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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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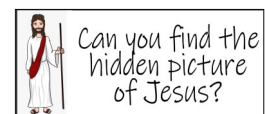
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Dear friends,

As we continue to reflect on what it means to walk with the Risen Christ during this Easter season, it is worth noting something that occasionally surfaces in our wider community. You may have seen advertisements for local events offering psychic readings or similar experiences. While these are often presented as harmless or entertaining, the Church offers clear and consistent guidance on these practices out of concern for our spiritual well-being. Father Stephen and I speak more about it in this Monday's weekly video.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "all forms of divination are to be rejected," including recourse to mediums, clairvoyance, or any attempt to "unveil" the future apart from God (CCC 2116). It further explains that such practices "conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings," and can reflect a deeper temptation to seek knowledge or control that properly belongs to God alone. In a similar way, the Church cautions against turning to hidden or spiritual forces outside of God's revelation.

In speaking about this, it is also important to be clear that there can be real spiritual dangers involved. When we open ourselves to practices that seek power or knowledge apart from God, we risk inviting influences into our lives that do not come from Him. Even when something appears benign or accurate on the surface, it does not necessarily mean it is good or from God. For this reason, the Church consistently calls her children to avoid these practices altogether, not out of fear, but out of a desire to safeguard our relationship with the Lord.

At its heart, this teaching is not simply a prohibition, but an invitation to a different way of living. As Christians, we are not meant to decode the future, but to entrust it to the Lord. We are invited to bring our questions, our uncertainties, and even our anxieties to Him in prayer, to seek wisdom through Sacred Scripture, and to remain close to the sacraments, where God's grace is given to us in real and tangible ways.

In a world that often encourages us to seek certainty and control, this can be a challenge. Yet the path of faith is always one of trust. The Lord does not reveal everything to us at once, but He does promise to be with us in all things. When we resist the urge to grasp at hidden knowledge and instead place our confidence in Him, we discover a deeper freedom, the freedom to walk forward with peace, knowing that our lives are held securely in His hands.

God bless,

Deacon John

NEWS AND EVENTS

Special Collection: This weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the US and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. You may drop your envelope in one of the collection boxes located in the narthex.

Bereavement Ministry offers support and comfort to anyone who has experienced a loss. If anyone is interested in attending Bereavement Support Night on May 12, 7:00pm at the Parish Center, please call (201) 891-1122 Ext. 266 to make an appointment.

Prayer Chain: Would you like to join our Prayer Chain Ministry? 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. Call the Parish Office at 201891-1122 ext. 212 or e-mail mmusto@saintelizabeths.org to join the Prayer Chain or to add an intention.

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.

The Collection for the week ending April 19
Offertory \$14,633 | Online \$11,927 | Total \$26,560

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

9:00am Filomena Varuzza

5:00pm Joseph Kroth 10th Anniv.

Sunday, April 26

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Harry & Terry Norton
Wedding Anniv.

10:30am Fr. Jack O'Connell

12:00pm Daniel Giletta

6:15pm Kenneth Reidinger

Monday, April 27

7:00am Elaine Saunders 1st Anniv.

9:00am Steven Odierno

Tuesday, April 28

7:00am Joan Baldassare

9:00am Fred Mazzilli, Jack Flaherty,
Alex Zack, Joseph Fichter

Wednesday, April 29

7:00am Giovanni Bussanich

9:00am Barbara Daly

Thursday, April 30

7:00am James & Margaret Pressimone

9:00am Mary K Molloy

Friday, May 1

7:00am Dorothy & Andrew Marsico

9:00am Raffaele Errigo

Saturday May 2

9:00am Helen Lovell

5:00pm Giulio Hroncich

Sunday, May 3

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am Gloria & George Barton

10:30am Wilfred Ryan

12:00pm Josephine Acocella

6:15pm Thomas Chisholm

NEWS AND EVENTS



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.



O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: OCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. IS OCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW? Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The OCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include: Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church, baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church, adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so. Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more details contact Father Joseph at Frjoseph@saintelizabeths.org.

Mother's Day Memorial Cards: If you wish to have your mother (living or deceased) remembered during the Masses for Mother's Day, Mass cards will be available in the Parish Office and should be returned to the Parish Office Monday – Friday from 9am -5pm and Saturday from 9am -12pm.

Rosary Society Annual Retreat: The annual one day retreat will be at St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling, NJ on Wednesday, May 13. Tickets are \$50, which includes bus transportation and a luncheon. Bus will be at St. E's at the Parish Center at 8am and will leave about 8:15 am. Our own Father Joseph Pavone will be our presenter. All are welcome to attend. To make a reservation and assure a bus seat, please call Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560 as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to "St. Elizabeth Rosary Altar Society" and may be left at the Parish Center. Come and treat yourself to a special day!



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest: The annual Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all 8th, 9th, and 10th graders in the parish and school. Prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be awarded to the top three finalists. Essays will be judged on content, clarity, content and organization. Submit 1 to 1.5-page essays to council-lessaycontest@gmail.com by May 7. The topic is: Discuss your favorite Pope, and why you find him inspiring.

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

Healing prayers for: Louis Longo

Memorials for the week of April 26

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Rosemarie DePhillips
donated by Roberta Roche Flannery

Candles on the Altar & Flowers for Holy Family Shrine:
In memory of Jossy Thomas, 1st Anniversary
donated by Ushma & boys

Sanctuary Light & Flower Fund: In memory of Daniel Giletta



CALLED BY NAME

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN IN
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

April 25 – 26 Is Called by Name Sunday!

Cardinal Tobin is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-35) who exhibit a love of God and neighbor, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To **submit names, please visit** newarkpriest.com. The men whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Cardinal Tobin, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team.

The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

MAY CROWNING

to celebrate the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of us all

Sunday, May 10



Immediately following the 10:30am Mass we will process to the Fatima Grotto for song and prayer as we crown Our Lady's statue to show our love and gratitude.

First Communicants dressed in their 1st Communion attire will lead the Procession.



CORPUS CHRISTI

Procession following the
12 Noon Mass

Sunday, June 7

St. Thomas Aquinas: "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

JOIN THE



For grades 1-6.

Practice on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:45 pm

For more information, please contact
Stacie at Syao@saintelizabeths.org



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of NEWARK

Save the Date!



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.B.
Archbishop of Newark
Celebrate

Thanksgiving Mass for the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

All Are Invited to this Archdiocesan Celebration

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Newark, New Jersey

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Friday, June 12, 2026 • 7:30 p.m.



Let Your Voice Be Heard!

New Choir Members Welcome

Rehearsals Wednesday 7:30 PM to 9 PM in the choir room
Contact Stacie at syao@saintelizabeths.org
All parishioners are invited to sing with us!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER

April is
Child Abuse Prevention Month

Access information and resources for
parents, guardians, and children from the
Department for the Protection of the Faithful



Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse by calling our coordinator at 201-407-3256.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. To report abuse, please visit reportbishopabusde.org or call 800-276-1562.



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