

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 2, 2012

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners:

Our liturgical year draws us into the rhythm and events of salvation history. The time of waiting, the promise of a Messiah, the hope of the Incarnation, the power of the resurrection, the waiting for the end and fulfillment. Our symbols and scriptures during this season of Advent awaken in us the sense of waiting, the time of anticipation. We look into our hearts and examine our own expectations, and how they are shaped by re-living the waiting spoken of in our scriptures.

This world and our own culture don't want us to wait. The world's goodness and our culture's character are often overtaken by arrogance and selfishness. These are filled with answers that seduce our hearts and would like us to believe that what we have and can strive for now are the best we can do.

We know in our hearts that this is not the case. Our faith helps us wait for divine strength, wisdom and peace. Our faith helps us see beyond the limits of the material and the immediate. Our faith helps us ready our hearts for the continuing fulfillment of God's promises. While acknowledging the goodness that is in the world, we also identify with its lack of welcome and recognition of grace. The lesson of "no room in the inn" is enough reminder for us.

This Advent we re-awaken our waiting. How will we know God's coming? How can we welcome Him? How can we be the home and shelter of His love? These are questions for the beginning of our journey through salvation history. If we do not wait in readiness we can miss the moment when Emmanuel comes, to confirm that God is with us and lives among us as brother, Savior and Lord.

In Advent we can wait:

- By spending some extra minutes praying, setting aside distraction, and focusing on God's promise within.
- By re-ordering our priorities, and looking to sense where God is leading us in the circumstances of our living.
- By simple acts of kindness and gestures of concern for others.

If every family in St. Elizabeth's stopped and waited 5 minutes a day during Advent, we would have spent almost half a million minutes of prayerful watchfulness preparing for Christmas. Think of what that could do for the world! It's the countdown to Christmas that will make a difference.

With every good thought and prayer,

Jr. Harahan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
Holy Day Of Obligation



Vigil Mass Friday, December 7th, 7pm
Masses Saturday, December 8th, 9am & 10:30am



"In the spirit of this Year of Faith, we will have a new schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation"

Starts Saturday, December 1st and end on Sunday, December 23rd. Confessions every Saturday at 12:30pm and 4:15pm, Sundays at 11:30am.

Our Parish Advent Penance service will be on Saturday, December 15th, at 12:30pm. Let the mercy and healing begin!

Year of Faith Prayer



Starting on the weekend of December 1 & 2, 2012 and continuing through November 24, 2013, we will say the *Prayer for the Year of Faith* before each liturgy. The prayer can be found inside the Missal cover. May we all grow in faith together.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

This Monday, December 3rd, 5:30pm-7:00pm

"In modern life, so often noisy and dispersive, it is more than ever important to recover the capacity for inner silence and prayer. Eucharistic Adoration enables this to happen, not only around "me" but also in the company of the "you" full of love and this Jesus Christ, God close to us." Pope Benedict XVI

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.



1st Reconciliation Congratulations!

On Saturday, December 1, 2012, our parish celebrated God's wonderful gift of mercy, forgiveness and grace with 140 of our children in RECONCILIATION for the first time! Congratulations to our children who shared in this wonderful sacrament of healing.

LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH AT MASS



What a wonderful tradition for you and your family. Would you like to light the advent wreath at Mass? Please call or e-mail Lisa T. at the parish office and sign up for your Mass date and time 201-891-1122 ext. 200 or lisa@saintelizabeths.org. **You will receive a reply with all the details and a confirmation of your date.**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 16th, at 4pm



Michael Wada, St. E's talented new music director, with the Festival Chorale, Spirit Group, Children's and Youth Choirs will present their annual Christmas Concert Sunday night, December 16, at 4pm in the church. Join us as they perform traditional and current favorites of the season. There will be no charge however a **Free Will Offering** would be gratefully appreciated.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT

Six minutes a day, that's all it takes to have a meaningful advent reflection. One of our oldest traditions of prayer called "Lectio Divina" sacred reading. Blue books take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere.

ANNUAL HOUR OF GRACE

Saturday, Dec. 8, 12noon- 1pm

Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes

Our Blessed Mother has promised to shower many graces on those who keep this special hour with her on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This holy hour will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes. Please make a special effort to take advantage of these graces for our families and the world with all its problems.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



This month you donated 235 bags of groceries that were distributed to Star of Hope Ministries, Oasis all in Paterson. Thank you for your continued generosity helping those in need.

MEN'S SHARING

Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, December 8, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

SENIORS



The seniors will be meeting on Monday, Dec. 3, at 12 noon at Portobello's in Oakland. For more information, please contact Joanne 201-891-3629. This will be the last meeting for the year.

BEREAVEMENT NIGHT

"Bereavement Night" is held on the first Wednesday of every month. Facilitators will be available this coming Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30pm in the Amadeus Room at the Parish Center to lend support to anyone who has experienced a loss."



"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: Maurice Malligan

"A time to mourn..."

