morson

**12:00pm** Rosetta Cannizzo

**6:15pm** Mark Cockcroft Jr.,  
Jacqueline Taite

### Monday, November 24

**7:00am** Nancy Anne Cannon

**9:00am** Giovanni & Giuseppina  
Bussanich

### Tuesday, November 25

**7:00am** Helen C. Lovell

**9:00am** Gringeri & D'Ura family &  
Friends Living/Deceased

### Wednesday, November 26

**7:00am** Amanda K.

**9:00am** Maureen & Thomas Farley

### Thursday, November 27

**9:00am** Ashley Giesberg

### Friday, November 28

**9:00am** Marian Oates

### Saturday, November 29

**9:00am** William Galvin

**5:00pm** Joseph & Emily Shadiack

### Sunday, November 30

**7:30am** People of the Parish

**9:00am** Edward Mault Sr. &  
Scott Edward Mault

**10:30am** Emily Renna

**12:00pm** Nicholas Maniaci

**6:15pm** Mark Cockcroft Jr.,  
Jacqueline Taite

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**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](mailto:mmusto@saintelizabeths.org) to join the Prayer Chain or to add an intention.

**O.C.I.A.** Signup now! Are you interested in or do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation)? Candidates include: non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church, baptized adult Christians of other denominations (ex., Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian, etc.), and adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation and wish to do so. Now is a great time to begin the process of becoming a full member of the Catholic Church community. For more information, please contact Father Joseph at [frjoseph@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:frjoseph@saintelizabeths.org).

**New Online Ministry:** Father Robert is leading a new ministry here at St. E's. One of our parishioners, Suzanne DiGeronimo, experienced a stroke a few years ago and now uses a wheelchair. Despite her challenges, she is eager to help others in similar situations. Together, Suzanne and Father Robert have created a supportive online ministry via Zoom for individuals who may feel isolated, even when surrounded by loving family and caregivers. For more information, please contact Father Robert at [frrobert@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:frrobert@saintelizabeths.org).

**Calling all Senior Citizens:** Thanksgiving Dinner at IHA. You're invited to Immaculate Heart Academy's Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner. Please join us on Tuesday, November 25th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the IHA cafeteria for a free Thanksgiving dinner and raffle. Please RSVP by calling 201-445-6800 from 8am-3pm daily, Please do not leave a voicemail.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, from 9:45 am to 11:45 noon in the Elizabeth Room. During these sessions, participants gather to knit or crochet prayer shawls that provide comfort and support to those in need. Everyone is invited to join whether you are an experienced crafter or a beginner looking to learn. For inquiries regarding the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please reach out to Kathy McGarvie at 201-316-4477 or email her at [ktmcgarvie722@optonline.net](mailto:ktmcgarvie722@optonline.net) or call Ellen Glassett at 201-927-0391 or email her at [ellenglassett@gmail.com](mailto:ellenglassett@gmail.com). Donations of yarn and knitting needles, crochet hooks, or any other associated yarn craft notions. (Scissors, tapestry needles, measuring tape etc.) are greatly appreciated!

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

**Healing prayers for:**

**Recently deceased:**

**Memorials for the week of November 23**

**Altar Bread and Wine:** In memory of Katherine & Edward Zaretski  
donated by Jacklyn Glotzbier

**Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine:** In memory of Joseph Fichter  
donated by Elaine Canto

*Advent Evening of Reflection*  
with Cathy Ingrasci

"When God Calls You Out of Your Comfort Zone"

**Monday, December 1**  
**7:00 PM in Church**

All men and women are welcome- bring a friend!  
This event will be livestreamed.



**Saint Elizabeth's  
Charitable Fund**

Help those who have experienced unexpected financial misfortunes due to illness or loss of employment.  
Thank you!

**Giving TUESDAY**  
*Tender hearts making a difference!*  
**DECEMBER 2**

Please look for the banner on our website to contribute on this Giving Tuesday.

*Unexpected Joy*

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**December 6**  
**at 7:00 PM in church**

*Photos with Santa in the gym 6:00 PM*



**Mini Pilgrimage to the Culinary Institute of America**

Experience the CIA with Father Robert at the famous French Restaurant "The Bocusse!"

**Wednesday, December 17**  
**10:00 AM-5:30 PM**

Flyers are available in the narthex or at [saintelizabeths.org](http://saintelizabeths.org)

The bus will leave Saint E's at 10:00 am. Arriving at 11:30 AM for lunch. Followed by a tour at 2:15 pm. The cost is \$125 which includes lunch, tour and transportation. Seating is limited, so please reach out to Joanne at [jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org) to confirm your reservation.



**All 20's and 30's are welcome!**

You're Invited to  
*the Catholic Social Club's*  
**Friendsgiving Dinner**

Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
7:30pm  
St Elizabeth Room

Please let us know of any allergies or intolerances

Please RSVP to [messalinamorley@gmail.com](mailto:messalinamorley@gmail.com)  
by November 17th  
Babysitting Provided




**K of C Coats for Kids Drive**

**Just \$26 per coat**

Your donation will allow the The Knights of Columbus to buy brand new winter coats in bulk for \$26 and distribute them to underprivileged children in northern NJ.

Donations may be made in denominations of \$26 online at [www.kofc13678.org](http://www.kofc13678.org) or by check in any amount sent to the parish center, payable to **St. Elizabeth K of C.**

Gene Gallagher  
Chair 201-264-2256



**St. Elizabeth's Advent Giving Tree**  
will be *Virtual Again!!*

Please visit the St. Elizabeth's website or Facebook page and click on the Giving Tree hyperlink for the digital form or scan the QR code below or in from the poster in the Narthex to complete. There are lots of gift options to choose from. And once you fillout the form you will be contacted by email from a member of the St. E's Giving Tree Ministry.

Or, you can call Laurie and Dan Kocher at **201-670-8038** and they will help you.

**NEW** Drop Off Dates: **Saturday, December 6** from 9:00 am to 5:00pm (or) **Sunday, December 7** from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon  
Drop Off Location: **St. E's rectory garage area.**

Organizations we are collecting for:  
Perpetual Help Day Nursery, St Ann's Church, Christ the King Church, Straight and Narrow, Several Sources Foundation, Oasis and St. Joseph's Parish, Jersey City, Eastern Christian's Retreat, Families for Families.

Thank you for helping to make this Christmas more special to so many!




Save the Date!!!

**Women's Cornerstone XXXI Retreat**

**Saturday March 7, 2026**

*Gathered by Grace,  
Growing in Faith*

