

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

As the seasons change we recognize changes in nature, in light and darkness and in our own lives. We grow older, and hopefully wiser and holier. At this time of year we think of the passing of life. We celebrate All Saints Day and we pray for our departed loved ones on All Souls Day.

The faithful departed benefit from our prayers. The Mass, above all, is the uniting of our loved ones with the sacrifice of Jesus' own life made on our behalf. When we bring a Mass card to a family we are offering our prayers for the deceased with a special remembrance at the Eucharist.

This is more than a gesture of comfort. This offering of Mass for our faithful departed unites the deceased with the power of Jesus to bring us to salvation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

The purification after death is called "purgatory." It recalls the soul's attachment to sin that can remain even after a sin is forgiven. We pray for the holy souls in purgatory so that united with them in Christ their journey toward full communion with God is hastened. Good works in addition to prayer join us to our loved ones on this journey as well. The power of prayer heightens our union with our loved ones after death.

The doctrine of purgatory is puzzling and perplexing to some. At heart it is a testimony to the meaning of human life created by God and redeemed thru His Son, and also to the dignity and stature of the human soul. Our lives are not coincidences of the "here & now" experiences to circumstances we encounter. Rather our lives are a call to keep our eyes fixed on the daily challenges to make our way to the blessedness of heaven. How we live, what we decide, whom we love, how we spend our time, what we seek to accumulate, all speak to how we care for our souls in the overall stewardship of our lives and vocations.

It would be comforting to think that the automatic promotion to our place in heaven is guaranteed. But that would at the very least lessen the meaning of the love Jesus has for us, and deny the significance of His suffering and death on our behalf. We pray in the "Hail Mary" for the grace of a happy death. We hope that the Sacrament of anointing will be part of our journey in serious illness. We pray for the holy souls that the deepest aspirations of their souls bring them to the blessedness of life in God's Kingdom, The heavenly Jerusalem, The wedding feast of the Lamb.

Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, offers this beautiful reflection: *By His Incarnation, the Son of God has united Himself in a certain way, with each human being. The Son of God worked with human hands. He thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will. He loved with a human heart. Christ, the Son of God, became a full human being.*

He was born of the Virgin Mary. He has truly been made one of us. He really was a man, like us in all things except sin. Innocent, like a victim lamb, Christ won life for us by freely shedding His own blood for us. In Christ, God makes all mankind His friends, and friends among ourselves. Christ set us free from slavery to the devil and to sin. Therefore, every human being can say with the Apostle St. Paul: "The Son of God loved me and gave His life for me." By suffering for us, Christ gave us an example, so that we would follow in His footsteps. Christ has also opened up a Way for us And if we follow His lead, then life and death become holy. Indeed, life and death will have a new and wonderful meaning for us.

With every good thought and prayer,

Jr. Harahan

In the Financial Report last week I omitted the name of Patrick Quill who has been so generous and helpful with the Finance Committee. Sorry for my oversight ! The parish is most grateful to all our Finance Council Members.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, November 7th, 7:00pm

To honor our loved ones who have died this past year St. Elizabeth's will be celebrating their memory with a special Mass. Thursday, November 7th at 7:00pm we will share in a Mass of Remembrance. We hope you and your family can join us at this special celebration to pray for all our loved ones especially those who have died from St. Elizabeth's during this past year.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour Friday, Nov. 8

Overnight 2nd Friday of each month

Next Overnight Adoration November 8th

Holy Hour will take place on Fridays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Overnight Adoration, will take place on the 2nd Friday of the month, from 7:00pm until benediction just prior to the 9:00am Mass on Saturday. This new schedule increases the hours available to pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider a once a month commitment and sign up for a specific overnight hour on 2nd Friday of the month. Families, couples, parish ministries, teens and individuals are all invited. Graces and blessings await you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Archdiocese for The Military Services

This weekend, November 2/3 our parish will take Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS.) The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments and the reaffirming Word of Christ to men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders and families of these populations. To provide these services they need your help-the AMS receives no federal funding.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Dramatic Presentation Story of Saint Monica, Nov. 14

ALL Parishioners are invited to The Elizabeth Room On Thursday Nov.14th at 10 am for a powerful presentation of St. Monica, the Mother of St. Augustine. St. Monica is the 'Model of Christian Mothers' and 'the Power of Persistent Prayer'. Walk with her on her journey, as she prayed for 17 years for the conversion of her son. This Spiritual Drama will be performed by professional Shakespearean actress Gina McKenna Smith. Please join us for this riveting dramatic performance. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, November 9, at Christian Health Care

Volunteers are needed for an Anointing Service at Christian Health Care Center, Heritage Manor. On Saturday, November 9th at 1:20pm. Your service will be to transport residents of Heritage Manor from their rooms to the auditorium for the service and then back to their rooms after the service. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to get involved in service. Confirmation Candidates earn two service hours. **You must RSVP!** Call Lisa T. at the parish office to sign up 201-891-1122 ext. 200.

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!