Recently Deceased: Matthew Reilly, Carmela Colacchio

"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, 2nd LT. Nolan Dunn. **Amen.**



HELP AT OUR CHRISTIAN Health Care, Christmas Mass

Saturday, December 22nd at 2pm St. Elizabeth's is having a Christmas Mass for the residents of the Christian Health Care Center. We need helpers to transport the residents from their room to the auditorium. Can you push a wheelchair? If you or your family could help contact Lisa T. at the parish center. 201-891-1122 ext. 200 or lisa@saintelizabeths.org Please call we need to know how many volunteers.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE SHARING



Gifts needed by Sunday, December 16th

This Advent, St. Elizabeth's Community is again invited to share the spirit of Christmas with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Your generous response over the years has made Christmas brighter for thousands of children, women and men in Paterson, Newark, Ringwood, Jersey City and our own local communities. Please help us continue this remarkable tradition by taking a name from the Christmas tree in the Narthex and purchasing a gift for that person. The gifts must be returned NEW, WRAPPED and WITH THE TAG taped to the OUTSIDE, to the Narthex no later than 12 NOON on SUNDAY December 16th. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS "Oplatki"



The Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom long used in family celebrations. A brief prayer begins the festivities of sharing the blessed Christmas wafer. By breaking and sharing this wafer with family and friends, we share the harmony and joy that bring peace and happiness to our hearts and home at this special time of year. If you would like to continue or to begin this sacred tradition, wafers can be purchased at the Parish Office. Donation: \$2.00.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CORNERSTONE 2013

Women's Cornerstone February 1-2, 2013
Men's Cornerstone March 1-2, 2013



In an age of cell phones, e-mail, iPods and Xboxes, we find ourselves disconnected from what is really important in life. Cornerstone is an opportunity to slow down and provide you with the gift of some quiet reflective time that will renew your life and faith.

Come and experience Cornerstone XX yourself..... You will find out why men and women have been joining for 20 years!

For more information call:
Jeannine Mosco 201-891-8559 Laura Giovacco 917-589-0795
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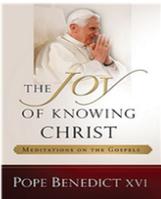
Faithful Readers

Saint Elizabeth's Book Club

All parishioners are invited to discuss

THE JOY OF KNOWING CHRIST

Gospel Reflections by Pope Benedict XVI



Wednesday, December 5
9:30-11:30AM—St. Francis Rm.
Books at Parish Office—\$10
Pick a few favorite reflections and come ready to share.

Inquiries call Jonathan (201)891-3262



Elvis

One Night with You

Deacon Anthony Liguori as Elvis

Sat., Jan 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm \$25 per person BYOB!

Proceeds to benefit our parish mission projects. For more info call Deacon Anthony at 201-233-8242 or e-mail elsangel@live.com or www.anthonyliguorijr.com. Anyone interested in helping with the event please contact Deacon Anthony.

Tickets

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to reserve _____

Seat/Seats at \$25 per person.

Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth's Church.

Checks maybe dropped off at the Parish Center.

Or mailed to "Elvis" C/O Parish Office St. Elizabeth's Church, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Joy to the World

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 16th, at 4:00 p.m.

Confessions

Starting Saturday December 1st, 12:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 15th, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Mass Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. (Daily Mass)
3:30 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church and Gym)
6:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant
7:00 p.m. Family Mass
8:30 p.m. Mass
10:00 p.m. Caroling
10:30 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

- 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12 Noon

There will not be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 26th

9:00 a.m. Mass only

Sunday, December 30th Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon

Monday, December 31st New Year's Eve

9:00 a.m. (Daily Mass)

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

- 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 6, 2013

Solemnity of the Epiphany

- 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon



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"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:26-28

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES

Miraculous Medal Novena – Thurs. after 9 am Mass
Novena to the Divine Mercy – Fri. after 9 am Mass
Men's Sharing – Elizabeth 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



"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28

Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God's commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord's example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face. The gift of treasure for last week was \$24,484 (of which \$3,188 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$477,043 vs. our year to date budget of \$533,170.

VAN DRIVERS & HELPERS NEEDED

Please consider donating some of your time to St. E's "VAN Ministry." We are looking for men and women willing to join the group of dedicated parishioners who visit pre-selected local food stores and receive food donations and then drive it to soup kitchens and food pantries for the poor. If not picked up the food items would have been discarded and thanks to our ministry they benefit families and individuals in need. The group works on Wednesdays and Fridays. Would you like to make a time commitment of about 2 hours on a monthly or weekly basis as a driver or helper? Please contact Fr. Maciej, or call Parish Office at 201-891-1122.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Retirement Collection for Religious

The Religious Retirement Collection will be next weekend.. Religious women and men have faithfully served the Catholic Church in our country and need our support. Your generosity is always appreciated.



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Sat.	Dec. 1	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	Dec. 2	7:30 AM	Jeanne Wright
		9:00 AM	McNiff, Broderick & Meehan Families
		10:30 AM	Mary Zahauer , 22 nd Anniv.
		12:00 PM	Maureen D' Arienzo
Mon.	Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier	
		7:00 AM	Vincenzo Russo, Maureen D' Arienzo
		9:00 AM	Gloria & George Barton
		5:30 PM	Holy Hour
Tue.	Dec. 4	St. John Damascene	
		7:00 AM	Margaret Clark
		9:00 AM	De Lorraine Family
Wed.	Dec. 5	7:00 AM	Fred DePhillips, 8 th Anniv.
		9:00 AM	Vitrone Family
Thu.	Dec. 6	St. Nicholas	
		7:00 AM	Carmela Sature
		9:00 AM	Dave Calandra, Teresa & Frank Anello
Fri.	Dec. 7	St. Ambrose	
		7:00 AM	Louise Capalbo
		9:00 AM	Daniel Giletta

Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception of Mary			
		7:00 PM	Francisco DeGuzman Jr.
The Immaculate Conception of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation			
Sat.	Dec. 8	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
		10:30 AM	Anna & William Hopf

		5:00 PM	John L. Doyle
Sun.	Dec. 9	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	Matthew Rahelich Ann & William Hopf
		10:30 AM	Anthony Giamanco
		12:00 PM	Robert McGarvie



Altar Bread & Wine, Candles on the Altar & Sanctuary Lights:

*In Memory of Carmela Sature,
Given by: Betty, Frank & Kris Ann Minichetti.*

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