

It's Advent Season at Saint Elizabeth's

December 7, 2025

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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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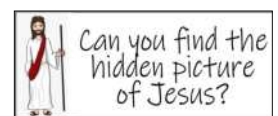
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10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1- Happy New Year!!! I'm welcoming in the beginning of the "new liturgical year"—the first Sunday of Advent! Being a Christian means to me, in this day and age, that we always have a permanent Advent quality, which is a vigil quality. We are waiting, watching; we want something we don't fully have.

The first candle of Advent, known as the Prophet's Candle, symbolizes hope and represents the anticipation of Christ's coming, recalling the prophecies (especially from the Book of Isaiah) about the Messiah. It is typically lit on the first Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of the season of preparation for Christmas.

The three dimensions of advent are: **first**, that the Lord came in history is true, **second**, the Lord will definitely come at the end time, and **third**, the Lord is coming even now. The risen Lord wants to take up residence in us, today. Isaiah's connection to the story of Jesus seems particularly strong in the Advent and Christmas seasons. Even the prophet's name, Isaiah, means "Yahweh saves", and foretells the Christmas story. He is a prophet of hope and new beginnings. In particular, he speaks of the birth of a new king who will be a "Wonderful Counselor" and "Prince of Peace." Isaiah's own prophetic eye may have looked no further than the birth of Ahaz's son Hezekiah, who did turn out to be one of the better kings of Judah. But Christians have seen in his words a foretelling of the birth of Jesus.

While we are still in the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025- January 6, 2026, a special time declared by Pope Francis, I invite all the faithful to embark on a journey of hope and reflection. Let us reorder our lives, focusing on themes of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and spiritual renewal, with special attention to community and kindness. These are gifts that are central to the Advent message of preparing one's heart for the coming of Christ.

Amen

Father Robert

NEWS AND EVENTS

Food bags: Bags will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please return your filled bag next weekend and place it in the food truck which will be parked in front of the Church.



Holy Day of Obligation: On Monday, December 8, we will honor the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, Mary. The Mass schedule for that day is as follows: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 noon, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Parish Center will be closed.

Hour of Grace: Fr. Robert will host an Hour of Grace Devotion at St. Elizabeth's Church on Monday, December 8, beginning at 1:00 pm (immediately following the 12:00 noon Mass) to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Special Collection: A collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will take place this weekend, December 6-7. Your generous contribution will help provide necessities such as medications and nursing care, ensuring younger members can continue the important work of their elders.

Bambinelli Sunday: All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their nativity set for a special blessing during the weekend of December 13-14.



Rosary Society Christmas Party: will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 10:00 am in the Elizabeth Room. If you are able to join us, please bring a wrapped \$10.00 gift for our gift exchange. Also, we will be collecting a free-will offering that will be donated to Calvary Hospital in New York City. You don't have to be a formal member to attend. All women and men are welcome. Please call Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560 if you have any questions about the event.



The Collection for the week ending November 30
 Offertory \$19,168 | Online \$9,077 | Total \$28,245

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6

9:00am Thomas Daly, 99th bday

5:00pm Philip Veli

Sunday, December 7

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Maureen Farley

10:30am Frieda Giralomo happy-bday

12:00pm Carmela Sature

6:15pm Mark Cockcroft Jr.,

Jacqueline Taite

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of Mary

7:00am Maureen Sheehan

9:00am Patrick C. Sheridan

12:00pm Kathleen Finnegan

4:00 pm Mark Greenberg

7:00 pm Eileen Dowling

Tuesday, December 9

7:00am Margaret & Harold Bell &

Bonnie Bell Girli

9:00am Kathleen Finnegan

Wednesday, December 10

7:00am Adriana Belocura Bolabola

9:00am Rudi Draudin

Thursday, December 11

7:00am Karin, David, James

& Kelly Nother

9:00am John Casey

Friday, December 12

7:00am Harry Ciarleglio Jr.

9:00am Frank Traina-6th Ann.

Saturday, December 13

9:00am Rev. Msgr. John Casey

5:00pm Elliot Porter, Joan Mazor,

Robert Fogerty, Jeffrey P Oxnard,
Happy belated birthday, Nelson Felix,

Rachel Ribauda, Kathleen Finnegan,

Dorothy Ackert, Robert Auger

Sunday, December 14

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Sandra Wotanowski

10:30am Paul Vitolo

12:00pm Narciso & Bruna Morson

6:15pm Mark Cockcroft, Jr.

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

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.



