

CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 23, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

These days remind us that summer is approaching and vacation is upon us. It is good to spend time with family and friends, and renew ourselves in body and spirit. The Lord rested after creation as Genesis tells us, and we should follow that good example. Prayer and Mass are part of this too!

For us this time is also important as we begin our Fortnight for Freedom on June 21st, with a Mass at 7 p.m. followed by the movie, A Man for All Seasons, about the life of Sr. Thomas More. St. Thomas is a critical figure in appreciating the role and limits of government. Thomas was ultimately martyred for his refusal to be an accomplice in the divorce and remarriage of Henry VIII. Government as Thomas' life demonstrates can easily overstep its intrinsic limits and extend its reach into areas so personal and fundamental that human freedom itself is at risk.

Our government now is putting at risk the principles of religious liberty, and by extension the very idea of personal freedom. Our political and faith-based concern is that both religious and civil principles are being threatened. Religious liberty is fundamental to our constitution. Once breached there is no limit to damage that can be done to the human person, marriage and the family, and the foundation of our civil society.

Prayer, fasting, political awareness and cooperative effort are needed to resist the government's overreach. At this same time we as a church are challenged to reverse the erosion of the spiritual foundations of society. Faith is not extrinsic to our political or societal life. On the contrary our founders wrote into our founding documents the essential insights necessary for civil society drawn from religious faith. Government requires safeguards and checks and balances. Religious faith is precisely this when laws and social policies are at stake.

Members of the church, followers of Jesus and disciples of His Kingdom, are by baptism active members of our society. How often we witness the deterioration of human dignity, the disregard for religion generally and the explicit disrespect of Catholicism across the board in our society and culture, and allow them to go unchecked or unchallenged. Gospel values and truths rooted in the words of Jesus Himself are trivialized when government tries to isolate or undermine them. Why would we not see danger and failure when religious liberty is threatened, and our life and mission as a church risk being relegated to the sanctuary?

The Fortnight of Freedom is a call to:

1. Pray, fast and educate ourselves.
2. Make others aware of the challenges before us.
3. Teach our children what is at stake.
4. Support efforts to raise awareness of religious liberty and resist efforts to diminish it.

With the observance of the birthday of our country on July 4th, may we experience a true re-birth of minds and hearts.

We congratulate the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary who have completed the celebration of 150 years since their founding in Italy. The Sisters teach at their pre-school in Ramsey and come to Mass each morning with us. Thanks, Sisters, for all you do and best wishes on your anniversary!

I want to thank Mr. Michael Wada for his work and ministry this year as Director of Music. All of us are grateful for his service and dedication. We wish Michael well in all he does.

Beginning July 1st, Mr. Carl Bolleia, will assume the responsibilities of the Director of Music. Mr. Bolleia has held this position at Our Lady of Good Council in Washington Township, St. Joseph's in Oradell and Our Lady of Fatima in North Bergen.

With every good thought & prayer,

Fr. Harahan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, June 24th 5:30pm-7:00pm

The Parish of St. Elizabeth provides the opportunity for everyone to share Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 5:30-7:00 pm. We invite all to pray in silence for 15 or 30 minutes or longer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Even if just for a few minutes, make sure that you take the time to stop in Church and give thanks to Him from whom every good comes.

OVERNIGHT EXTENDED ADORATION

1st Monday, of each Month

Monday, July 1st 5:30pm - 6:45am

For the Year of Faith, St. Elizabeth's will have extended Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Monday of the month Join us on Monday, July 1st. Adoration will begin at the normal time of 5:30 pm, but will extend overnight concluding with Benediction at 6:45 am before the 7:00am Mass on Tuesday. We are looking for parishioners to commit to a once a month time slot for a Holy Hour. You can commit for the same time slot each month or simply for a month at a time. Commit with a friend, a spouse, or a child to come and pray. Prayer groups, parish ministries and families are encouraged to commit some time to this invitation. Please call Pat Khanjian at 201-891-3262 ext. 227 or email jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org to sign up for a time slot.

Please consider some quiet time in prayer.



One sure sign that it is summer is the arrival of

Fr. Frank O'Connor

from Ireland. He will be here next week. You'll have an opportunity to meet Fr. Frank at Mass or around Wyckoff. His stay with us is always a pleasure!

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM EVENTS



This event is meant to be a two-week period of prayer and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty including, the potential Supreme Court rulings on gay marriage;

the closing of many Catholic foster care and adoption services; and the HHS mandate. Check out these events our Parish community has planned in the wake of the mounting attacks on religious freedom throughout the country and the world:

- **JUNE 26** ~ Join parishioners throughout Bergen County at a Holy Hour dedicated to Religious Freedom with Bishop John Flesey. Holy Hour will take place at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Franklin Lakes at 7pm.
- **JULY 1** ~ Join us at St. E's from 7:30pm-8:30pm at our Eucharistic Adoration, when this specified one hour will be dedicated to Religious Freedom.
- **JULY 2** ~ Join the St. Elizabeth Youth Group Fortnight for Freedom Event from 6:30pm-8:30pm (details to follow).
- **JULY 4** ~ Independence Day Mass @ 9:00am at St. E's. Rosary after mass dedicated to the Fortnight for Freedom.

