

ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

April 22 – April 28, 2019

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

Monday, April 22 ~

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

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Thomas Luhmann †

Tuesday, April 23 ~

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Fannie & Louis DiPerna †

Wednesday, April 24 ~

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Anthony J. Pecorale, Jr. †

Thursday, April 25 ~

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Faustina Fogarty †

Friday, April 26 ~

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

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Jean Fall †

Saturday, April 27~

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Walter & Mary Gronwald †

6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the Parishioners

Sunday, April 28 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: John & Sara Lee Cassell †

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Lisa Matinho †

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Felicia Pingol †

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Rose Baumpene †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Joseph Mongno †

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill in our parish: Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Mike Tocci, Mary Hanlon, Barbara Ryan, Collin Perrone, Mary Christensen, Joanna Jasontek, Edward Rowan, Michael Marotta, Michelle Diebler, Josephine Marple, Carl Messina, Joan Schaffer, and Margharete Saunders

To add a name please call the Parish Office.

For the recently deceased: Lawrence Thornton

ST. ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID GARDEN MINISTRY

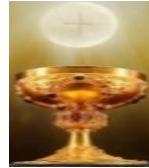
Plans are underway for this year's beautiful garden planters. There is a dire need to give the plants a drink of fresh water. **How about volunteering to help with the watering?** The watering takes about 15 minutes per section with three volunteers per day. Families and teens are welcome. Confirmation candidates can use this service for Confirmation. *Please call 908-234-1265 to volunteer.*



PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS

Universal: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21ST – APRIL 27TH



The Altar Bread and Wine at St. Brigid Church are being offered for the Special Intentions of

Pete Totta

In Honor of his Birthday

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH....

Congratulations to John LaPadula & Reshma Tanczos who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

May their lives be filled with the graces received through these sacraments and may they and their families always be active members of the Church.



Why I Love Being Catholic

An Easter Gift from Msgr. Puleo

As Matthew Kelly reflected on his twenty-five years of speaking and writing, he realized that his biggest inspiration continues to come from the many faithful men and women who support the Mission of Dynamic Catholic. He decided to send an email to all of these Ambassadors, asking for their answers to three questions:

Why do you love being Catholic?

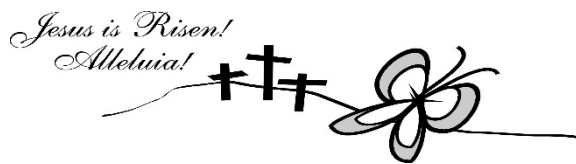
What is your favorite memory as a Catholic?

As a Catholic, what are your hopes for the future?

This book is the result of that rallying call. Compiled from thousands of answers, this collection is both inspirational and motivational.

The authors are people just like you—they've laughed, cried, suffered, and celebrated their way through all the ups and downs of life. Some have been Catholic all their lives; others have taken a longer route home. All, however, can speak to the amazing gift that the Catholic faith has been in their lives.

These days, it's challenging to be a Catholic. The collection of entries in *Why I Love Being Catholic* celebrates the best of the Catholic faith, highlights the everyday miracles taking place all around us, and reminds us that there are thousands of everyday heroes out there who dare to have big dreams for the Church. Even amidst the challenges of our times, holiness is possible, grace abounds, and there is every reason to live our lives with hope!



EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

ST.ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST

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Or contact the parish office at 908-234-1265

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord,

Isn't it true that too frequently we take our precious Catholic faith for granted? As we celebrate the glory of Christ's Resurrection, I encourage you to consider carefully the words he once spoke to his dead friend Lazarus's sister Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). Easter is the time when we revisit these words, recognizing in them the greatest event that the world would ever celebrate; not a thing, but a person - the Person of Jesus Christ Risen from the dead!

The Easter event ought to fill us with joy. In fact, the joy of the Jesus' Resurrection renews the whole world. The gloom and doom of death has forever been transformed into God's best gift. Isn't it true that God shows us his ultimate gift of mercy by bringing forth eternal life from the death of Jesus on the cross?

This is all the more apparent in our Parish of Saint Elizabeth-Saint Brigid this year as we welcome new Catholics into our Church community. As they receive new life through the waters of baptism this Easter 2019, their journey is just beginning. They receive the gift of new life, the sacrament through which they become sharers in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus and, like us, beneficiaries of his mercy.

