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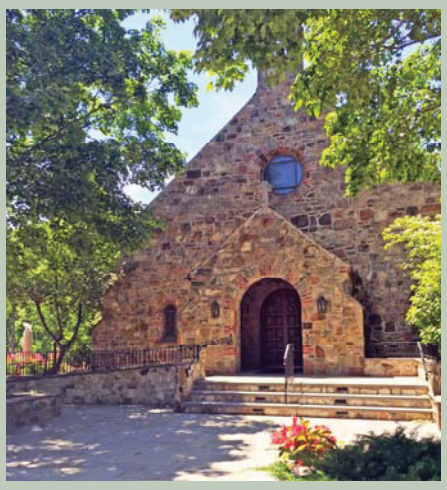

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Parish Staff

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Parish Life Co-ordinator

Sr. Monique Eloizard
Parish Catechetical Leader

Rev. John Hesketh, O.S.B.,
Weekend Visiting Priest

Parish Website

www.sainteb.org

The Mission of St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish is to become more faithful members of the Body of Christ and to become a bridge to bring others into the loving embrace of Jesus. Nourished and sustained by God's Word and the Sacraments we are committed to our Lord's request: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News." (Mark 16:15)

Temporary Mass Schedule

Weekday & Holy Day Masses as scheduled in the bulletin.

St. Brigid

Daily Mass (Monday—Friday)---------- 9:00 AM
Saturday---------- 4:30 PM
Sunday---------- 9:00 AM
Distribution of Holy Communion----------10:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance

St. Brigid

3:30—4:15 at the Parish Center Library or on the Plaza at St. Brigid weather permitting or by appointment.

Parish Services

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Temporarily closed to the public.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New parishioners are welcome. Please call the Parish Center to register. Please inform us of any address changes.

Parish Center----------908-234-1265
Religious Education Office ----908-234-1524
Fax ----------908-234-2923

Mailing Address
St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish
PO Box 33
Peapack, NJ 07977

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Center for information.

SPONSORSHIP: To act as Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, confirmed, received communion, and live a morally good life; and, if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily, the sponsor must be at least 14 years old. A Christian who is a non-Catholic may be a witness for Baptism together with a Catholic sponsor.

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Baptism is celebrated twice a month at 1:00 PM on the first and third Sunday at St. Brigid Church. Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Center.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

FIRST PENANCE, FIRST EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION: Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing religious education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

MATRIMONY: Specific times are set for the celebration of marriage during the year. To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Center at least one year before the intended wedding date.

HOLY ORDERS OR RELIGIOUS LIFE: If you are considering serving God as a priest, deacon, or religious, you may contact Msgr. Puleo or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-1990 ext. 1700 for more information.

WELCOME

PUBLIC MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: July 18/19

Confessions:
Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM
St. Brigid Parish Library (located in the Parish Center) or on the St. Brigid Church plaza (weather permitting)
and by mutual arrangement.

Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:30 PM - St Brigid Church
with live streaming via website
and simulcasted to Church Hall

Sunday 9:00 AM - St. Brigid Church
and simulcasted to Church Hall

Mass will be available for viewing on the website all day Sunday.

Sunday 10:30 AM Distribution of Holy Communion:
10:30 AM - St. Brigid Church by St. Anthony of Padua near the brook.

Daily Mass Schedule:
9:00 AM St. Brigid Church - Monday – Friday

MASS INTENTIONS for JULY 20th – JULY 26th

(†) Deceased - (L) Living

Monday, July 20 ~ The Peter Greco Family †

Tuesday, July 21 ~ Mary E. Mc Cormick †

Wednesday, July 22 ~ John Mc Murray †

Thursday, July 23 ~ Barbara Dill Cook †

Friday, July 24 ~ Fanny Rossi †

Saturday, July 25 ~ Armando Rossi †
Vincent A. Sardea †
Cornelius W. Gilsenan

Sunday, July 26 ~ Carmela & Salvatore Monaco †
Jean Sucamele †
For the Parishioners
Graham Hillier †

Mass Intentions to be said by Msgr. Puleo and Fr. Hillier

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43
According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill in our parish: *Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Mary Hanlon, Barbara Ryan, Carl Messina, Margharete Saunders, Maureen McCrory, Jan Larusso, Annie Carver, Pina Jibilian, Margaret Ricciardi, Jimmy Siroka, Rose Renzulli and all those effected by Covid-19*
To add a name please call the Parish Office.
For the recently deceased: *June Newton*

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 Pina Jibilian.