The Respect Life Ministry will be hosting Several Sources at St. Elizabeth This Weekend

Several Sources Shelters started in 1981 when Founder Kathy DiFiore took an abandoned, frightened pregnant teen into her Ramsey, NJ home. With help and mentoring from Mother Teresa beginning in 1984 and after being honored by President Ronald Reagan at the White House in 1998, Kathy's work for God's innocent preborn and their mothers expanded and now Several Sources Shelters consists of five shelters, a 24 hour pregnancy hotline and a Sonogram Center in Englewood, NJ to help pregnant women choose life for their preborn babies. The focus of the Several Sources Shelters is to save the preborn while teaching their mother's about God, His Word, especially about Holy Chastity. Their goal is that when a mother leaves the Several Sources Shelters, she has her baby in her arms and the love of Jesus in her heart. Kathy will be speaking to us about her work the weekend of June 29th. After the 12:00 mass all are welcome to meet with her and some of the girls from the shelter in the Elizabeth Room. A light lunch will be provided.

ANGEL FUND

As of June 14, we have collected \$39,065 for the Angel Fund. Thank you to all who have participated financially as well as through prayer. The children depend on our generosity. Every dollar donated goes directly to the school so that they may continue their mission - educating at risk children. They have been successful for 100 years. Let's pray that they continue for many more.

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS....

"The tickets were drawn for the Tory Burch raffle supporting Fr. Paul's trip to World Youth Day in Brazil this July. The winners are: umbrella - Ashley Garbaccio, wallet - Trish Rice, and pocketbook - Courtney Prendergast. Thanks to all who bought tickets to help finance this meaningful trip for Fr. Paul."

"To everything there is a Season and a time for every Purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed..."

Prayers for those ill: will be included in the weekly bulletin with a name listing. Please call the Parish Center by Monday of each week to be included. All names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless we are notified.

Please pray for: Rosa Piccinic,
Baby Maxim Salvatore

"A time for joy..."

Recently Baptized: Austin Puzio

"A time to mourn..."

Recently Deceased: Michael Cetta, Anne "Nancy" Cannon

"A time for war and a time for peace..."

For national and world leaders and for those in the Armed Services: Jessica DeRosa, Major Christopher Crotty, Miguel Tully, John Paul Phillips, Jennifer Smolinski, Michael Zahorniak, LT. Brendan McGovern, Captain Colin McNulty, Captain Luke Walsh, Major Raymond G. Tierney, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, US Marines P.F.C. Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, 1st LT. Nolan Dunn, Weston Boose 2nd LT, Conner Gillen Specialist 2nd Class, Sgt. Peter Gentry USMC, Amen.

Calling all family members. *If you have a loved one serving in the forces, we would like to include them in our weekly bulletin so we can keep them close in prayer. The names will remain on our list for three months. If you would like their name to remain longer, please call Lisa at 201-891-1122 ext.203.*

Our Parish Book of Remembrance is located by the Holy Family Shrine. You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in parish Masses and prayers.



CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE Caregiver Support Group

CHCC in Wyckoff is holding a Caregiver Support Group on Tuesday, July 2 at noon in the building 1 Conference Room. Also, Friday July 12, 10am and Wednesday, July 17, 5:30pm. The meetings provide support to people caring for a loved one and are facilitated by a licensed social worker. In addition, information about area social services will be available, and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions or share their feelings and share knowledge with others facing similar issues. The Caregiver Support Groups are held the first Tuesday of every month. For more information call 201-848-5830.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

K - 8th graders for the fall of 2013

We ask you to register your child for Religious Education class. Note: classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Please consult our website www.saintelizabeths.org under Faith Formation to ensure there is availability on the day of your 1st choice. If your child's grade level is completely booked on a given day, he/she will have to register on a day where there is space. Don't hesitate. Register NOW!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called."

Help Needed for Fall 2013!!!

Through our baptism, each and every one of us has been called to serve the Church, our faith family, in some way. As we plan for the next year of religious education, WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS, CO-CATECHISTS, AIDS, ACTIVITY COORDINATORS, and BABYSITTERS on Sunday from 9:10-10:25 AM and Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the hours of 4:00-5:15 PM for Grades K-5. We also are looking for those that would like to work with the Middle School program for Grades 6-8 on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM during the fall, winter and spring.

Religious Education is a great opportunity to share your love of Christ, the stories of faith that have influenced you and inspire the next generation of Catholics. Please prayerfully consider this ministry; if interested in serving please contact Debbie Gaertner (Grades K-5) at 201-891-3262 ext. 228 or Lidia Tramontozzi (Grades 6-8) ext. 226. Any questions, comments, concerns or ideas for our Religious Education Program, please call Jonathan Camiolo at ext. 225.



