

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

January 14, 2019 – January 20, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, January 14 ~

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Maria Stella Napolitano L

Tuesday, January 15 ~

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Lorraine De Marfio †

Wednesday, January 16 ~

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Victor Emodi †

Thursday, January 17 ~ St. Anthony

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Julia & Patrick Mc Croy †

Friday, January 18 ~

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Dorothy Steele Calder †

Saturday, January 19 ~

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Crino Family †

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Edward Kalafsky †

Sunday, January 20 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Robert Esposito †

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Ann Buttacavoli †

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Louis N. Morandi †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: The Pino Family L/†

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill in our parish: Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Mike Tocci, Mary Hanlon, Charlie Blake, Barbara Ryan, Collin Perrone, Mary Christensen, Joanna Jasontek, Ginny Jones, Edward Rowan, Michael Marotta, Michelle Diebler, Bill Zeitler, Larry Thornton and Regina Fielding

To add a name please call the Parish Office.

For the recently deceased: Luigi Crisci and Josie Barresi

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13TH – JANUARY 20TH



The Altar Bread and Wine at
St. Brigid Church are being offered
For the Special Intentions of
Mary Jane Semcer

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others.”

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 19, 2019

St. Brigid----- 5:00 PM

(E) Jennifer D'Andrea (R) Carl Roselle

(A) Assistance Needed

St. Elizabeth ----- 6:30 PM

(E) Kathryn Blejwas (R) Assistance Needed

(A) Assistance Needed

Sunday, January 20, 2019

St. Brigid----- 7:30 AM

(E) Pat Riedel (R) Assistance Needed

(A) Ray Sternick

St. Elizabeth ----- 8:30 AM

(E) Kathy Spinda (R) Joanne Howe

(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid----- 9:30 AM

(E) Aida Diaz (R) Jim Turner

(A) Assistance Needed

St. Elizabeth ----- 10:30 AM

(E) Fred Grigni (R) Assistance Needed

(A) Assistance Needed

St. Brigid----- 11:30 AM

(E) Donna Agostino (R) Assistance Needed

(A) Nicoletta Agostino

Please call the Parish Office (908-234-1265) to assist ASAP.

THANK YOU

Thank
You

We are deeply grateful to the many parishioners who offered their prayers, best wishes and many kind gifts during the Christmas season.

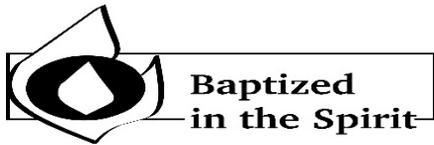
We pray for God's richest blessings upon you and your families as we enter into the New Year 2019. May God bless you now and forever! Monsignor Puleo, Father Hillier, and Father Hesketh

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 14-22, 2019



9 Days for Life is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions.

Sign up to receive the novena through a free app, daily emails, or daily text messages. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up and for information on how else you can get involved!



**Baptized
in the Spirit**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

ST. ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

Parish Group	Contact Name and E-mail
Bible Study/Book Club	Sr. Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC AdultEd@sainteb.org
Choir	Mary Lieberman Choir@sainteb.org
Couples in Christ	Gabriella Daus ParishLife@sainteb.org
Daughters of Mary	Barbara Peterson Daughters_of_Mary@sainteb.org
Knights of Columbus	Abe Van Beveren III kofc11386@gmail.com or KofC@sainteb.org
Lectio Divina	Men: Jerry Tutak Lectio_M@sainteb.org Women: Denise O'Callaghan Lectio@sainteb.org
Parish Pastoral Council	Vera Ricciardi-Zachman PastoralCouncil@sainteb.org
RCIA	Margaret Mulrooney ParishLife@sainteb.org
Religious Education	Denise O'Callaghan RelEd@sainteb.org
Reverence for Life	Kathy Marie Denuel RevforLife@sainteb.org
St. Vincent de Paul	Denise O'Callaghan Svdp@sainteb.org

Or contact the parish office at 908-234-1265

PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Week 24 "My auditory functions are done developing and my inner ear has grown to its full size. That means that when people talk, I can hear them completely. I enjoy the sounds of my parents' voices and even the sounds of music and rain. It's wonderful to know that hearing is just one of the many precious gifts that God will give me throughout my lifetime. Please pray that I will experience the most precious gift of all, LIFE."

