

**ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH**

May 13 – May 19, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

(†) Deceased (L) Living

**Monday, May 13 ~ Our Lady of Fatima**

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Rosary for Vocations  
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: John J. Barry †

**Tuesday, May 14 ~ St. Matthias**

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Isabel Diaz †

**Wednesday, May 15 ~ St. Isidore the Farmer**

8:45 AM (St. Elizabeth) Novena  
9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: James Bock †

**Thursday, May 16 ~**

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Angela & Salvatore Puleo †

**Friday, May 17 ~**

8:45 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary for Vocations  
9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Cameron Calebrese †

**Saturday, May 18~ St. John 1**

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the intentions of the children receiving their First Communion  
6:30 PM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Marian Stadtmueller †

**Sunday, May 19 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: DiVerde Family †  
8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: For the parishioners  
9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the intentions of the children receiving their First Communion  
10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Mary Helen & Joseph Curtin †  
11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the intentions of the children receiving their First Communion

**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, Carl Messina, Joan Schaffer, and Margharete Saunders

To add a name please call the Parish Office.

**For the recently deceased:** Hugh Mc Caul

**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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

**St. Brigid**----- 5:00 PM  
(E) Jennifer D'Andrea (R) Pat Riedel  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Elizabeth**----- 6:30 PM  
(E) Jim Zachman (R) Vera Zachman  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

**St. Brigid**----- 7:30 AM  
(E) \_\_\_\_\_ (R) Sam Santucci  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Elizabeth**----- 8:30 AM  
(E) Aida L. Diaz (R) Maribeth Quinn  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Brigid**----- 9:30 AM  
(E) Barbara Carlson (R) Eleanor Van Arsdale  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Elizabeth**----- 10:30 AM  
(E) Fred Grigni (R) Carl Roselle  
(A) Anastasia & Aurelia Savic

**St. Brigid**----- 11:30 AM  
(E) Gabi & Francisco Paez (R) Amanda Bowman  
(A) Liam Perry

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

**PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS**



**Evangelization:** That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at the 5 PM Mass, and at the 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare to celebrate this sacrament with their children.

**FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12 – MAY 18, 2019**



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Brigid Church is being offered for the special intentions of **Msgr. Puleo**



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Elizabeth Church is being offered for the special intentions of **Fr. Hillier**



**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

**Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

**Gospel: John 10:27-30**

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.

**ST.ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID PARISH CONTACT LIST**

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St. Vincent de Paul	Denise O'Callaghan <a href="mailto:Svdvp@sainteb.org">Svdvp@sainteb.org</a>

**Or contact the parish office at 908-234-1265**

**Please pray the Rosary**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

During the month of May we have been reminded that in our prayers, we cannot forget Mary, the mother of God, who is intimately united to the entire work of salvation. The Church is fond of praying in common with the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this way, the Church lauds with Mary the great things which God has accomplished in her and entrusted to her.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* "Christ is the bread from heaven sown in the womb of the Virgin". The Ascension back to heaven, which we celebrate on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> as a holy day of obligation, is the victory of Christ over death, victory participated in first of all by Mary as the first and most perfect disciple.

Mary was, is, and always will be relevant as the perfect model of what a disciple is to be. Is it any wonder that Christians have always looked to Mary as the paradigm, as a woman of fashion, as one to be imitated if Christ Jesus is to truly be worshiped and faithfully followed?

Today, Mary is being seen in a new light. We see her as the *first tabernacle* to hold the precious body of Christ. Following the cue of Saint John Paul II, we may ever see Mary as "our sister in faith". However we see the Blessed Mother, she always remains a woman of fashion to be imitated.

Genuine imitation from a Catholic perspective always implies discipleship – an extremely rich and important idea in Christian spirituality. Theologians are speaking of Mary as the perfect disciple. All of Mary's privileges are beginning to be viewed in light of her discipleship and this attitude has important implications for all of us.

In discipleship, **attitude** is not only important, it is everything. Attitude colors our perception of reality. It determines how we will relate and react. To use the motto of Saint Teresa of Lisieux, "everything is a grace". This motto captures the perfect attitude of a disciple, of being able to say it, mean it and live it is what discipleship is all about.

Mary is the faith-filled woman, the delight of God's heart, the one whom we can literally call the *greatest woman, the greatest human being who ever lived*. And yet, she is the one who is so tender, so loving, so approachable for all who seek her out to intercede for them before the throne of God. May the Blessed Mother Mary be for each one of you a source of inspiration in faithful discipleship.

Blessed Mother's Day!

In Christ Jesus our Lord,

Rev. Monsignor Edward C. Puleo

## 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

### Help Build a Civilization of Love

With a few weeks remaining in the Bishop's Annual Appeal we have received pledges totaling \$229,476.01 and payments totaling \$179,286.51 from 230 parishioners. This represents 99.8% of our parish goal of \$230,000. Together we can reach our full potential in the upcoming weeks. The ministries that the Bishop's Annual Appeal funds provides us the opportunity to attend to our people, serve our Church, and makes the priorities of the Gospel known.

All the funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal go towards the ministries and programs outlined in the appeal brochure.

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](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).



*Congratulations to the following children Baptized in St. Brigid Church this past weekend:*



#### **Benjamin Jacob Franciscus**

*Child of Daniel & Jacqueline Franciscus*

#### **Mack Ambrose Nejme**

*Child of Greg & Melissa Nejme*



### 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

*Time and Talent Surveys can be returned to the Parish Office. Additional forms are in the back of Church.*

### RICE BOWLS

Rice bowls can be returned to the Parish Center.