HELP BOLD YOUTH MINISTRY Help Hurricane Sandy Victims

During the week of July 7-12, 8 Youth Volunteers from St. Elizabeth's will be going on a Mission Trip to help restore the shore through Hurricane Sandy Relief. If you can donate any of the items below, please drop them off to the Parish Center by Wednesday, July 3; ATTENTION: Jonathan Camiolo. Please also keep our teens and chaperones in your prayers.

- Canned food, Toilet Paper, Tyvek Suits, N95 ace Masks, Laundry Detergent, Paper Products (plates & napkins), Cleaning products (bleach, gloves, wood cleaner, etc.), Work Gloves, Tuna Fish, Beach Toys, Flip Flops, Sun Screen, Portable Fans

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE...

What Is At Stake?

Assisted suicide is a "Wedge" issues, In Washington State, where physician assisted suicide has been legalized, and there have already been discussions for expansion of assisted suicide to direct euthanasia for non-terminal people. Indeed, last March, there was a column suggesting euthanasia for people unable to afford care.

Oppose the NJ Death with Dignity Act (A3328/S2259).

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Season. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or is a Catholic but has yet to receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include:

- Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church
Baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church.
Adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so.

Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more information, please contact Jonathan Camiolo, 201-891-3262 x 225 or jcamiolo@saintelizabeths.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS If you are interested in inquiring about RCIA, please contact Jonathan Camiolo at 201-891-3262 ext. 225 or submit the form below.

Name _____ Phone _____ Address _____

- I am interested in becoming a Roman Catholic.
I am a Roman Catholic, but haven't received Confirmation.
I would like more information.
I am a parish member and would like to join the RCIA team.

Please detach and return to the Parish Center.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

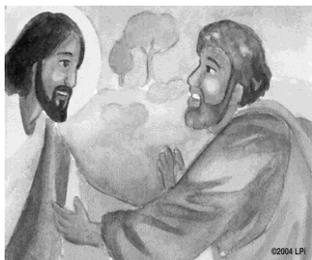
Making a Difference

Last month, in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, Archbishop Myers ordained eight men to the Priesthood and eleven men as transitional Deacons for service to the Church of Newark. Transitional deacons serve in parishes for one year before they are ordained to the priesthood.

While many dioceses in the United States have no candidates for the priesthood and clergy shortages are widespread, the Archdiocese of Newark is blessed with several men each year who are willing to answer God's call to serve, insuring that the Church will be present for future generations. The seminary training and formation of our new priests is funded primarily by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Thank you for your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal which makes educating our future priests a reality!

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Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." - Lk 9:20-22

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
 Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES

Miraculous Medal Novena – Thurs. after 9 am Mass
Novena to the Divine Mercy – Fri. after 9 am Mass
Men's Sharing – Youth Rm. Sat. 7 am
Morning Prayer – Mon.-Sat. 8:40 am
Rosary - Each day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."
 Luke 9:23.

We are not very good at "denying ourselves" in our society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything that want. Jesus calls us to set our personal "wants" aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$20,488 (of which \$3,316 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$1,132,320 vs. our year to date budget of \$1,211,750.

Total amount collected for the Retired Religious Collection amounted to \$6,583. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

ST. ELIZABETH'S

Online Giving Program



Online Giving is a simple yet powerful way for our parishioners to support Saint Elizabeth Church and completely manage contributions online. Anyone with a bank account or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) can take advantage of this convenient and secure system. "I gave online" cards will be available in the narthex for the offertory collection during Mass. Please visit our website at www.saintelizabeths.org for more information. If you have questions, please contact Marlene Nardone at 201-891-1122, Ext. 202 or e-mail her at marlene@saintelizabeths.org.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	June 22	5:00 PM	Patrick J. Greaney
Sun.	June 23	7:30 AM	Helen & Peter Dahlinger
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Josephine Brozyna
		12:00 PM	Tom & Tess Patti
Mon.	June 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
		7:00 AM	Alexander & Jason Di Marco
			Carol Nigro
		9:00 AM	Bob Ulrich
		5:30 PM	Holy Hour
Tue.	June 25	7:00 AM	Neil Van Der Horn
		9:00 AM	Antonia Morin
Wed.	June 26	7:00 AM	James Mahometa, 6 th Anniv.
		9:00 AM	Peter Cosenza

Thu.	June 27	St. Cyril of Alexandria	
		7:00 AM	Florence Duchak
		9:00 AM	Mary Reddington,
			Jim Ryan
Fri.	June 28	St. Irenaeus	
		7:00 AM	John Gringeri
		9:00 AM	Pat & Al Jenski,
			44 th Wedding Anniversary

Sat.	June 29	St. Peter and St. Paul	
		9:00 AM	Memorial Mass

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

		5:00 PM	Frank Jackson
Sun.	June 30	7:30 AM	Mary & Carolyn Ringley
		9:00 AM	Living & Deceased
			Members of the
			Colgan & Meighan Families
		10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		12:00 PM	Pina & Nick Santa Maria

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK:

Altar Bread & Wine: In Memory of Patricia Cunnelly, Given by: The Ruebenacker Family.

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