Packathon Thank You: The Packathon Committee would like to thank all involved in this year's packathon. During the two days of packing 491 men, women and children volunteered to pack 69,000 meals for the poor in Haiti through Holy Name's hospital in Haiti. Special thanks to Fr. Stephen for his continued support every year for this project. In the three years we have done the packathon at St E's 1,236 volunteers have packed 234,240 meals for the poor, meals that are greatly needed. Thank you again and we look forward to another successful packathon next year.

St. Elizabeth Christmas Gift Store: St. Elizabeth's Gift Shop is located in the Parish Center and is open during normal business hours. The gift shop will also be in the Narthex on the weekends of December 6 -7 and 13-14.



REMINDER - 2025 Advent Giving Tree **PLEASE return ALL Gifts This Weekend!**

Please drop off your gifts at the St. E's garage area adjacent to the Rectory on either Saturday December 6th between 9AM and 5PM, or Sunday December 7th between 8AM and 12PM. Please remember to tape the card, or attach a label with the gift identification code, to the outside of the package. The gifts you donate will be delivered to the various organizations that following week. Please call Dan or Laurie Kocher (201-788-5913 or 201-788-8980) with any questions. **Thank you for your help and generosity. Merry Christmas to you and your families!**

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 ktmgarvie722@optonline.net or call Ellen Glassett at 201-927-0391 or email her at ellenglassett@gmail.com. Donations of yarn and knitting needles, crochet hooks, or any other associated yarn craft notions. (Scissors, tapestry needles,



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

Memorials for the week of December 7

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Light & Candles on the Altar:

In memory of Carmela Sature, donated by the Minichetti family

Flowers for the Holy Family Shrine:

In memory of Kevin Barry Oates Jr., donated by the LIGHT Ministry



ADVENT TALK

and Penance Service
with **Father Nick Sertich**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 PM in Church

Preaching at Mass on Sunday, December 14
"Voice in the Wilderness: Using our Words to Prepare the Way of the Lord"
In church | All are welcome | Live stream



ST. ELIZABETH'S
Mom's Group
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2025 Meetings

Thursday, December 11
9:30-11:00am at the
Parish Center
Advent Wreath
Workshop



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!



Mini Pilgrimage to the Culinary Institute of America

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

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 AM-5:30 PM

Flyers are available in the narthex or at 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 jcjarvino@saintelizabeths.org to confirm your reservation.



Christmas Caroling & Bonfire

December 21 at 7:00PM

Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share
Hot chocolate will be served

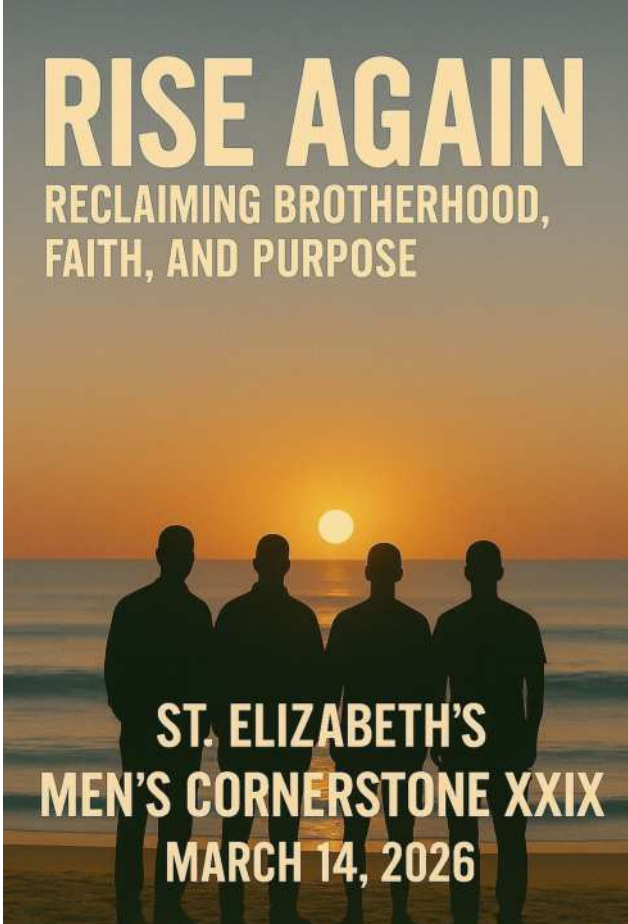


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Women's Cornerstone XXXI Retreat

Saturday March 7, 2026

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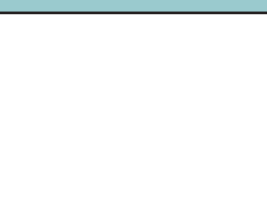
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