THANK YOU …

Over these last few months many parishioners have continued to support the parish through their weekly offerings. Some have mailed them in, and others have joined E-giving to have their gifts automatically given to the parish. It is through this continued support that we will continue to meet the needs of the parish. Also, through these months many have sent comments and e-mails with their prayers and encouragement for me and the parish. Please know that you and your families are in mine and Father Hillier's prayers each day.
~Monsignor Puleo

In your charity please pray for the safety and well-being of those who are continuing to serve the needs of others--food service delivery personnel, doctors, nurses, scientists, EMS workers, police, pharmacists, the leaders of our government ~our president and governor!

WHAT'S NEW … PARISH CENTER ROOF

Here are some picture's taken during the roof replacement project. For more, check out our Parish website at www.sainteb.org and drive by to see the finished job!

Next up: The replacement of the HVAC system in St. Brigid Church and St. Patrick Hall. Work will commence soon.

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS

Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of You. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen
: The Catechism and Social Justice, USCCB, April 1998)

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19th – JULY 25th

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

Congratulations to our children who received their First Holy Communion on July 11, 2020
Brianna O'Donnell
Charlee Ann Sawicki
Diana Nicole Tigre
William Lezme
May they always know God's love for them.

Congratulations to the following child Baptized in St. Brigid Church on July 12, 2020
Adam Joseph Colicchio
Child of Adam & Andrea Colicchio

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING & WELLNESS

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATIONS

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.

Donation bins are now open for collections.

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.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

CORONAVIRUS - PRAYER FOR COURAGE

God our Loving Father, comforter of the afflicted,
watch over us always, but most especially at this,
our time of urgent need.

With heavy hearts we cry out to you ...
We ask that you heal those among us
weighed down with the coronavirus.

Inspire with your holy wisdom —
our health professionals: scientists, doctors,
and all medical personnel.
Show special attention to our government officials:
nationally, internationally, and local.
Make them instruments of your love
as they seek to serve your people.

Lord and Giver of Life, trusting in your mercy,
we recall the prayer of your prophet Jeremiah:
"*heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;*
save me, and I shall be saved" (17:14).

When fearful, grant us courage.
When uncertain, strengthen us.
In our sorrow, comfort us.

With hearts overflowing with love for you,
we surrender ourselves to your providential care,
and ask only that you consider our sincere request
to remain steadfast in your love — charitable to all
and faithful first and foremost in doing
your holy will.
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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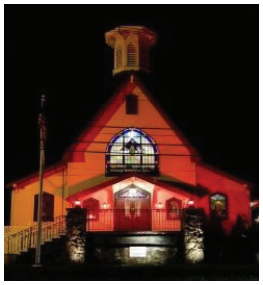
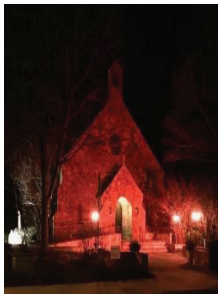
PRAY THE ROSARY



PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED



St. Elizabeth Church & St. Brigid Church are lit in red as a passionate plea to prayer for those affected by Covid 19 and those who are working tirelessly to heal and protect the lives we all hold so precious.
Msgr. Puleo

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 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 send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

PLEASE REGISTER FOR OUR 2020-2021 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. Feel free to email or mail your completed forms and payment to the Parish Center. If you need additional forms, please contact the office at (908) 234-1524.

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 can be found under the tab marked Religious Education on the Parish website at www.sainteb.org

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field…He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)
As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION

KOINONIA ACADEMY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of a husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. …That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Married Love and the Gift of Life"

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $ 241,150.75 and payments totaling $ 199,485.50 from 211 parishioners. This represents 104.8% of our $ 230,000 goal. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

"WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED" INITIATIVE

New Jersey Safe Haven Law - Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline - 1-877-839-2339 - and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

PATRON SAINT FOR SWIMMERS

Saint Adjutor once fought in the Crusades and was taken prisoner by Saracens. Praying to his favorite saint, Mary Magdalene, she broke him free of his chains and showed him a way to escape. He then dove into the sea and swam for the shore of Crusader territory, being then able to walk the rest of the way.

