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Palm Sunday of our Lord Jesus

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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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Bereavement Ministry

201-891-1122 ext. 266

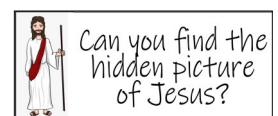
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Dear Friends,

I have always been particularly moved by the rhythm of the events of Holy Week. Today, on Palm Sunday, our Lord is hailed as the Messiah as He enters Jerusalem amidst shouts of joy. In the background, however, there is an eerie feeling knowing what lies ahead in the coming days. No matter how many times I experience Holy Week, I both dread and eagerly anticipate Good Friday. I dread Good Friday because it hurts my heart to mourn His terrible suffering and death each year, and yet I know it is only through the Cross that He defeats death and rises victorious in the Resurrection on Sunday. The two events cannot be separated. As they say, there is no glorious Easter Sunday without the sorrowful Good Friday.

Last week, our Gospel passage told the story of Jesus raising His friend Lazarus from the tomb after four days. His sisters, Martha and Mary, were terribly distraught at what they perceived as Jesus' delayed response to the news of their brother's death and believed their brother could have been healed. It is fascinating to think that Jesus waited four days to ensure that everyone knew Lazarus was indeed dead. Jews believed that the soul lingered near the body for three days after death, and by the fourth day the reality of death was undeniable. The fact that Jesus wept upon arriving should be very reassuring to us. He is fully human as well as fully divine, and He chose to enter into our suffering, experiencing the same emotions that we do.

This is the perfect time of year to reflect on life and death, especially as many of us mourn the loss of a loved one—the sense of emptiness left behind and the search for comfort that might ease the pain. There are no words or material things that can fully heal a broken heart, but through our Blessed Lord we have hope. Our hope is in Him—that death is not the end and that the sorrow we suffer now will one day give way to joy when He calls each of us, “Come out!” Let us enter into Holy Week with that beautiful gift of hope and with the words we recite every Sunday at Mass: I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Peace,

Deacon John

“The world is thy ship, not thy home.” — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

NEWS AND EVENTS



Food bag handout date change: Due to the Easter holiday, the food bags will not be handed out on Sunday, April 5. Instead, the bags will be distributed on the weekend of April 11- 12, and they should be returned by Sunday, April 19.

Mass Book 2027 is open: 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.

Easter Flowers: As we journey through this Lenten season, our thoughts are often of our loved ones who have gone before us. Using your Easter Flower envelope to donate to the beautiful Easter plants and flowers on our altar is a wonderful way to remember them. A memorial list with the names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. Flower envelopes are in your March packet or may be obtained in Church.



Spring Bereavement Support Groups will begin in the morning and in the evening on Tuesday, April 14th. Both groups will run for eight consecutive Tuesday mornings and evenings respectively. The program features a series of reflections, educational and sharing activities to assist in accepting the reality of loss and the pain of grief, as well as adjusting to life without the deceased. Please call 201-891-1122 ext. 266 for more information and to register in advance.

Parish Mission Statement: Nourished by the Eucharist, we embrace Christ's call to a life of service and tenderness. As a welcoming and compassionate Roman Catholic community, we strive to reflect Jesus' mercy and loving kindness. Guided by the Gospel, we foster a spirit of faith and generosity that nurtures spiritual growth, unity, and a commitment to serving others, especially those on the peripheries of society, in imitation of our patron, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary.

The Collection for the week ending March 22
Offertory \$16,451 | Online \$10,962 | Total \$27,413

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28

9:00am Denis Phalon

5:00pm Francis Rogalski

Sunday, March 29

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Diane Ramp

10:30am Theresa Guglielmo

12:00pm Ingrid Eggert

6:15pm Rita Giuffre

Monday, March 30

7:00am Susan Schwartz

9:00am Denis Phalon

Tuesday, March 31

7:00am Deborah Sudol

9:00am Brian McKinley, Elizabeth

Czerniawski, Wilkency McGuckin,

Cissy Rendine, Florence Voorhis Benda,

John Weis, living & deceased members of

the Cusmano family, the Melber family,

living & deceased members of the Nobile

family, deceased members of the Massa

Crupi Family

Wednesday, April 1

7:00am Luz Maria Guiavssi

9:00am Mary Columbo

Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00am Prayer Service

7:30pm Michael J. Novack III,

Denis Phalon

Good Friday, April 3

9:00am Morning Prayer

12noon Way of the Cross

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

7:00pm *Tenebrae Service*

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00am Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil Mass

8:00pm Frank Reynolds, Thomas &

Maureen Farley, Blessings for the family

of Maria & John Sedlack

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Edward Mault Sr.

& Scott Edward Mault

10:30am Ashley Giesberg, 3rd, Ann.

12:00pm Fox & McManus families


NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

Rosary Society: St. Elizabeth's Rosary Altar Society will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 16 in the Elizabeth Room. The meeting will feature rosary making instructions led by Nanette Harris, the creator of thousands of giveaways rosaries over the years. All supplies will be provided. All men and women, members and nonmembers are welcome. Please contact Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560 if you have any questions.

Bereavement Ministry offers support and comfort to anyone who has experienced a loss. If anyone is interested in attending Bereavement Support Night on April 8, 7:00pm at the Parish Center, please call (201) 891-1122 Ext. 266 to make an appointment.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 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 kmcgarvie722@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!

 **The Orchestra Inside the Organ:** Our Director of Music, Stacie Yao, will perform an organ recital at the cathedral at 12 noon, on April 29, as part of the "Wednesdays at Noon" concert series. The program, "The Orchestra Inside the organ" explores the remarkable range of the pipe organ, including the beloved Spring from The Four Seasons. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jenn at Jennr@saintelizabeths.org or 201-891-1122 ext. 260. If there is enough interest, we may organize a parish trip to the cathedral.

St. E's Homebound/Disabled Online Ministry beginning in March: 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 To sign-up, please contact Jenn at Jennr@saintelizabeths.org or 201-891-1122 ext 260.

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

Memorials for the week of March 29

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of John Hughes
donated by Cathy & Pete Ingrassi

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Guy & Mabel Accettura
donated by the Accettura family

Sanctuary Light: In memory of Joseph Coyle
donated by the Gather the Children team

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday
April 3 at 7:00 PM
In Church and Livestream

EASTER EGG HUNT

Ages 1-12

Sunday April 5
11:30 AM at the backfield

Bring your Easter baskets

Questions | contact Martha Wood | 917- 647-9567 | Martha1031@aol.com



Saint Elizabeth Church Music Notes

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,” - Ephesian 5:19

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ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS 2026



1. 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.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence “substantially” 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, February 22, 2026 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.

*Canon 920. §1 All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Chrim Mass

Monday, March 30 at 8 pm (Cathedral in Newark)

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday April 2

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday April 3

9:00 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Way of the Cross—Family Service

3:00 pm Lord’s Passion

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday April 4

9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Blessing of Food Baskets

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 5

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon

(please note there will not be a 6:15 pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

Join Broadway sensation Ciarán Sheehan & friends for a wonderful night of Broadway favorites!

Ciarán Sheehan

Saturday, April 11
at 7:00 PM in Church

A native of Dublin, Ireland, Ciarán Sheehan is an acclaimed tenor and actor best known for his portrayal of the Phantom in The Phantom of the Opera, which he performed over 1,000 times on Broadway and in Toronto.

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