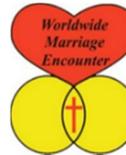
**Spiritual Adoption gifts can be dropped off in Church or the Parish Office.**

## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Thank You my dear Lord, for our mothers –  
Who were brave enough to give birth,  
Who loved through many growing up years,  
Who taught about God and love and being good,  
Who often got no thanks,  
Whose ears could hear the slightest cry,  
Whose eyes didn't miss much either,  
Whose hands held and bathed and picked up,  
Whose hearts were often broken,  
Who always forgave and forgot,  
Who encouraged when things went bad,  
Who always had time to listen,  
Who worked so hard to make things go right,  
Who made the world so much better,  
Who deserve our love on Mother's Day,  
And every day,  
Even for eternity. Amen

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Why not give your wife the special gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? 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](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).



## JOIN THE FUN! AT THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY 5K RUN FOR A NUN

Join us on June 1, 2019 at Mendham Borough Park, on Mountain Avenue, Mendham, NJ for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Race, Run for a Nun. All proceeds benefit the education costs of those women in Initial Formation. To register for the race, sponsor a participant, or to make a donation, visit us online at [www.scceast.org/run-for-a-nun](http://www.scceast.org/run-for-a-nun).

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION



All are invited to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> annual event on Sunday, May 19, gathering at Our Lady of Fatima Church, located at 501 New Market Road in Piscataway, NJ at 7 PM. The procession begins at 7:30 PM. The Rosary will be recited in the church for those unable to walk in the procession. Rosaries, candles and handkerchiefs are available for a small donation. Please join us. For information call Roberta at 732-245-9124

## GENNESARET: A RETREAT FOR THOSE FACING LIFE CHANGING ILLNESS

Gennesaret, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center located in Kearney, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service on Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no cost to attend the retreat. For more information contact: Linda Capobianco (732)608-7277, Hilare Reinold (732) 566-7237, or Peggy Walsh (908)499-7677.

## CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES



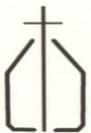
Please pick up a packet at our church doors and become a pro-life witness everywhere you go!

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.

## SUBSCRIBE TO MARRIAGE NEWS

Published on the internet by the Family Life Office of the U.S. Bishops, it is free and you can select the topics of most interest to you: dating, engagement, marriage preparation, married Life, family Life and parenting. <http://www.foryourmarriage.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.

## WORD OF LIFE QUOTE

"If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek his guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which 'heart speaks unto heart', strengthen you."

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS

MONDAY, MAY 27



Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM in Our Lady Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery on Mount Airy Road. Please plan to join us. All are welcome.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, 145 MOUNT AIRY ROAD  
BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920 908-766-0079 X 0

## DAUGHTERS OF MARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

"Created in the Image of God: Knowing the joy of being loved by Christ and loving Him in Return"



SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

HAMILTON FARM GOLF CLUB  
1040 Pottersville Road,  
Gladstone, NJ

**GUEST SPEAKER: MARIA HUNTER**

*Director of the Office of Parish Social Ministry,  
Catholic Charities, The Diocese of Metuchen*

**\$40 per person**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash or Checks payable to Daughters of Mary**  
**Your reservation at the door. Doors open at 11 AM**  
**Men, Women & Families Invited**  
**Drop in collection basket or to the Parish Office.**  
**For more information call (908) 234-1265**

## 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](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org) click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

## PLEASE REGISTER FOR OUR 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-8

You can choose from two Sunday morning sessions, either 8:15 AM to 9:25 AM or from 10 AM to 11:10 AM. Registration forms were e-mailed home on April 2nd and are also located at the back of both churches. Feel free to email, mail or drop off your completed forms and payment to the Parish Center. If you need additional forms, please contact the office at (908) 234-1524. Registrations of returning students received after May 31, 2019 will be waitlisted for the class requested.

For students transferring from another Parish's Religious Education Program or from a Catholic school please include a letter of verification indicating grade levels completed, sacramental history, progress reports and certificates of Baptism and First Holy Communion.

Forms are available at the Parish Center or can be downloaded from our website: [SaintEB.org](http://SaintEB.org).

## MIRACULOUS MISSION - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JESUS SAVES THE WORLD!

### St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Vacation Bible School

July 8 – July 12

9 AM – 12:15 PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Bernardville  
Registration forms are now available online at [www.sainteb.org](http://www.sainteb.org)



## Prayer for Mothers on Mother's Day

Father of all creation,  
on this Mother's Day and every day,  
be attentive to our moms  
and hold them in your care.

As you once embraced Mary,  
your Mother and ours,  
giving her to us as our maternal advocate,  
we ask that you watch over and  
guide our earthly moms  
with similar benevolence.

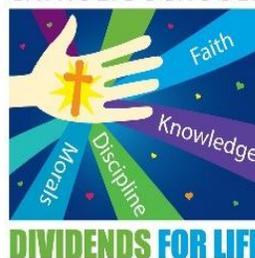
When distracted and weighed down  
by the obligations of motherhood,  
grant our moms reprieve and respite.

When overwhelmed by distractions  
and other obligations they must shoulder,  
bless our moms with your confidence  
and your comforting support.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## 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](http://www.metuchencatholicschools.org/schools) or call 732-562-2446 to learn how Catholic schools offer students a **SMARTER START** in school and in life!

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR AFRICAN MISSION

**Caritas Chamber Chorale** will present a series of concerts of sacred music entitled **Grace Abides**. This a *cappella* program centers on the holy act of worship. The concert will be presented:

**Friday, May 17, 2019** at 7:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, NJ  
A freewill offering – in its entirety – will benefit the **Adorno Fathers' African Mission** and its **Gianni Diurni Primary School in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa**. For more information call 732-718-0775 or visit [www.caritaschamberchorale.org](http://www.caritaschamberchorale.org)