An Invitation from St. Elizabeth School

We invite all veterans to a Veterans Day Prayer Service on Monday, November 11, 1:15pm at St. Elizabeth's Church refreshments to follow. The children of St. Elizabeth School would like to honor our veterans for all their sacrifices.

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

Wednesday, November 6, at 7:30pm

When Bereavement Support Groups are not available, individuals who have experienced a loss can come to Bereavement Night which is held every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Amadeus Room at the Parish Center. No registration is required for Bereavement Night.



ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN

On Saturday, November 23rd, we will be serving meatloaf, red rosemary potatoes, mixed vegetables and dessert. If you can donate food contact, Dylan Wyka 201-294-0329 or dwyka89@gmail.com. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, November 19th.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Bags are being distributed this weekend for our monthly food collection. Food bank supplies are low at this time of year, so please help by returning a bag of groceries next weekend.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES



Please return the "All Souls Remembrance" envelope to the Parish Center or place it in the collection basket.

"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: Linda Latona, Nancy Arcieri, Dr. Robert Decker, Eileen Cobb, Veronica Gazda, Jay Delhom, Mary King,

"A time to mourn..."

Recently Deceased: Frank Leskauskas

"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 L.C.P.L. Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, 1st LT. Nolan Dunn, Weston Boose 2nd LT, Conner Gillen Specialist 2nd Class, Sgt. Peter Gentry USMC, Ensign Andrew Gamble Amen.

K OF C WINE TASTING & DINNER

Friday, November 22, 7pm at the Brick House

The St. Elizabeth Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its 7th annual Wine Tasting Benefit, at the Brick House, on Godwin Avenue in Wyckoff, on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:00pm. The evening includes appetizers, a generous buffet style dinner, dessert, and the sampling of a variety of fine wines. The wines will be available for purchase, providing a great opportunity to purchase your holiday wine and gifts. Net proceeds help fund the council's charitable activities. Advanced tickets are \$65/person and can be purchased after Masses on the weekends of November 2/3 and 9/10; on the Knights website at www.kofc13678.org, or by calling Phil Genovese at 201-407-6672, Tom Van Lenten at 201-248-7207, or Len Giuliano at [201-819-2718](tel:201-819-2718).

MEN'S SHARING

Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, November 9, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

SENIORS

The Seniors will be meeting this Monday, November 4, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room.

RETURN YOUR BOXES OF LOVE

Please return filled boxes to the lower church hallway next to the Elizabeth Room this weekend. Boxes of Love is a Star of Hope Ministries, Paterson, NJ's Thanksgiving food initiative. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Mother Teresa.



Sunday, November 3rd

Archdiocesan Closing of The “Year of Faith”


The closing of the Year of Faith commemorating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, will be observed at a Mass offered by Archbishop Myers in the Cathedral Basilica, Newark, on Sunday, November 24, at 3pm. Because of the historical significance of the occasion, the Archbishop will present a commemorative medallion to each parish as a means of recognizing and fostering a sense of commitment and dedication to the conciliar renewal which began a half century ago. **Everyone is cordially invited to join in this extraordinary celebration!**



We are proud to present a **new evangelization opportunity** here at St. Elizabeth’s. Lighthouse Catholic Media offers a practical and effective

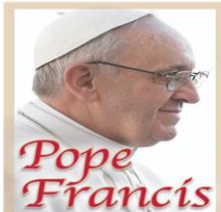
program to help Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith, and share their Faith! We all have friends or family members who have fallen away from the Church, or loved ones who are searching for answers about their Faith and want to increase their knowledge and understanding but don’t know where to begin. Now you can reach out to them by offering a wonderful learning tool - a Lighthouse CD. Whether in the car or at home, people can deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith when they listen to inspiring talks given by some of the best Catholic speakers in the world. In the back of the church, you will see a display offering sixteen different CD titles and a variety of different books and pamphlets. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD, \$5.00 per book and \$.50 per pamphlet so that we may continue this program.

| Title | Speaker |
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| Anger and Forgiveness | Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald |
| Called Onward | Brother Lazarus & Chase Hilgenbrink |
| For Love and Marriage | Johnnette Benkovic |
| The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic | Matthew Kelly |
| A Guide to Raising (almost) Perfect Kids | Dr. Gregory & Lisa Popcak |
| The Healing Power of Confession | Dr. Scott Hahn |
| I’m Not Being Fed | Jeff Cavins |
| In God We Trust Religious Liberty: Your First Amendment | Bishop David Malloy & Monsignor Eric Barr |
| Jesus Is... | Fr. Michael Schmitz |
| The Mass Explained | Fr. Larry Richards |
| No Imitations | Chris Stefanick |
| The Second Greatest Story Ever Told | Fr. Michael Gaitley |
| Trust in the Lord | Fr. Thomas Richter |
| Who Do You Say That I Am? | Fr. Robert Barron |
| Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic | Dr. Scott Hahn |
| Why I am Catholic When I Could be Anything Else | Patrick Madrid |



Faithful Readers

Pope Francis
By Matthew Bunson



Thurs., Nov. 14
9:30 AM

St. Francis Room
Books at Parish Office—\$15
Questions? Ask Jonathan
(201) 891-3262

SAVE THE DATE...

