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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 8, 2026

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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

Emergency Number

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Bereavement Ministry

201-891-1122 ext. 266

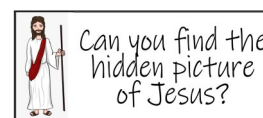
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Dear friends,

Last Sunday’s Gospel placed us on the mountain with Jesus as He opened His Sermon on the Mount. Among the Beatitudes, one line often feels heavy rather than hopeful: “Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.” At first glance, it can sound like a contradiction. How can mourning be a blessing?

The image of Humpty Dumpty helps us sit with that tension. His fall leaves him broken, scattered, beyond repair. The tragedy isn’t only that he fell, but that no amount of human effort could make him whole again. The king’s horses and men could do nothing but stand and look. It’s an image many of us recognize, not from a nursery rhyme, but from our own

lives. We know what it feels like to look at something shattered: a relationship, a community, a dream, even our own hearts.

Jesus does not deny that brokenness. In fact, the Beatitudes name it directly. Each one begins with a present pain and ends with a future promise. Jesus tells us the truth about the middle of the story. It can be hard but He also tells us how the story ends. Mourning is not just grief over death; it is sorrow over sin, over injustice, over violence, over a world that is not yet what God intends it to be. To mourn is to refuse to become numb. And here is the blessing: God does not ask us to fix everything ourselves. He asks us to bring Him what is broken. The promise attached to this Beatitude is not vague encouragement or self-help optimism. It is personal and intimate: they will be comforted. God Himself draws near. He is the One who gathers what we cannot, who heals what we cannot reach, who promises to wipe away every tear.

Even now, we receive glimpses of that future comfort in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in prayer, and in quiet moments when we allow God to sit with us in our sorrow. Mourning, when brought to God, softens our hearts and expands our compassion. It keeps us human.

Maybe something for us to try this week: take one specific sorrow, personal or communal, and name it honestly before God in prayer. Don’t solve it. Don’t minimize it. Simply place it in His hands and ask for the grace to trust His promise.

God bless,

Deacon John

NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Book 2027 will open on Tuesday, February 17, at 1: 30pm. Please go to our website www.saintelizabeths.org and click on 2027 Mass Intention. There are easy instructions for reserving and paying for your Mass card online.

SES 50/50 Tickets for the 2026 Moonlight Magic Gala are on sale this weekend! Tickets are \$100 each. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. See us in the narthex to get your ticket (s) today! If you want to attend our 2026 Moonlight Magic Gala on March 21st at Indian Trail Club at 6:30 pm, you may purchase tickets at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Kkk/>. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Maloof at mmaloof44@gmail.com.

Bereavement Ministry offers support and comfort to anyone who has experienced a loss. If anyone is interested in attending Bereavement Support Night on February 11, 7:00pm at the Parish Center, please call (201) 891-1122 Ext. 266 to make an appointment.

Scripture Sharing Group: If you want your mornings filled with conversational prayer, spiritual and philosophical questions, and want to meet new friends, join us in the Parish Center on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11am in the St. Francis Room. All are welcome. Please contact Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891- 5560 if you have any questions.

Gather the Children: Children’s Liturgy of the Word will take place on February 22, 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.



The Collection for the week ending February 1
Offertory \$20,748 | Online \$11,797 | Total \$32,545

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 7

9:00am Walter P. Humak

5:00pm Kristen DiCicco

Sunday, February 8

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Giulio Hroncich

10:30am Chris Gaertner, 18th Anniv.

12:00pm Barbara Sferrazza

6:15pm Donald Crowley

Monday, February 9

7:00am Paul Caruso

9:00am Michelle Brancato

Tuesday, February 10

7:00am Edward Zaretski

9:00am Joseph Inserro, David Schuster
Joseph & Aurelia Balzano, Gringeri & D'ura
family & friends living deceased,
Jennifer Hadley, Dan Usuriello, George
Bernard, Francis Imbriale, Richard Wirth,
Assunta Grassi

Wednesday, February 11

7:00am Jennie Leone, 1st Anniversary

9:00am Jennie Marie Leone, 1st Ann.

Thursday, February 12

7:00am Karin, David, James
& Kelly Nother

9:00am Tommy FitzPatrick

Friday, February 13

7:00am Margaret & Harold Bell
& Bonnie Bell Girli

9:00am Marian Chisholm

Saturday, February 14

9:00am Adelia Lobaton

5:00pm Ashley Giesberg

Sunday, February 15

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Jennie Leone

10:30am St. Elizabeth's Staff

12:00pm Philip Veli

6:15pm Peter Redmond

NEWS AND EVENTS



The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work

that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.



2026 Anniversary Masses: The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again recognizing those couples celebrating of the 5th, 25th, or 50th year of Christian marriage. **IMPORTANT:** This year there will be ONE anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties. This liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. All family members are welcome! It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th Catholic wedding anniversary be present at this special liturgy. The presence of these couples and their families will be a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. To register, please contact, Jenn at the Parish Center at 201-891-1122 ext. 260.



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, from 9:45 am to 11:45 noon in the St. Francis 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 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, measuring tape etc.) are greatly appreciated!



Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be distributed during the Masses and Prayer Services at the following times: Mass at 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM, Prayer Service at 12 Noon, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM.

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

Memorials for the week of February 8

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Joseph Fichter
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Women's Cornerstone XXXI Retreat

Saturday March 7, 2026

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Questions? Please contact Amanda DeFeo
201-739-6060 or email wcs@saintelizabeths.org

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*Mom's
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Schedule

Thursday January 22, 2026: 9:30-11am
at the Parish Center Craft Project

Thursday February 5, 2026: 9:30-11am
at the Parish Center
Reflective Conversation led by Father Joseph

Thursday March 12, 2026: 9:30-11am
at the Parish Center Service Project
for Covenant House
New Jersey

Thursday April 16, 2026: 9:30-11am
at the Parish Center Craft led by
Susan Jansson

Interested in babysitting during the Mom's Group Meetings?
Contact Emily Mosera at
emilyannemosera@gmail.com



Saint Elizabeth's

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(ages 2-5)

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KORNER**

Contact supervisors
Sabrina Bush at
sbush@sainte-school.org
and Jen Burgess at
jburgess@sainte-school.org
with inquiries.

We invite your children to join us in worship while you attend Sunday's 10:30 mass.

- Parents can drop their potty-trained preschoolers off at the Youth Room below the Church for 10:15 check-in. Pick-up is after mass.
- For the months of January-March, Kidz Korner will take place on the following dates:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1** **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8** **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 **SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

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MEN'S CORNERSTONE XXIX
MARCH 14, 2026

Safe Environment Corner

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The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at

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