For each and everyone of us, Easter is the opportunity to renew our own Baptism by committing ourselves to being ministers of God's love and mercy. We are called to be Christ's advocates, inviting others through word and example to conversion of heart, mind and soul. To our words and actions we, like Christ, add our regular daily prayer as well for our relatives, friends, neighbors, and associates.

As you go about living your earthly lives, seeking to permeate our world with the beauty of God's love and mercy, remain steadfast in the great virtues of faith, hope and love with which you have been blessed!

Exalt and rejoice! Christ Jesus truly is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In Christ Jesus Our Lord,
Reverend Monsignor Edward C. Puleo



EASTER MORNING PRAYER.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Who upon this day
did conquer death and rise from the dead,
and Who is alive for ever more,
help us never to forget*

Your Risen Presence forever with us.

Help us to remember,

*That You are with us in every time of perplexity
to guide and to direct;*

*That You are with us in every time of sorrow
to comfort and console;*

*That You are with us in every time of temptation
to strengthen and to inspire;*

*That You are with us in every time of loneliness
to cheer and befriend;*

*That You are with us even in death to bring us
to the glory of Your side.*

*Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in
eternity which can separate us from You, so that in
Your presence we may meet life with gallantry and death
without fear.*

*You turn our darkness into light, in Your light we shall see
Light.*

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today! **ALLELUIA!***



Marriage Encounter Now that SPRING is finally here, why not shake off those winter blues and pump some new life into your marriage. 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 July 26-28. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. For further information visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Help Build a Civilization of Love

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 206,451.01 and payments totaling \$ 152,749.51 from 204 parishioners. This represents 89.8% of our \$ 230,000 goal.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

St. James Church,

Basking Ridge

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament and

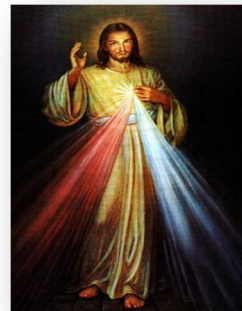
Confession

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM in

the St. James Chapel

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

will be sung at 3 PM.



Holy Mass will immediately follow.

All are welcome! Please join us.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 28

On St. Faustina's Diary, Jesus requested the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena. The Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 19th, and will end on the Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th. The Novena booklets are available in the back of the Church. The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

DAY 1 ~ Good Friday - All mankind, especially sinners.

DAY 2 ~ Holy Saturday - The souls of priests and religious.

DAY 3 ~ Easter Sunday - All devout and faithful souls.

DAY 4 ~ Easter Monday - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him.

DAY 5 ~ Easter Tuesday - The souls of separated brethren.

DAY 6 ~ Easter Wednesday - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children.

DAY 7 ~ Easter Thursday - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy.

DAY 8 ~ Easter Friday - The souls who are detained in purgatory.

DAY 9 ~ Easter Saturday - The souls who have become lukewarm.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST



The Daughters of Mary invite all to attend a Communion Breakfast Sunday, June 2nd. Mass at 9:30 AM at St. Brigid Church followed by breakfast at Hamilton Farm Golf Club, 1040 Pottersville Road, Gladstone, NJ.

GUEST SPEAKER: MARIA HUNTER, Director, Office of Parish Social Ministry, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Men, women and families welcome to attend. Gift basket auction and 50/50 raffle. Tickets \$40. Reservations on sale after all Masses beginning April 27 & 28.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST WISH LIST



As the Daughters of Mary prepare for the June 2nd Communion Breakfast and Tricky Tray they are in need of additional items to fill the baskets along with the various vendor donations received. Items on the wish list include but not limited to: gift cards to a professional service, tickets to a sporting event, concert, show or play. In addition, merchandise such as art work or collectibles with letter of authenticity are also welcome.

Also, they would accept baskets of any shape or sizes, in good condition, you may be looking to part with. You may leave them in the Parish Center or in the back of the churches.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY – MAY 8TH MEETING

All women of the parish and their guests are invited to join the Daughters of Mary on Wednesday, May 8th at 7 PM in St. Patrick Hall. We will honor Our Blessed Mother with a special prayer service, followed by a general meeting and ice cream social. Looking forward to seeing you there!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Diocese of Metuchen wants all to be aware of the outstanding Pre-K and Kindergarten programs offered by our schools in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties. They feature certified teachers, a foundation in faith, and pricing competitive with independent preschools. Check out a Catholic school near you at www.metuchencatholicschools.org/schools or call 732-562-2446 to learn how Catholic schools offer students a **SMARTER START** in school and in life!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EVENTS

Academy of St. Elizabeth 7th Grade Future Panther Day
Friday, April 26, 2019, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
www.aosenj.org to register by April 23rd

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Week 38 "I am ready to enter the world. All of my reflexes are working together. I can move my hands and head and can even tell the difference between light and dark. My brain is pretty developed now and I recognize sounds and voices. I am running out of things to do in here. My lungs are ready for their first breath of air. Now, all I need to do is wait until God decides it's time for my emergence into the world. It will be a life-changing day for me and my family. Please pray for us."

