

## ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

December 30, 2019 – January 4, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(†) Deceased (L) Living

#### Monday, December 30 ~

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

9:00 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Graham Hillier †

#### Tuesday, December 31 ~ St. Sylvester I

4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners

#### Wednesday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners

#### Thursday, January 2 ~ SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 AM (St. Brigid) Rosary

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Donald McCarthy †

#### Friday, January 3 ~

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

9:00 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Special Intentions of Laura Holly Dierbach L

#### Saturday, January 4 ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5:00 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Carl LaGrassa †

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

#### Sunday, January 5 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Leonard Gibson †

8:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: The Mass Guild of St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Cornelius W. Gilsean †

10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Dr. Thomas Paterniti †

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

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*Those who are ill in our parish: Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Mary Hanlon, Barbara Ryan, Mary Christensen, Carl Messina, Margharete Saunders, Maureen McCrory, and Ann Radner*

*To add a name please call the Parish Office.*

**For the recently deceased:**



*New Year's Day Schedule 2020  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Vigil Mass -- December 31, 2019*

*4:30 PM in St. Brigid Church*

*New Year's Day – January 1, 2020*

*10:30 AM St. Brigid Church*



### 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 and Nicholas Furtzaig of the Air Force, grandsons of Bernard & Joan O'Reilly; Christopher Jibilian, US Navy pilot and Matthew Jibilian US Navy Seal, grand-nephews of Charlie & Pina Jibilian

### FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> – JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>



*The Sanctuary Candle at  
St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid Churches  
is being offered for the  
Special Intentions of  
**Margaret Mulrooney**  
Requested by the Prayer Shawl Ministry*



*The Altar Bread and Wine at  
St. Elizabeth – St. Brigid Churches  
are being offered In Loving Memory of  
**Bernard Nowak**  
Requested by Carol Nowak & Family*



### THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

**Jesus**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**Mary**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**Joseph**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**Holy Family of Nazareth**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen. ~ *Prayer from Missionaries of the Holy Family* <http://msf-america.org/>



May Christ's peace  
reign in your hearts.

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

#### First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

#### Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

#### Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

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

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For more information, call the Parish Office 908-234-1265

### A Message from Monsignor Puleo:

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

*"I bring you tidings of great joy: Today in the City of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord!"*  
(Luke 2:11)

Good news, indeed, for Christ Our Lord is the only perfect Christmas gift!

Our relatives and friends may have shopped for hours to obtain an ideal gift for us. We ourselves may have endured the rush and crush of Christmas shopping too. For some, your fingers may be numb and your eyes "tearing" from internet shopping. Yet we all know that even our best gifts are unable to make others or us completely happy. For only Our Savior, Jesus Christ, can completely satisfy us!

While traveling to Bethlehem Mary and Joseph were without the comforts and conveniences of home. They did not have the warm, cheerful atmosphere of their own home in Nazareth; they even lacked the bare essentials for decent living. As Sacred Scripture tells us: "There was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). Yet they were happy because in the stable of Bethlehem Mary gave birth to the One who is the Giver of all happiness.

Then there were the Shepherds who first heard "the good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10) ... So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

"Good news of great joy" continues to be ours, even in a world that brings lots of heartache, hatred and violence. How? Through our faith in Jesus Christ who completely satisfies us! Christ did not abandon us but gave us His Church to guide us, the sacraments to nourish us and His own mother to intercede for us.

May God's blessing be upon you and all the members of your family this Christmas 2019 and throughout 2020!

In Christ Jesus Our Lord,

Reverend Monsignor Edward C. Puleo





## 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.

## 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>.

## PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS



**Universal:** That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

## RETOUVAILLE WEEKEND

Stress in Your Marriage!

- 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?

**...Retrouaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.**

**UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020**

For Information and to Register: Call Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 or email [3024@retrouaille.org](mailto:3024@retrouaille.org)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE ~ January 4-5

The food drive benefits The Consolidated Food Bank Network of Somerset County. The Food Bank is always in need of canned fruit, vegetables; canned milk and juices; pasta and tomato products; peanut butter and jellies; dried fruit; beans, canned meats and tuna; meals in a can; cereal, instant breakfasts, granola bars and any other non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations to Church next weekend. Thank You.

## A gift for you this Christmas from Msgr. Puleo

Please take home a copy of the Rediscover the Saints, by Matthew Kelly offered through Dynamic Catholic

We are capable of so much more than we think. You have no idea what you are capable of. None of us do. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that he has enfolded in our being. The saints continue this work, encouraging us to explore all our God-given potential, not with speeches but with the example of their lives.

When we have the courage to collaborate with God and pursue our truest self, he lights a fire within us that is so bright and warm, it keeps shining long after our days on this earth have come to an end. The lives of the saints have captivated the people of every age for this very reason.

There are two questions that confront the people of every place and time, questions that confront you and me today: Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? Are you satisfied with your life?

These questions are always before us, within us, around us. They are part of our spiritual quest and part of our human quest. These questions linger in our minds when we read the news of happenings in our own country and around the world. They tickle our souls when we witness the battle between good and evil, however it manifests in our own lives.

Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? This is one of life's inescapable questions, and we each respond with passionate action or selfish indifference.

Our collective dissatisfaction with the direction of the world leads to the consensus that the world needs changing. And yet, we seem gripped by exasperation and paralyzed by the false belief that we can't do anything about it. The saints dispel that exasperation and inspire us to bold action. They remind us over and over again: We can change the world.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

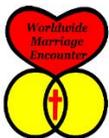
## WORD OF LIFE

"Like our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

**BUS TRIP RALLY FOR LIFE in TRENTON  
WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2020**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. 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. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**



Now that fall is here, why not treat yourselves to 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 January 24 -26. Please register by January 10, as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) for more information.

**ST. JAMES CHURCH in BASKING RIDGE PRESENTS:**

SAVE THE DATE  
FOR AN EVENT THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!!!

**REBOOT**

With internationally renowned speaker and author:  
CHRIS STEFANICK

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020  
7:00 – 9:30PM in the church

REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched! Keep watching the bulletin for all the details!

To purchase tickets, go online to  
[www.RealLifeCatholic.com/events](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com/events)

Or contact John Zellweger at (908) 672-6082.

**DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN INSIGHT  
INTO LIVING LIFE MORE FULLY!**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

*"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." (Colossians 3:18-21)* Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.



**LIFE CHOICES – BABY BOTTLE  
CELEBRATION!**

Dear Monsignor Puleo and the parishioners of St. Brigid and St. Elizabeth,

Thank you for being part of our "baby bottle" celebration! The program was very successful, the baby bottles in your Parish collected \$4805.78.

I want to thank you so very much for your generous gift to Life Choices, Inc. because people like you care about the families that we serve; we have the awesome joy of holding in our own arms precious little children who otherwise would not have been born! Again, thank you so much for making it possible for us to help so many in need!

May the good Lord bless you abundantly!

Sincerely,

Joan Fasanello, Director

**NEW YEAR'S BLESSINGS FOR ALL!**

May your New Year's resolutions help you to grow concretely in the love of the Lord and may you always keep Jesus Christ centered within your hearts...

**H**elp others in need

**E**vangelize the Word of God

**A**tend daily Mass to start your day with Jesus

**R**ecite the Rosary and embrace the love of Mary

**T**each your family to serve, praise and love our **Lord, Jesus Christ!**

**A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time,

blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year

and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

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### MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary, Mother of God, at your request, Jesus worked His first miracle. He changed water into wine for the wedding guests at Cana in Galilee.

Over the centuries you have not ceased to obtain countless signs and wonders for the poor, exiled children of Eve. We therefore ask you to intercede with your Divine Son for the miraculous graces which the modern world so desperately needs:

- For the conversion and reconversion of whole nations to Jesus Christ and His teaching on marriage and the family.
- For the heroic preservation among Christians of their faith in the indissolubility of marriage, marital fidelity and the loving acceptance of children, as the bedrock of the Christian family.
- For the courage of martyrs in all of us followers of Christ, that we may witness to His power to overcome the powers of darkness that are bent on destroying the human family and the moral law. Mary, Mother of the Holy Family, and Mother of our families, pray for us. Amen

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020**

**St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish  
and  
The Daughters of Mary  
Present  
Simon Mandal**

Doors Open 7 p.m.  
(Showtime approx. 8:15)  
St. Brigid Church, St. Patrick Hall  
129 Main Street, Peapack  
Tickets \$37\*  
includes Dinner from  
The Pluckemin Inn

Bring an Appetizer to  
Share for your Table  
BYOB (no one under 21)

50/50  
drawing

#### FOR RESERVATIONS:

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$37 = \_\_\_\_\_

Checks or Cash with checks payable to: *Daughters of Mary*

For more information: Parish Office – 908.234.1265

Drop check or cash in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office,

129 Main Street, Peapack, NJ



### ST. ELIZABETH-ST. BRIGID BIBLE STUDY LIVING THE BEATITUDES IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Kingdom of Happiness is a new 8-part parish program that unveils Jesus' plan for happiness in the Beatitudes.

In a world that offers fleeting pleasures in place of true happiness and false promises that actually lead us away from happiness, it's time more than ever to turn to the Beatitudes and enter into the Kingdom of Happiness.

Kingdom of Happiness will:

- Show how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings, they are the path to happiness charted by Christ himself;
- Expose the "anti-Beatitudes" for what they are: the kingdom of man's false promises of happiness that lead only to misery; and
- Inspire a renewed resolve to live the Beatitudes through video profiles of real-life people living the Beatitudes in their everyday life.

**WHERE:** Parish Center ~ 129 Main Street, Peapack

**WHEN:** Mondays 7 - 8:30 PM January 27th, February 10th, 24th, March 9th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th and 20th, 2020 (8 sessions) DVD and Group Discussion

**REGISTRATION FEE:** depends on number of participants

Confidential financial assistance is available

Mail form to:

**Parish Center –PO Box 33, Peapack, NJ 07977**

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Parish if not St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid

Previous Bible Study? (Y) (N)