When he went back to Normandy, he erected a chapel in honor of Mary Magdalene. The chapel was near a stretch of the River Seine that had a troubling whirlpool which terrorized boaters and swimmers. Adjutor and the local bishop went out in a boat towards the whirlpool armed with holy water which the bishop sprinkled on the outskirts of the whirlpool.

Adjutor then cast a link from his chain into the whirlpool and cried, "It is as easy for God to free people from this whirlpool as it was for Him to free me from my chains." Immediately, the whirlpool calmed. So whether you go for swims in a pool, lake, ocean, or river, pray for safety to Saint Adjutor!

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME TO A FOSTER CHILD

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program, contracted by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families.

The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living.

Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills to help them reach their full potential.

Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection.

All Catholic Charities licensed families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24-hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child's expenses and support from experienced families.

For more information about the program, please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdom.org.

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.

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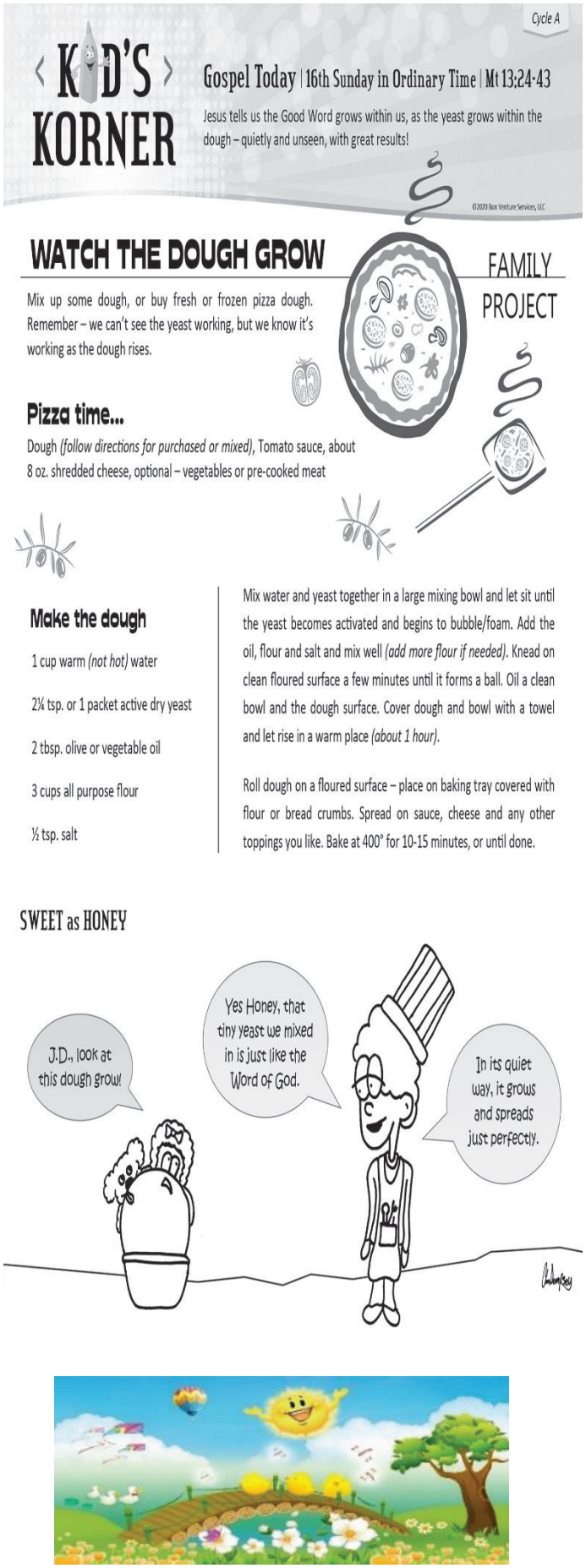

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