Advent Reflection Series
Monday’s Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 7:30pm

Respect Life March, Washington, DC
Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Elvis Night - Deacon Anthony Liguori
Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 7:30pm

Catholic Conferences 2014
*Men’s Catholic Conference Day
March 15, 2014*
*Women’s Day of Reflection
April 26, 2014*

CARE CONVERSATIONS

Presentation on

“Our Aging Parents Family Dynamics”

Tuesday, November 12, 7-8:30pm

at Wyckoff Family YMCA

Our Panel experts will answer questions about the topics you want to learn about.

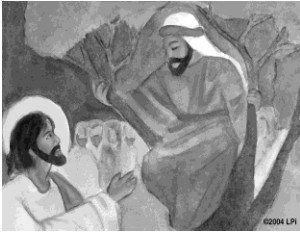
Panelists
Barbara Lankelis, LCSW, Therapist, CHCC
Sr. Arlene Kollar, Our Lady of Consolation Church, Wayne
Rev. Jim Knol, LCSW, Clinician & Chaplain, CHCC

Moderator
Denise Ratcliffe, LHNA, CHCC

- The challenge of “parenting your parents”
- Having difficult conversations(giving up car keys, living wills, finances, etc)
- The Sandwich Generation- caring for your children, spouse, and parents
- When siblings disagree
- Dealing with guilt
- Managing the holidays

Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.ouragingparents.eventbrite.com or call Cindy at 201-891-7000 ext. 304.

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When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." - Lk 19:5-7

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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



"And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?"

These words from the book of Wisdom, remind us that every single gift, skill, talent, or blessing that we have has been called forth for us from God. The incredible abundance that surrounds us is all given to us by our heavenly Father for a reason. These gifts are not given for us to hoard but rather for us to share.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$27,179 (of which \$2,901 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$378,491 vs. our year to date budget of \$411,995.

THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



This year's 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign has seen close to 400 unborn babies saved by the grace of God! Through the work of sidewalk counselors and prayerful vigils all across the country, young women have been given a real "choice"... to give LIFE! FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE has been at the forefront in working to show God's mercy and compassion to women who need help when they find themselves pregnant, confused and often times alone. Thanks to all who participated in this campaign. Saturday mornings have been a blessing by the dedication and love you have show !....PRAY ON!

Fr Fernando Po and his family were recently struck by a devastating earthquake in Bohol, Philippines. Homes, churches and entire villages were damaged or destroyed. If you would like to send a donation to Fr Po, please drop a check off to the parish center made out to St Elizabeth's and I will forward the money to him. I'm sure he and his family will be grateful for any assistance. As of this time they are still sleeping outside in tents because of the aftershocks. Thank you, Fr. Harahan



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| Sat. | Nov. 2 | The Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed | 5:00 PM | All Souls |
| Sun. | Nov. 3 | | 7:30 AM | All Souls |
| | | | 9:00 AM | All Souls |
| | | | 10:30 AM | All Souls |
| | | | 12:00 PM | All Souls |
| Mon. | Nov. 4 | St. Charles Borromeo | 7:00 AM | All Souls |
| | | | 9:00 AM | All Souls |
| Tue. | Nov. 5 | | 7:00 AM | Laura Calandra, Happy B-day |
| | | | 9:00 AM | Kristen DeCicco |
| Wed. | Nov 6 | | 7:00 AM | Matthew Reilly |
| | | | 9:00 AM | Henrietta Kroth |
| Thu. | Nov. 7 | | 7:00 AM | Patricia Brown |
| | | | 9:00 AM | John Gringeri |
| Fri. | Nov. 8 | | 7:00 AM | Michael Stanton & Agnes & Leonard Stanton |
| | | | 9:00 AM | Regina Dal Lago |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Holy Hour |

Sat. Nov. 9 **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
 9:00 AM Memorial Mass

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| | | | 5:00 PM | People of the Parish |
| Sun. | Nov. 10 | | 7:30 AM | Margaret & Harold Bell |
| | | | | Bonnie Bell Gerli |
| | | | 9:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| | | | 10:30 AM | Deceased Members of the Rosary Society |
| | | | 12:00 PM | Narciso Morson |

Memorials for the Week of Nov. 3, 2013

Altar Bread & Wine: *In Memory of Phylis De Vincentis, Given by: The Franchavilla Family.*

Candles on the Altar: *In Celebration of Pam & Frank Grosso's 40th Wedding Anniversary*

Sanctuary Lights: *In Celebration of Betty & Jim Smith's Wedding Anniversary, Given by: Claire & Andy Sproha.*

Flowers in the Sanctuary: *In Memory of Henrietta Kroth, Given by: The Rigoli Family.*

Flowers for St. Elizabeth's Shrine: *In Celebration of Pam & Frank Grosso's 40th Wedding Anniversary*

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