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT-A-BABY

Pray for Unborn Human Life



I, _____, will pray daily: Jesus, Mary and Joseph
I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

-- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

SAINT PETER'S GIANNA CENTER

The Saint Peter's Gianna Center located in New Brunswick, NJ is dedicated to offering truly prolife women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Please contact us at 732-565-5490 or visit us at: <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/> for more information.

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS



Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

LIFE BRINGS JOY!

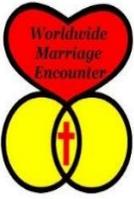
Adoption: Sharing New Life & Bringing Joy



For each child who is available for adoption in the U.S., approximately 36 couples are waiting, hoping and praying for a chance to adopt. Open adoption

helps pregnant women choose from dozens of approved families waiting to adopt. Contact arrangements with the adopting family are flexible and can be changed over time. Adoption services are free, and many expenses through pregnancy are covered through the adoption process. Adoption isn't "giving your baby away." Learn about Open Adoption in confidence at 800-923-6784. [www.LifetimeAdoption.com]

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 25-27, 2019.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

RETRouvaille

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 8-10, 2019. All inquiries are confidential. For further facts, Contact the Family Life Office, (732) 243-4573, Rick (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno, (732)672-0748.

SAVE THE DATE!

Comedy Night

Sponsored by Daughters of Mary

Friday, February 22, 2019 Doors Open 6:30 PM

\$35 per person (21 and over)

BYOB, 50/50 raffle

Price of ticket includes appetizer & Italian buffet dinner

3 Comedians

St. Brigid Parish in St. Patrick Hall

129 Main Street
Peapack, NJ

Name(s): _____

Contact: _____

Number of tickets @\$35.00 per ticket: _____

Cash or checks accepted payable to Daughters of Mary

Drop in collection basket or at Parish Office (908.234.1265)

LIGHTING OUR HEARTS ON FIRE



WHY a Consecration?

Because we need renewal.

“The time is ripe for renewal,” states Bishop James Checchio in his pastoral letter, *Lighting a fire in the heart of our world*. After making a personal visit to all ninety parishes during his first year as shepherd of the Diocese of Metuchen, the bishop noted the numerous graces and blessings bestowed upon his flock, as well as symptoms of illness

within the fold - many of the baptized are far from God and are not living vibrant faith lives with true apostolic zeal. (Only 15% of the baptized in the Diocese are practicing the Faith.)

Bishop Checchio's intention for this consecration is to ask for the graces needed for a New Evangelization and he is placing it under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He wants it to stir up **an increased holiness of life, a renewed commitment to living the Gospel message to the full, and the enthusiastic willingness, among the faithful, to share that message with others.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

All 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

ICE SKATING!

Friday, January 25th



Ice Skating at the Bridgewater Sports Arena

Friday, January 25th, 2019

We'll hop on the bus at St. Brigid at 6:30pm and return by 10pm.

Download your form at boldym.com/SESB/forms. Please return the form to the parish office with a \$30 check to St. Brigid Church by Tuesday, January 22nd.

BOLD & MIDDLE

Ramil Caragay
(908) 443-1802
SESB@boldym.com

PROJECT RACHEL

Are you suffering after an Abortion? Help is available! If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300. or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, DC



Pro-Life advocates from around the country will gather in Washington, DC, to seek change for the right to human life on the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on *Roe v. Wade* on **Friday, January 18, 2019**.

Please note: The March will not be held on the actual anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The March for Life Rally will take place at noon at 12th St. on the National Mall, in between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets at approximately 1 PM. Please check: www.marchforlife.org for more information. Busses will leave locally from the following locations:

Annandale - Immaculate Conception

Contact: Bill Smith • (908) 797-7359

Somerville - Immaculate Conception

Contact: Kevin Dugan • (908) 788-7736

Basking Ridge - St. James

Contact: Paul • (908) 917-2227

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE



Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member, or a friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 AM followed by daily Mass. For information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, (732) 529-7932. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email Adoration@diometuchen.org.



RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON, NJ

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11 AM and ends at 1 PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2 – 2:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS AND PRO-VITA AWARDS

All are welcome to attend the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Bishop Checchio will present the 2019 Pro-Vita awards to:

Patricia Daly of Immaculate Conception in Annandale who is being recognized for her dedication to promoting the sanctity of human life at all stages;

Carolyn Glodek of St. John Vianney, Colonia for her many years of service especially helping women facing unplanned pregnancies and their families choose life

William Tevald of Immaculate Conception in Annandale for his major contribution in volunteering time and talent in renovating St. Anne's Center in Phillipsburg, a home for women who are pregnant and homeless.

Please plan to attend as a show of support for these pro-life champions! Immediately following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs. For more information: call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Please help support our local programs by donating Clothing, Shoes, and Household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have any questions or have a larger pick up please call our toll free number 1-877-343-3651.

RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“...John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming ...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Ephesians 3:16)

The catholic Catechism states that “*Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.*” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The second collection next weekend is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, which provides scholarships to financially-deserving children attending a Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school. Over 100 deserving children are enrolled in one of our schools today thanks to your generous support of last year's collection. Hundreds of families, hoping to give their children the gift of a Catholic school education will seek financial assistance from the FCE Scholarship Program for the 2019-20 school year. Your gift will send a child to Catholic school, changing a life forever! Please be as generous as your means allow.

OPEN HOUSES – CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A nurturing and safe environment where our students are challenged to be their best!



JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meet our teachers, students, and parents
Learn about our Tuition Transfer Grant
(\$1,500 tuition grant over two years)



OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL (MENDHAM) – Come join SJS faculty, students, and families for an Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019. Learn more about the outstanding academics and extra-curricular activities in our Preschool – Grade 8 programs. Explore the SJS Makerspace where students' creativity comes alive! Buses available in neighboring towns and extended care offered on-premises to 6 PM. **Mass will begin at 11:30 AM, followed by an information session at 12:30 PM, and tours of the school starting at 1 PM.** For further details and schedule of events for the week, visit our website at www.sjismendham.org, or contact Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7. **St. Joseph School - National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited**

2018 Financial Contribution Statements for St. Elizabeth and St. Brigid are now available. Please call the Parish Office at 908-234-1265 to request your statement or return this slip in the collection basket at Mass.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially Matthew Blejwas USMA West Point, grandson of Walter and Kathryn Blejwas, John F. Stahl of the US Army, son, Joseph Stahl of the Navy, grandson, and Eric Hummel of the US Army nephew of Ruth Stahl; Jordan Weaver of the Air Force, husband of Christy (LaPointe) Weaver; John Walker of the Air Force, grandson of Bernard & Joan O'Reilly; Christopher Jibilian, US Navy pilot and Matthew Jibilian US Navy Seal, grand-nephews of Charlie & Pina Jibilian

PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED

BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick Church in Belvidere, NJ on the following Wednesdays at 10 AM & 7 PM: January 9; February 6; March 13.

This month, Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. This group hopes to offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The free throw competition is sponsored by the **St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish Knights of Columbus # 11386**. It will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2019 (Snow Date: January 26th) from 4 PM until 5 PM, at Peapack Gladstone Municipal Gym, 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ. All Boys and Girls from Ages 9- 14 are invited to participate.

Open Registration is 3:30 PM. No registration fee. Contestants are **required** to bring a birth certificate for proof of age and provide a current email address and cell phone number of their parent or legal guardian so that winners may be contacted for subsequent rounds. Prizes will be awarded to the first place finishers in each competition. Winners are eligible to advance to the District Championship in February and the State Championship in March.

For up-to-the-minute contest information and links to the official contest rules and past national champions, visit: <http://kofc11386.org/activities> For more information or if you have questions, please contact Jim Kearney at (908) 672-9950 or via email at jkearn@gmail.com