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

PRAYER FOR BABIES ABOUT TO BE BORN

Heavenly Father, from the moment these children were conceived, You knew their names. In the silent first hours of their lives, as cells divided and their living flesh quickened, Your love breathed within and they began to grow in Your image and likeness. May our prayers be accompanied by choirs of angels as we await their births. We ask this through Your child who was formed in the Virgin's womb and who lived and died for us, Lord, forever and ever. Amen.



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.

WORD OF LIFE QUOTE

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."



ST. ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER

MAY 4 – 5 & MAY 11 - 12

Items needed include:

- Diapers, wipes, formula, toiletries,
- Clothing up to size 4 Toddler
- Monetary contributions (checks only) to the **Pregnancy Aid & Information Center (PA&IC)**
- Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped please attach a tag with what is inside.
- Items can be dropped off in Church or the Parish Office.
- Slightly used clothing is also welcome—as children grow so fast.
- Toys and books are always a thrill to give out too!

AWAKENING YEAR – PERSONAL CONSECRATION OPPORTUNITY

- Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed?
- Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord?
- Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy?

Set aside just 15 minutes a day for nine days during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read, reflect and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit in your schedule! Just pick the nine days to do this individually or get a small group together!

To find out more about this personal consecration and to access the resource, go to www.lightingheartsonfire.org click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES



Please pick up a packet at our church doors and become a pro-life witness everywhere you go!

Complete the State of New Jersey license plate application and submit it with a copy of your vehicle registration and the form applying for membership with The Children First Foundation, along with a \$25 check for your 'forever' license plates plus the annual CFF membership fee. Once you have your new tags, watch the favorable reactions to the two smiling children's faces as they spread the cheerful "Choose Life" message on the road and everywhere your vehicle is parked. Funding to the Foundation supports crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and adoption right here in New Jersey. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile initiative.

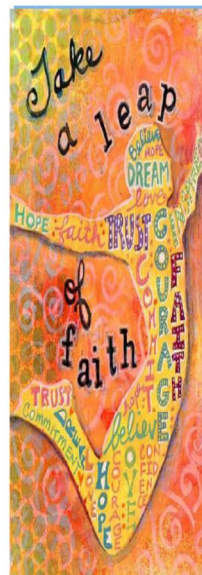
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38) On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.



The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who participated in the Ham Round Up. There were 27 hams, 3 turkeys, 40 pounds of food and \$92 in donations collected today and delivered to the Somerset County Food Bank. **A**

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and your families. Our next food drive will be on May 4th & 5th.



The Parish of St. Elizabeth & St. Brigid invites you to **Take a Leap of Faith and JUMP!**

Come Celebrate at the Women's Spring Retreat

Rejoice! Reflect! Renew!
With Special Guest Vocalist Kitty Cleveland

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

8:30 a.m. arrival – Concluding with 5:00 p.m. Mass.
Breakfast & Lunch provided
\$50.00 Registration fee*

A Retreat...

- † For women who desire to deepen their faith and enrich their spirit in the Christian community
 - † A day of peace and fellowship connecting our hearts closer to God
 - † A time to inspire, reflect, and enhance our appreciation of God's gifts
 - † A safe and loving place to share, listen, and connect
- ALL women are welcome!*

2019 JUMP Registration Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email address: _____

What name would you prefer on your badge? _____

Emergency Contact: Please provide us with an emergency contact (family or friend).

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Best Phone Number: _____ Alternate: _____

Check Enclosed: _____ Additional Funding Appreciated _____

Please complete the registration form with a \$50 check made out to St. Brigid/St. Elizabeth and return in an envelope marked *Women's JUMP* in the weekly collection basket or Mail to St. Elizabeth – St. Brigid Parish P.O. Box 33 Peapack, NJ 07977 Attn: Women's JUMP. For more information email Lectio@sainteb.org.

*Scholarships are available and confidential. Donations to fund scholarships are appreciated.